



COUNCIL MINUTES

April 3, 2006

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 April 3, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT	COUNCIL ABSENT	OFFICERS PRESENT
Mayor Keno Hawker Rex Griswold Kyle Jones Tom Rawles	None	Christopher Brady Debbie Spinner Barbara Jones
Janie Thom Claudia Walters Mike Whalen	COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT Scott Somers	

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 3, 2006 Regular Council meeting.

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

Conflicts of interest declared: 5f (Hawker); 6h (Hawker), (Rawles); 6i (Hawker), (Rawles)

Items deleted from the consent agenda: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: 9b

2. Discuss staff's summary of the March 29, 2006 budget meeting.

Financial Services Manager Bryan Raines referred to the April 3, 2006 "Summary of 3/29/06 Budget Meeting" report, copies of which were distributed to the Council, and provided a brief overview of the changes to the potential budget reduction list that were identified by the Council at the March 29th Study Session. (See Attachment 1.)

Mayor Hawker suggested, due to time constraints, that the matter be brought back to the Council for further discussion at an upcoming Study Session.

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

Mayor Hawker:	“Battling Robots” Competition at the East Valley Institute of Technology
Councilmember Griswold:	“Relay for Life” Event at Red Mountain High School

4 Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 7:30 a.m., the Morrison Institute for Public Policy would be presenting its report entitled “Opening the Treasure: Scenarios for the Future of Superstition Vistas.” He noted that various Councilmembers had expressed an interest in attending the program and questioned whether the Council would prefer to postpone the April 6th Study Session or schedule it for later in the morning.

(Discussion ensued among the Council regarding this issue.)

Mayor Hawker indicated that it was the consensus of the Council that the April 6th Study Session be cancelled.

Mr. Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 6, 2006, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session – Cancelled

Thursday, April 13, 2006, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, April 17, 2006, TBA – Study Session

Monday, April 17, 2006, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:40 p.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 3rd day of April 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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Attachment 1.

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THROUGH: CHRIS BRADY, City Manager

FROM: BRYAN RAINES, Financial Services Manager

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF 3/29/06 BUDGET MEETING

DATE: April 3, 2006

Attached is the revised list of potential budget reductions. The changes identified by Council during the meeting on March 29 have been highlighted in red. These include:

- The following two (2) items anticipate revenue offsets. They are:
 - o WGA Funding - Item #18, previously in the "Requires Property Tax" section has been moved to the "Implement" section reflecting either Phoenix's participation in WGA or additional sale of water farm assets. Item #67 has been retained in the "Requires Sale Tax" list.
 - o Police Crime Free - Staff has begun pursuing the development of a fee structure designed to recover a portion of the costs to continue the Mesa Police Department's Crime Fee programs. Item #59 has been moved to the "Implement" section.
- As proposed by Vice-mayor Walters, the establishment of a fee for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) activities and providing for a targeted Clean/Green Sweep program has been included under the "Implement" section as an expanded group, items #38.1 through #38.3.
- Item #65 related to Mesa's annual dues to the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) has been moved to the "Implement" section of the list with the amount set to reflect the cost required to fund the activity in the preliminary FY'06/07 budget documents.
- As proposed by Vice-mayor Walters and Councilmember Whalen, a series of items (#64, #68, #75.2, #76.2, #87.2 and #96.3) have been moved from the "Requires Sales Tax" section to the "Requires Property Tax" section allowing \$414,344 of item #53 related to human services grant allocations to be moved to the "Requires Sales Tax" section under item #53.2.
- City staff continues to discuss funding issues related to the police School Resource Officer (SRO) program in the junior high schools. Until resolved this

item and the previously identified amount will remain as item #60 under the "Requires Property Tax" section.

- Funding for Council Auditor has been added as item #106 in the "Implement" section. For the time being, the \$374,000 amount estimated previously has been retained.
- Staff is working to further refine the preliminary report on implementing a fee structure for Fire Inspection activities. These revenues will be designed to recover a portion of the related costs. The \$300,000 of estimated revenue is included as item #107 in the "Implement" section.

In addition to the SRO and WGA items listed above, staff will be returning to the Council over the next several weeks to discuss other items. These include:

- Funding requirements of items #23 through #26 dealing with performing and visual arts classes.
- Discussion about the hours of operation and the closure requirements for the Mesa Southwest Museum (#31 & #72) and Museum for Youth (#30 & #71).
- Discussing aspects of an environmental fee initially identified as "Alternative" item #7.
- The remaining (\$426,744) that the list remains out-of-balance.

These changes will be incorporated into the preliminary FY'06/07 budget documents scheduled for distribution to the City Council on May 4.

Please advise if you need any further information.

Attachments

Adjustments from the March 29th Meeting

Item #	Item #	Amount
	Original Reduction Required	\$ 25,000,000
18	WGA "Requires Property Tax" item offset By revenues	\$ -
59	Police Crime Free program partial cost recovery	\$ -
38.1, 38.2, & 38.3	Institute Quarterly HHW events and a targeted Clean/GreenSweep program	\$ -
65	Fund GPEC (removed as a reduction list item)	\$ (176,372)
65	Fund GPEC (funded in the budget w/out offsetting resources).	\$ (176,372)
53.1, 53.2,64,68,75.2, 76.2,76.2,87.2, & 96.3 76.2, 87.2, & 96.3	Human Services adjustments	\$ -
106	Fund the Council Audit Function	\$ (374,000)
107	Impelment partial cost recovery for Fire Prevention	\$ 300,000
Total Adjustments		\$ (426,744)
Remaining List		\$ 24,573,256

Items for Future Discussion

23, 24, 25, & 26 Support and timing of Performing and Visual Arts Classes.

30, 31, 71, & 72 Mesa Southwest Museum and Arizona Museum for Youth hours of operation and closure issues.

60 Outcome of (junior high) SRO discussions with the public schools.

Alternative 7 Environmental activities and associated fee structure.