

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 7, 2000

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 September 7, 2000 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 Whalen from the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Whalen arrived at the meeting at 7:40 a.m.

1. Review items on the agenda for the September 11th Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken.

2. Discuss and consider conducting the City of Mesa Community Survey.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that staff is recommending that once again the City of Mesa conduct a Community Survey to solicit citizen input, which is then used to assist the City Council and management in identifying issues that the City will focus on and fund in the future. Mr. Hutchinson said that the survey is a periodic, scientific method of gauging broader issues facing the community and noted that staff is proposing that the survey be conducted in October 2000. Mr. Hutchinson added that the results of the survey will then be presented to the Council and noted the importance of obtaining the information prior to developing the next budget so that funding can be allocated for any areas identified in the survey that the Council wishes to fund.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of conducting the Community Survey in October as recommended by staff and stated the opinion that the information the City received in both 1996 and 1998 was very beneficial.

Councilmember Walters questioned whether the surveys contain a question asking the respondent to indicate if he or she is a full or part time resident.

Quality and Organizational Advisors Laurie Goggin and Melanie Chase responded to questions relative to the survey. Ms. Goggin stated that the information will be grouped according to zip codes and said that once the redistricting process has been completed and citizens are aware of what district they reside in, the information can then be broken down by district.

Councilmember Whalen commented on Ms. Goggin's expertise in this area and indicated support for proceeding with staff's recommendations.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that staff's recommendations relative to conducting a City of Mesa Community Survey be approved.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Davidson discussed his attendance at a recent Day Labor Task Force meeting and stated that in an effort to invalidate inaccurate rumors that are going around, he would like to clarify that the City Council has not already made a decision regarding this matter and assure those working on this issue that the City Council is awaiting the Task Force's recommendations. Councilmember Davidson thanked the members of the Task Force for the extensive work they are performing and asked them to continue their efforts in this regard and continue to develop their recommendations for consideration by the Council.

Councilmember Jaffa stated that he and Councilmember Davidson attended a MAG meeting on the stadium issue and presented brief remarks relative to the stadium matter.

Councilmember Kavanaugh advised that he met with representatives of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and discussed plans to widen the Superstition Freeway and mitigate freeway noise. Councilmember Kavanaugh stated the opinion that progress is occurring in this area and added that ADOT also indicated a willingness to explore the use of public art in freeway construction.

Councilmember Whalen thanked Councilmember Davidson for attending the Day Labor Task Force meeting and discussed his recent attendance at a Mesa Alliance Against Drugs meeting. Councilmember Davidson noted that the Alliance is becoming very strong in Mesa and has decided to allow youths to also join and become members of the Alliance.

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

a. Judicial Advisory Board meeting held August 23.

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

Carried unanimously.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, September 11, 2000, 3:00 p.m. – Utility Committee Meeting

(Mr. Hutchinson stated that the Tuesday, September 12, 2000 Finance Committee meeting has been canceled and will be rescheduled)

Thursday, September 14, 2000, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

(Councilmember Davidson noted that he will be out of town September 11th through the 14th and asked that he be excused from the meetings scheduled for those dates.)

(Councilmember Whalen stated that on September 14th he will be attending a meeting of the Power Line Siting Committee at Dobson Ranch, which begins at 9:00 a.m., and asked to be excused from the Council Study Session.)

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

Mayor Hawker stated that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:05 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 7th day of September, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK