

# COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 1997

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Budget Review Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 7, 1997 at 7:32 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown  
Pat Gilbert  
John Giles  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Joan Payne  
Wayne Pomeroy  
Jim Stapley

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Vince Anderson  
Wayne Balmer  
Cindy Barris  
Neal Beets  
Doug Brown  
Jack Caroline  
Tanya Collins  
Lauren De Vuyst  
Jerry Dillehay  
Gerry Gerber  
Laurie Goggin  
Joe Holmwood  
Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Wayne Korinek  
Karen Kurtz  
Greg Marek  
Tray Mead  
Mark Meyers  
Frank Mizner  
Eric Norenberg  
Ruth Anne Norris

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence  
Bill Petrie  
Ray Pittman  
Bryan Raines  
Jackie Redpath  
Tom Remes  
Becky Richardson  
Denise Samuel  
Kathleen Savagian  
David Spaur  
Jamie Warner  
Bob White  
Brenda Yost

## OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Brinton  
Charles Crismon  
Margie Frost  
Keno Hawker  
Pat Langdon  
Grant Tayrien  
Others

(Budget Review Session Items 1 through 14 were discussed at the May 5 and May 6, 1997 Budget Review Sessions.)

### 15. Community Development Department - Wayne Balmer.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that the Community Development Department includes 46 employees. Mr. Balmer spoke briefly concerning the Department's responsibilities.

a. Redevelopment Program #5260

Mr. Balmer stated that the Redevelopment division includes 5 employees and that no additional personnel have been requested in the FY1997/98 budget.

Redevelopment Director Greg Marek indicated that the majority of the budget consists of capital items. Mr. Marek delineated projects currently underway for which FY1996/97 funding has been/will be utilized (a total of approximately \$4.195 million).

Mr. Marek referred to a handout and reviewed potential future projects in which various individuals have expressed an interest along with estimated City costs for each (a total of \$15.419 million). Mr. Balmer clarified that the list is not prioritized.

Mr. Marek itemized projects committed for FY1997/98, projects ready to proceed in FY1997/98, and projects that can be funded in FY1998/99. Mr. Marek noted that all monies available for FY1997/98 have been committed and that it will be necessary to allocate additional funds for any new projects during the upcoming year. Mr. Marek indicated that approximately \$4.520 million is needed for all projects that will be ready to proceed in FY1997/98.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the budget format and the allocation of costs to divisions responsible for particular functions.

Councilmember Stapley spoke in favor of proceeding with redevelopment projects, particularly those requiring minimal City funding, and suggested a possible allocation of \$10 million to assist in downtown development. Councilmember Stapley commented that some of the proposed projects listed as ready to proceed in FY1997/98 could actually be included in the FY1998/99 budget.

Councilmember Gilbert noted activities to date within the downtown area and spoke regarding the possibility of allocating monies (contingency funds) for projects on a case-by-case basis rather than including a specified additional funding amount within the Redevelopment budget. Councilmember Gilbert concurred with Councilmember Stapley relative to proceeding with projects requiring minimal City funding.

Councilmember Pomeroy indicated support for proceeding with the majority of the projects that are not yet committed for FY1997/98. Councilmember Pomeroy stated that the City recoups costs from most projects.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, City Manager Charles Luster advised that funding availability has not at this point delayed any of the projects that are anticipated to be ready to proceed in FY1997-98.

Councilmember Giles suggested that Council consider allocating additional funds for new projects within the Redevelopment budget.

Councilmember Pomeroy requested that funding be included in the FY1997/98 budget to install lighting for trees along the Main Street median.

Mr. Balmer commented that an allocation of funding within the FY1997/98 budget for new projects may be beneficial but noted that project requests will be presented for Council consideration on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in favor of identifying a funding amount within the FY1997/98 budget for new projects.

b. Economic Development Program #5550

Mr. Balmer indicated that funding has tentatively been included within the Economic Development budget for FY1997/98 for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) contract but that staff anticipates discussion of the contract with Council in the near future.

Economic Development Director Dave Spaur recognized members of the Economic Development Board present at the meeting and reviewed the proposed FY1997/98 budget. Mr. Spaur spoke concerning the GPEC contract, marketing efforts, and development of a strategic economic plan.

Discussion ensued concerning the effectiveness of the GPEC contract.

c. Planning Program #5900

Mr. Balmer noted that the Planning Division consists of 15 full-time staff members and 1 part-time clerk.

Planning Director Frank Mizner delineated the number of Subdivision, Design Review, Board of Adjustment, and Zoning Administrator cases for 1996 and the significant increase in the number of Planning and Zoning Board cases from 1993 to 1996. Mr. Mizner commented that many of the cases have become more complex and controversial, necessitating greater staff time spent in discussions with neighbors and developers. Mr. Mizner indicated that the department currently has two planners and one assistant and has submitted a supplemental request for an additional planner (unfunded at this time).

Mr. Mizner provided a comparison illustrating the ratio of the number of planners to population for Valley communities.

Council and staff spoke regarding mediation training for staff, the possibility of utilizing mediators (in-house or on a contract basis) for conflict resolution, aid provided by the Neighborhood Assistance Office, and the continuing issuance of building permits.

Councilmember Giles expressed the opinion that an additional planner is needed.

d. Community Development Program #8060

Mr. Balmer advised that the Community Development program is federally funded. Mr. Balmer noted difficulties encountered because there are only two staff members within the division.

Community Development Coordinator Kathleen Savagian reviewed anticipated projects for FY1997/98, some of which are budgeted through other Responsibility Centers. Ms. Savagian spoke concerning consortium HOME funding for Mesa nonprofit organizations (which are not

a part of the City budget) and community aid contracts administered by her division. Ms. Savagian provided a summary of total funding by source.

e. Airports

1. Falcon Field Program #8800

Airport Director Mark Meyers provided background information regarding operations at Falcon Field and noted the continuing growth of the airport. Mr. Meyers presented an overview of the FY1997/98 budget and proposed capital projects. Mr. Meyers outlined anticipated federal/state funding. Mr. Meyers noted supplemental requests for computer hardware/software.

Mr. Balmer stated that it is the suggestion of staff to consider increases in hangar fees in the near future.

2. Williams Gateway Airport

Mayor Brown requested that this item be discussed at a later date.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Balmer and staff for their efforts.

16. Community Services Department - Wayne Korinek.

Community Services Manager Wayne Korinek introduced staff members present at the meeting. Mr. Korinek provided an overview of accomplishments during the past year and projects proposed for the upcoming year.

a. Golf Course Program #7100

Mr. Korinek advised that the Golf Course program includes the Dobson Ranch and Riverview Golf Courses. Mr. Korinek noted revenue generated by the golf courses and key trends within the division. Mr. Korinek stated that a significant project planned for the upcoming year is the fence replacement at Dobson Ranch and that a significant unfunded request is the development of an additional 9 holes of play at Riverview Golf Course.

Discussion ensued concerning the impact of a domed stadium facility on expansion at Riverview Golf Course.

b. Parks and Recreation Program #7200  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Bonds #9750

Mr. Korinek outlined the scope of the program, commenting that the City still has more undeveloped than developed park land. Mr. Korinek identified key trends within the division and noted the reliance on Mesa Public Schools (MPS) for shared facilities and resources. Mr. Korinek indicated that some capital projects include vehicle replacements.

(Councilmember Payne arrived at the meeting at 8:40 a.m.)

Mr. Korinek outlined significant unfunded requests, including various arts and recreation programs for youth.

Councilmember Kavanaugh noted the importance of projects for youth and spoke in favor of elevating priority levels for such programs.

Councilmember Pomeroy questioned whether consideration has been given to including a skateboard area within a park. Mr. Korinek indicated that staff is researching the matter.

Mr. Korinek delineated major projects planned utilizing Parks, Recreational and Cultural bonds and the estimated costs for each.

c. Cultural Program #7300

Mr. Korinek stated that this program includes the operation of the Mesa Arts Center (MAC). Mr. Korinek reported that discussions are anticipated in the near future pertaining to the MAC facility and that funding has been allocated for the design of a replacement building.

d. Aquatics Program #7400

Mr. Korinek provided background information concerning the Aquatics program and outlined significant projects planned for the upcoming year.

Councilmember Pomeroy noted concerns expressed by individuals relative to a lack of dressing area facilities at Parkway Recreation Center (an adaptive pool owned by MPS and maintained by the City). Councilmember Pomeroy requested that staff review the matter.

e. Southwest Museum Program #7800

Mr. Korinek stated that this program includes the operation of the Mesa Southwest Museum, Sirrine House Historic Museum, and the Mesa Grande Ruins. Mr. Korinek advised that a key trend involves increased emphasis on exhibits due to proposed expansion over the next two years. Mr. Korinek commented concerning the need for additional staffing.

