

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 21, 1999

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 June 21, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Jim Davidson
John Giles
Keno Hawker
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy

COUNCIL ABSENT

Bill Jaffa

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Don Ayers
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennen
Tanya Collins
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Karen Kille
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Karen Kurtz
Dorinda Larsen
Jeff Martin
Tom Mattingly
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Eric Norenberg
Joe Padilla
Bill Petrie

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Mel Ruska
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
John Smoyer
Jan Strauss
Mindy White
Mark Woodward
Jim Wright
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Diane Heinz
Sean Lake
Robbie Sherwood
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Jaffa from the meeting.

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

1. Review items on the agenda for the June 21, 1999 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:

8. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances:

- a. 99-40 – The northeast corner of Power and Guadalupe roads.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that this item was continued from a previous meeting because of concerns expressed regarding the project's proximity to surrounding schools. Mr. Balmer advised that staff has researched the matter and the proposal is in conformance with all regulations relative to distance requirements from school facilities. Mr. Balmer noted that a letter has been received from the Gilbert School District indicating their opposition to the approval of this case.

Vice Mayor Giles recommended that staff contact the Gilbert School District and encourage them to provide input relative to their concerns and possible alternatives for that site.

2. Discuss and consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board to rename "Superstition Skyline Park" to "Skyline Park" to correspond with the renaming of the adjacent high school.

It was moved by Councilmember Hawker, seconded by Vice Mayor Giles, that staff's recommendation be approved.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Brown recommended the following appointment to Boards and Committees:

PLUMBING, MECHANICAL AND SOLAR ENERGY BOARD

Vernon Lemoine - Term to expire 6/30/2002

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendation and the appointment be confirmed.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

- a. Crime Prevention Advisory Board meeting held June 16, 1999.
- b. Housing and Human Services Advisory Board meeting held May 25, 1999.
- c. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held June 10, 1999.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that receipt of the minutes of the above-listed boards and committees be acknowledged.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Councilmember Davidson discussed his recent attendance at an Arizona Economic Forum in Flagstaff.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Mr. Luster advised that the Study Session scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 1999, has been cancelled.

Thursday, June 24, 1999, 7:00 a.m. - MegaCorp's Annual Meeting (followed by a tour)

Monday, June 28, 1999, 4:00 p.m. - Utility Committee Meeting

Monday, June 28, 1999, 5:45 p.m. - Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 30, 1999, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (prescheduled appearances will begin after the preceding scheduled agenda items, which should be about 5:30 p.m.; there will be a maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

- a. Hear from Diane Heinz regarding non-humane primates being housed in neighborhoods.

Diane Heinz, a resident of Mesa, addressed the Council and advised that a serious situation exists regarding non-human primates in Mesa. Ms. Heinz stated that her purpose in appearing before the Council is to request that an ordinance prohibiting monkeys in residential areas and regulating them in all other areas of the City be adopted.

Ms. Heinz provided input relative to this issue and stated that there are currently between 300 and 800 monkeys in Mesa at the current time. Ms. Heinz noted that the animals may transmit deadly diseases and spoke in support of requiring owners to be responsible for their pets.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that Ms. Heinz' property abuts the residence of a neighbor who has a number of monkeys and the negative impact of this situation on her and her husband and property values in the area.

Mayor Brown advised Ms. Heinz that this issue will be the topic of a future Council Study Session and thanked her for her input.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

WAYNE BROWN, 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 21st day of June, 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK