



COUNCIL MINUTES

August 20, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session Meeting via a virtual format streamed into the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, on August 20, 2020 at 7:31 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles*
Mark Freeman*
Jennifer Duff*
Francisco Heredia*
David Luna*
Kevin Thompson*
Jeremy Whittaker*

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

(*Council participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the August 24, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None.

Items removed from the agenda: Item 6-a

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Thompson regarding Items 4-l and 4-n, **(Purchase of Dispatch Base Station Radio Equipment (Replacement) (Citywide) and Purchase of Very High Frequency (VHF) Simulcast Timing Reference (Soul Source) (Lifecycle Upgrade) for the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) as requested by Department of Innovation and Technology (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, City Manager Christopher Brady stated the communication equipment is being upgraded since the existing equipment is past its lifecycle. He noted the VHF radio systems are critical for communication for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Mary Cameli commented the purchased equipment will enhance the communication systems that are currently in place.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Duff regarding Items 4-b and 4-c, **(One-Year Renewal with a One-Year Renewal Option to the Term Contract for Library Books, Spoken Word, DVDs, and Digital Mesa for the Library Services Department (Citywide) and One-**

Year Renewal with a One-Year Renewal Option to the Term Contract for Library Media Materials for the Library Services Department (Citywide)), on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Library Director Heather Wolf stated the majority of the \$800,000 budget is being spent on digital materials. She highlighted the Park and Pick-Up services have been incredibly successful and that over 50,000 items have been checked out since May. She stressed the importance of directing more of the material purchases to digital.

Councilmember Duff thanked Ms. Wolf and Library Staff for the success of the Park and Pick-Up program.

Ms. Wolf commented citizens are participating in the library's virtual programs. She reported the summer reading program participation numbers were down but not as low as expected. She stated attendance has ranged from 200 to 600 patrons. She explained the library is continuing to find ways to serve the community in a safe and healthy way.

Mayor Giles commented the Mesa Library has been utilized by many Mesa families digitally and by the Park and Pick-Up program. He stated he is proud of the way the library has responded to the community.

In response to a question posed by Vice Mayor Freeman regarding Item 4-i, **(Ratification of the Emergency Purchase of N95 Respirator Masks for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Mr. Brady mentioned the N95 masks are only being provided to public safety personnel. He stated one million surgical masks were ordered to distribute to the community, businesses, and City employees.

Ms. Cameli reported there is a six-week supply of N95 masks available for Public Safety's use, and the stockpile of masks is monitored daily to ensure a minimum four weeks supply.

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Mr. Brady explained those who participated in the City's Technical Assistant Program are being offered access to the masks. He shared the City would also like to distribute masks to non-profits and to those who are in need. He mentioned during the Friday Food Distribution events, 16 masks are placed in each food box. He added the City is conducting research of city zip codes to determine the highest infection rate to distribute masks.

In response to a question from Councilmember Thompson, Ms. Cameli pointed out the public safety departments are utilizing the P100 masks which have filters that are changed every three months and surgical masks, making the disposal rate of N95 masks roughly 100 masks per day.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

- 2-a. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held on May 28, 2020.
- 2-b. Transportation Advisory Board meeting held on May 19, 2020.
- 2-c. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held on June 2, 2020.

It was moved by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Thompson-Whittaker
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

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| Mayor Giles – | Mesa CARES activities
Bridge Forum
Korean Liberation Day event
Business expansions – Amazon and CMC Steel
Opening of restaurant Tacos Chivas in Downtown Mesa |
| Vice Mayor Freeman – | Multiple virtual National League of Cities meetings
Mesa Special Project open house
Historic Preservation virtual open house |
| Councilmember Duff – | Historic Preservation virtual open house
Virtual Community Conversations
Mesa CARES activities
Mesa Special Project open house
Multiple virtual National League of Cities meetings
Youth, Education and Families committee meeting – digital
Women in Municipal Government Committee virtual meeting
Energy Environment and Natural Resources Committee virtual meeting |
| Councilmember Heredia – | Multiple virtual National League of Cities meetings
Mesa CARES activities
Valley Metro Rail Board virtual meetings
Update on demolitions around District 3 |
| Councilmember Luna – | Multiple virtual National League of Cities meetings
Hispanic Elected Officials virtual meeting
National Association of Latino Elected Officials meetings
Mesa CARES activities
Food distribution events at Red Mountain Community Center
Canned food drives
Business expansion of Amazon |
| Councilmember Thompson – | Multiple virtual National League of Cities meetings
Mesa CARES activities
Mesa Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
Business expansion of CMC Steel |

Mayor Giles encouraged all City employees and community members to be tested for COVID-19.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Thursday, August 24, 2020, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 24, 2020, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2020, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

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5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 20th day of August 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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