Councilmember Kavanaugh indicated support for accelerating activity relative to the Mesa Grande Ruins and noted potential future economic benefit to the City. Councilmember Giles requested associated cost information.

f. Museum for Youth Program #7850

Mr. Korinek spoke regarding the operation of the Museum for Youth and outlined significant unfunded requests.

Councilmember Payne noted that many of the Community Services programs have identified computer upgrades/Year 2000 replacements as significant projects planned for the upcoming year. Councilmember Payne requested specific information pertaining to these requests and commented concerning potential cost savings.

g. Cemetery Program #8001

Mr. Korinek reported that staff will soon be requesting bids for Phase II of the cemetery expansion. Mr. Korinek identified additional significant projects planned for the upcoming year, including water line replacements.

h. Library Program #7500  
Library Bonds

Mr. Korinek advised that remodeling/expansion of the Main Library is scheduled to begin on June 2, 1997. Mr. Korinek presented statistical data pertaining to Library operations and outlined costs associated with the Main Library remodeling/expansion. Mr. Korinek stated that the "Mesa Room" and year-round Sunday service have not been included in the proposed FY1997/98 budget.

Councilmember Kavanaugh reiterated his interest in expanded hours of operation.

Councilmember Gilbert spoke concerning endowments as part of along-term funding strategy.

In response to questions from Mayor Brown and Councilmember Giles, Library Director Vince Anderson described proposed changes to the layout of the Main Library as a result of the remodeling/expansion and the subsequent necessity for 24 additional staff members. Mr. Anderson estimated the cost for the requested personnel at approximately \$800,000 annually.

At the request of Mr. Luster, Mr. Anderson commented regarding the implementation of security measures.

i. Community Center Program #7700

Mr. Korinek outlined the scope of the Community Center program and noted significant unfunded requests, including the refurbishment of Centennial Hall (estimated at \$600,000).

Councilmember Payne spoke in support of events at the Amphitheatre but suggested that consideration be given to utilizing a different type of barrier around the smoking section and improving security relative to contraband materials.

j. Neighborhood and Community Assistance Office Program #7900

Mr. Korinek explained the function of the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Office and noted a projected 20 percent increase in the number of requests for assistance next year. Mr. Korinek expressed the opinion that this division has been well received by the public and City employees. Mr. Korinek commended staff for their work.

k. Mesa Housing Authority Program #8650

Mr. Korinek advised that the Housing Authority is federally funded, with the majority of monies received being distributed to landlords and residents for rent subsidies. Mr. Korinek presented statistical data pertaining to the number of individuals served and expressed appreciation to

staff for their efforts. Mr. Korinek commented that demand for service exceeds available resources.

Councilmember Gilbert noted the importance of coordinating departmental functions having similar objectives, such as the Police Department/juvenile crime reduction and youth activities provided through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Department.

Discussion ensued relative to funding for additional youth programs (supplemental requests), evaluation of programs, youth intervention, and staffing needs. Councilmember Giles requested that staff identify high-priority supplemental requests (programs).

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Korinek for the presentation and commended staff for their work.

17. Break.

At 9:44 a.m. Mayor Brown called for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

18. Town Center Corporation Funding.

This item was rescheduled to May 16, 1997.

19. Other Issues.

a. Arts and Cultural Community Aid Grant Requests - Gerry Gerber

Arts Administrator Gerry Gerber outlined FY1997/98 funding levels (total \$158,484) for arts and cultural community aid grant requests as recommended by the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board. Ms. Gerber spoke concerning funding guidelines and noted changes from FY1996/97 awards.

Ms. Gerber responded to questions from Council pertaining to various specific funding requests.

Mayor Brown indicated support for the proposed funding.

Councilmember Kavanaugh advised that he serves as a member of the Board for the Southwest Shakespeare Company. Councilmember Kavanaugh noted the extensive evaluation conducted by the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board and stated support for the recommendations.

Mayor Brown expressed appreciation to the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board and staff for their efforts.

b. Housing and Human Services Requests - Karen Kurtz

Councilmember Gilbert stated that he serves as a Boardmember for various agencies that receive funding from the City.

Human Services Coordinator Karen Kurtz introduced Grant Tayrien, Chairman of the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board.

(Councilmember Payne left at 10:16 a.m. for the remainder of the meeting.)

