TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 3, 2014

Library Auditorium
7401 E. Civic Circle
Prescott Valley, Arizona 86314

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Skoog called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Marshall, Council Member Grossman, Council Member Mallory, Council Member Whiting, Council Member Anderson, Vice Mayor Nye, and Mayor Skoog .

3. NEW BUSINESS (FOR REVIEW, COMMENT, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION)

a. Public Hearing

Mayor Skoog declared the public hearing open.

Deputy Town Manager Ryan Judy stated that this public hearing is the second to last meeting regarding Development Impact Fees to follow steps mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes. Judy introduced John Wright from Raftelis Consulting, who prepared the DIF Draft Study for the Town. Wright said this is latest step with Council regarding the steps and actions needed to be follow the exact procedure in order to consider Development Impact Fees. The process began in November 2013. This public hearing is to talk about the draft Development Impact Fees that were posted on February 27. The proposed fees will then be set for potential adoption on May 15 with the objective of having them become effective on August 1, 2014 per the Arizona Statute.
Wright showed a short series of slides to compare the current fees and newly proposed fees. He noted that there is actual decline in calculated fees for residential land uses in contrast to non-residential fees which basically stay the same or one case decline slightly. The fees stabilize on the commercial side and show a large decline on single family and multi-family land uses. Three specific types of fees are calculated for Circulation fees, Parks & Recreation fees and Public Safety fees. All types of land uses are now required to pay development impact fees and that is a change for non-residential land uses that are not currently charged but will be with the newly revised statutes. Wright added that existing Library fees will be kept in place as no changes are happening as they paying off existing debt service.
Wright responded to Council member Mallory's inquiry to confirm that we are grandfathered in with Library fees.

Council member Grossman asked for a clarification of the fees. Wright explained that for residential land uses the fee is assessed on a per dwelling unit basis, and on non-residential uses the fees are based on per 1000 square foot basis.

As a 25 year resident of Prescott Valley, James Kimes wanted to make comments about the negative impact of development impact fees. The fees negatively impact people trying to sell or buy vacant land in the older parts of town. He has a lot that he has been unable to sell because when he mentions impact fees the conversation stops. Kimes read a statement in which he suggested that the town place a moratorium on impact fees or perhaps make the fees payable in increments as they did with sewer fees, or to be prorated by the size of the family to promote affordable housing.

No further comments were forthcoming.

Mayor Skoog declared the public hearing closed. No action was taken.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were forthcoming.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mallory made the MOTION, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to adjourn, by electronic vote. MOTION carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Skoog adjourned the meeting at 5:40p.m.

ATTEST:

Diane Russell, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Harvey Skoog, Mayor

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF YAVAPAI) ss:
TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY)

CERTIFICATE OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I, June Catanzarite, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, held on Thursday, April 3, 2014.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of April 2014

June Catanzarite

June Catanzarite, Deputy Town Clerk