



COUNCIL MINUTES

January 4, 2001

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on January 4, 2001 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Jim Davidson
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Neal Beets
Barbara Jones

(Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Jaffa from the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Jaffa arrived at the meeting at 7:35 a.m.)

1. Review items on the agenda for the January 8, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was specific discussion relative to the following items:

Mayor Hawker declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda item 5i (Mesa Town Center Streetscape Improvements) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in this item.

Vice Mayor Davidson declared potential conflicts of interest on agenda items 7a (Granting an easement for underground power to Salt River Project at Falcon Field Airport) and 7b, (Granting an easement for underground power to Salt River Project at Falcon Field Airport) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in these items.

Councilmember Jaffa declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda item 15d (Z00-83, Northeast corner of Brown Road and Greenfield Road) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in this item.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda items 7e, 8b, 9,11a, 12a and 14 will be removed from the consent agenda.

2. Discuss and consider a request to amend the City's CDBG Subrecipient Agreement with the Mesa Family YMCA by granting an additional \$176,700.00.

Community Revitalization Administrator Kathleen Savagian addressed the Council relative to this agenda item and explained that in fiscal years 1998/1999 and 1999/2000, the Valley of the Sun YMCA applied for and received City of Mesa Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to remodel the Mesa Family YMCA. Ms. Savagian advised that the Valley of the Sun YMCA has developed a four-year strategic plan which will establish the Mesa Family YMCA as a leader in health/fitness and childcare programs, and added that it is imperative that additional monies be secured to fund the project.

Councilmember Kavanaugh stressed the fact that the additional funding is available through the CDBG program contingency fund and will not affect the completion of other projects.

Geoffrey Brown, Mesa Family YMCA Executive Director, provided the Council with brief background information relative to this issue and stated that the Mesa Family YMCA was founded in 1955 and that through the years, renovations have been made to the facility to meet the ongoing needs of its members and the community. Mr. Brown stated that in an effort to better serve Mesa's citizens, the Mesa Family YMCA, in conjunction with community support, has focused on three specific needs of the community including the establishment of a Child Development Center, a Teen Activity Center and a Family Resource/Activity Center. Mr. Brown added that the renovation project, originally estimated at a cost of \$500,000, which has now increased to approximately \$1.5 million, will ultimately reposition the Mesa Family YMCA to serve the community for many years.

Mr. Brown displayed graphics in the Council Chambers and discussed the facility's proposed design changes.

Councilmember Walters commended Mr. Brown for his efforts in this regard and added that the Mesa Family YMCA continues to offer excellent programs and services for Mesa's residents.

In response to a question from Councilmember Walters regarding the availability of "drop-in" childcare, Mr. Brown advised that it is anticipated that the facility will be a licensed childcare center, but noted that "drop-in" childcare may be limited due to the difficulties involved in maintaining appropriate staffing levels. Mr. Brown emphasized that it is the goal of the Mesa Family YMCA to offer families second shift childcare, and if there is an interest expressed by local employers, the implementation of a third shift childcare program as well. Mr. Brown said that the facility is also contemplating the utilization of the proposed childcare center as a childcare worker training center.

Councilmember Walters strongly encouraged the Mesa Family YMCA to partner with Mesa employers in an effort to provide second and third shift childcare.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised the Council that the City is exploring options in an effort to provide second and third shift childcare services to its employees.

Councilmember Kavanaugh voiced his support for this agenda item and noted that the YMCA's renewed involvement in downtown Mesa illustrates its commitment to the Town Center area. Councilmember Kavanaugh added that the expansion and renovation of the Mesa Family YMCA will assist the City in its recruitment of businesses to the Town Center area and provide an invaluable asset for the employees and their families.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Vice Mayor Davidson, that the recommendations of staff be approved.

Vice Mayor Davidson concurred with the Councilmembers' opinions and stressed the fact that the Mesa Family YMCA is a great asset to the community and will serve as a catalyst for individuals who may wish to reside in the Town Center area.

Councilmember Pomeroy spoke in support of the motion and commended Mr. Brown and his staff for their past efforts and also their vision for the future.

Councilmember Jaffa voiced his support for this issue and concurred with the Councilmembers' comments.

Councilmember Whalen thanked Mr. Brown for his dedication and also urged the Mesa Family YMCA to work in conjunction with the City of Mesa to provide second and third shift daycare for its employees.

Carried unanimously.

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

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held December 12.
- b. Judicial Advisory Board meeting held December 6.
- c. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held December 14.
- d. Police Committee meeting held December 18.

It was moved by Councilmember Jaffa, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

4. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

Mayor Hawker briefly discussed the January 3, 2001 joint meeting of the Mesa City Council and the Tempe City Council regarding the Mesa/Tempe Joint Multipurpose Stadium Site Proposal.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 8, 2001, 3:00 p.m. – General Development Committee

Monday, January 8, 2001, TBA – Study Session

Monday, January 8, 2001, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2001, 3:30 p.m. – Utility Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2001, 6:30 p.m. – Transportation Committee

Thursday, January 11, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, January 18, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Mr. Hutchinson announced the proposed schedule relative to the January 6, 2001 presentation of the Joint Mesa/Tempe Multipurpose Stadium Site Proposal to the Tourism and Sports Authority Board. Mr. Hutchinson advised the Council that staff is attempting to acquire letters of support from other East Valley cities regarding this proposal.

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, 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 4th day of January, 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2001

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK