

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1965

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, REGARDING THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL'S JANUARY 28, 2025 DIRECTION TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE PRESCOTT "RODEO/FAIRGROUNDS"; PROVIDING DIRECTION RELATED TO CIP NO. 2505-001 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND SUBSEQUENT ADDENDUMS FOR A MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT; AMENDING RESOLUTION 2023-1862 TO REMOVE THE JULY 1, 2026 "SUNSET" DATE FOR A PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS; AND EXCLUDING CONTIGUOUS PROTECTED OPEN SPACE PROPERTY FROM THE "RODEO/FAIRGROUNDS" MASTER PLAN

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the Prescott City Council directed city staff to prepare a Master Plan for the city-owned Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds property to determine the highest and best use of the property and guide future land use, maintenance, repair and capital investment decisions; and,

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the Prescott City Council directed city staff to procure a consultant to prepare a Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan, in collaboration with city staff, Prescott Frontier Days, Inc., other tenants on the property, current and prospective users of the property, surrounding neighborhoods and the community at large; and,

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the Prescott City Council and the Prescott City Manager reaffirmed their commitment to the public input process for the development or redevelopment of the Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds property required by Resolution No. 2023-1862, which Resolution passed unanimously by the Prescott City Council on July 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the city issued Written Addendum Number One to the Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan Request for Proposals (CIP No. 2025-001), which responded "no" to proposers' inquiries asking whether any existing master plans, traffic studies, or previous site studies should be referenced or built upon by the selected consultant; and

WHEREAS, Prescott voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 484, i.e. an amendment to the Prescott City Charter Article VIII, Section 12 protecting City of Prescott-owned open space properties, including 4.21 acres contained in Parcel Number 111-11-148h, which parcel is contiguous to the Rodeo/Fairgrounds property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to affirm and clarify its direction to ensure consistent and transparent actions, informed public engagement; avoid potentially wasteful expenditures of public funds; and comply with all regulatory, financial and legal requirements;

ENACTMENTS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. THAT, the City of Prescott City Council, being committed to ensuring public involvement with regards to the "Rodeo/Fairgrounds" Master Plan and any subsequent development or redevelopment decisions of this property, hereby directs scheduling an agenda item within 30 days to consider an amendment to Resolution No. 2023-1862 that removes the "sunset" date of July 1, 2026 from Resolution No. 2023-1862; and.

SECTION 2. THAT, the City of Prescott is authorized to issue "Request for Proposals" and to amend those "Requests" through the formal issuance of "Addendums", which together become legally binding documents. To that end, the City Council directs consultants and city staff to follow the city's formally issued June 10, 2025 Addendum Number One Request for Proposal Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan stipulating consultants shall not build upon or reference any existing master plans traffic studies, or previous site studies in the preparation of the new Master Plan; and

SECTION 3. THAT, the 4.21 acres of open space known as parcel number 111-11-148h which is contiguous to the Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds is protected pursuant to the Prescott City Charter Article VIII, Section 12, and shall be excluded from the Prescott Rodeo/Fairgrounds Master Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Prescott, Arizona, this 27th day of January, 2026.

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CATHEY RUSING, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sarah M. Thornhill

SARAH M. THORNHILL, City Clerk

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