Chairman Tayrien reviewed funding recommendations from the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board for FY1997/98. Chairman Tayrien outlined the Board's evaluation process.

Chairman Tayrien and Ms. Kurtz referred to a handout identifying specific funding requests/recommendations. Chairman Tayrien and Ms. Kurtz noted proposed increases in community aid funds to offset a loss of City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

In response to questions from Council, Chairman Tayrien and Ms. Kurtz explained specific funding requests/recommendations.

Mayor Brown thanked the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board and staff for their work.

c. Mesa Historical Society - Tray Mead

Museum Administrator Tray Mead stated that the City has received a request for funding from the Mesa Historical Society for FY1997/98 in the amount of \$75,000 for the operation of the Mesa Historical Museum. Mr. Mead provided background information relative to the Mesa Historical Society, City funding previously provided to the Society, and the periodic review of operations. Mr. Mead advised that the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board has recommended approval of the funding request.

Councilmember Gilbert spoke concerning the pursuit of endowments as a long-term funding source.

Mayor Brown and Council commended the Mesa Historical Society for their contributions to the community.

d. East Valley Homeless Shelter - Tanya Collins

Neighborhood and Community Assistance Director Tanya Collins reviewed discussion from the Friday, May 3, 1997, Study Session concerning a permanent East Valley homeless shelter and conceptual approval received from Council. Ms. Collins indicated that direction is needed from Council relative to \$150,000 in general revenue funds requested for capital/land acquisition.

Following brief discussion, Mayor Brown stated that it is the recommendation of Council to utilize CDBG contingency funds.

e. Programs for Youth and Families - Wayne Korinek

Mr. Korinek provided an overview of ongoing City-sponsored programs for youth and families. Mr. Korinek advised that many of the programs represent coordinated efforts among City departments.

Mr. Korinek highlighted several programs, noting target population, geographic area served, and funding levels.

Discussion ensued concerning specific programs and the continuing evaluation of program effectiveness.

Councilmember Gilbert requested additional information pertaining to implementation grants and the relationship between the Mesa Project and the Office of Juvenile Justice for Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) programs. Councilmember Gilbert encouraged the pursuit of private funding.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Korinek for the information.

f. City Council Staff

Councilmember Kavanaugh advised that he requested consideration of this matter. Councilmember Kavanaugh commented concerning constraints placed on Councilmembers, particularly those who have outside employment in addition to their Council responsibilities. Councilmember Kavanaugh noted assistance provided to Councils in surrounding jurisdictions and expressed the opinion that Council support staff would be appropriate for Mesa.

Councilmember Gilbert spoke in favor of receiving assistance relative to the budget process and stated that consideration could perhaps be given to utilizing existing in-house staff. Councilmember Gilbert indicated that he would not support providing an assistant for each individual Councilmember.

Councilmember Stapley stated the opinion that the request is premature.

Discussion ensued regarding an at-large versus district system of representation, Council support provided in other jurisdictions, allocation of time among Councilmembers, and the most appropriate type of staff support.

Mayor Brown stated agreement with the proposal but cautioned that securing one assistant may lead to requests for an assistant for each Councilmember. Mayor Brown recommended that a permanent position be considered in an effort to avoid the training that would be necessary with a Management Intern due to job turnover.

Councilmember Giles spoke in favor of the suggestion for dedicated staff support. Councilmember Giles stated that a Management Intern position may be the most cost effective but commented that an experienced staff person, such as an Administrative Aid II, maybe of greater benefit.

Councilmember Pomeroy questioned the necessity of the proposal.

Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed the opinion that a Management Assistant I would be appropriate.

Mr. Luster requested an opportunity for staff to develop a recommendation relative to this matter. Mr. Luster suggested that the position be included within the City Manager's Office.

20. Future Projections and Direction from the City Council.

Budget Director Jamie Warner and Senior Management Assistant Bryan Raines presented data pertaining to projected revenue/expenditure trends for the City of Mesa through FY2000/01. Mr. Warner outlined assumptions utilized in developing the projections and advised that his calculations indicate that expenditures will exceed revenues.

Council and staff spoke concerning historical data, methods to decrease expenditures, revenue options (property tax, impact fees, increased sales tax, etc.), and fund balances.

Council requested written materials delineating assumptions used to derive the projected revenues/expenditures.

Mayor Brown advised that further budget discussion will be scheduled for Friday, May 9, 1997, at 7:00 a.m.

21. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Budget Review Session adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Budget Review Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of May 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of May 1997

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK