

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 27, 1998

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 27, 1998 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Claudia Walters

COUNCIL ABSENT

Pat Gilbert
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Jim Davidson
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Lin Adams
Vince Anderson
Ed Archibald
Don Ayers
Steve Baker
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
John Blackburn
Mike Brennan
Dan Brewer
Denise Bleyle
Dennis Compton
Jack Caroline
Tanya Collins
Fred Conway
Gil Damiano
Jack Friedline
Bob DeLeon
Lauren DeVuyst
Dennis Donna
Tim Dougherty
G.T. Fowler
John Geier
Carl Geis
Laurie Goggin
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Liz Johnson
Barbara Jones
Bob Jorgensen

Karen Kille
Douglas Kline
Jerry Kos
Karen Kurtz
Dorinda Larsen
Rich Lorig
Tray C. Mead
Ellen Pence
Ron Poulin
Cliff Puckett
Charlotte Quintana
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Leon Rawlings
Tom Remes
Donna Salemi
Ursula Strehphans
Walter Switzer
Larry Talley
Doug Tessorf
Jerry Thacker
Jamie Warner
Roger Weber
Mike Whalen
Paul Wilson
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Jerry Petrie
Robbie Sherwood

STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Brown excused Vice Mayor Gilbert and Councilmembers Payne and Pomeroy from the meeting.

(Budget Agenda items 1 thru 5 were discussed at the May 26, 1998 Budget Review Session.)

6. Fire Department – Dennis Compton

- a. Fire Prevention & Control Program #6300
Prevention Facilities & Equipment Bonds #9600

Fire Chief Dennis Compton addressed the members of the Council relative to this agenda item. Chief Compton introduced members of staff present at the meeting and commended Management Assistant II Dorinda Larsen on the effort she expended in the preparation of the budget.

Chief Compton briefly highlighted the Fire Department's new organizational structure and advised that the Department is divided into the following areas: Administration, Emergency Services, Community Services, Human and Medical Services and Support Services. Chief Compton commented on the activities and responsibilities of each of the divisions.

Chief Compton discussed current external customer services levels and provided the Council with data on emergency service call volumes, intervention time, response times by geographic areas and prevention and education services.

Discussion ensued relative to requests for proposed enhancements including a computer aided dispatch (CAD) programmer; an Air/Light TRT Support Vehicle and the addition of three firefighters to staff the vehicle; the purchase of personal alert devices and the usefulness of this equipment in locating firefighters in smoke-filled, burning buildings; funding for the decontamination of protective equipment; the purchase of radios for all on-duty firefighters; the addition of a part-time medical director to serve as a liaison between management and the medical community and assist the department in reviewing incidents and providing high quality patient care and fleet maintenance.

Chief Compton highlighted a brief program overview and discussed a CAD interconnect project, maintenance of current facilities, the department's opticom project which optically controls traffic signals at various City intersections, and future fire station locations and goals. Chief Compton also commented on the proposed adaptive response unit and fire equipment which will be funded by the recently approved sales tax.

Chief Compton noted that a proposed five-year plan for the Department will be presented to the Fire Committee in the near future and invited the members of the Council to participate in the planned activities to celebrate the Mesa Fire Department's 100-year anniversary.

Mayor Brown thanked Chief Compton for his presentation.

7. Police Department – Jan Strauss

- a. Law Enforcement Program #6100
Law Enforcement Bonds #9650

Acting Police Chief Jan Strauss and Assistant Chiefs Fred Conway and Mike Whalen addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Chief Strauss introduced the members of staff present at the meeting and highlighted an organizational breakdown of the Police Department.

Discussion ensued relative to crime statistics, calls for service, Police Academy classes, requested sworn and civilian positions for the upcoming budget year, a proposed increase in overtime funds to meet the demands of the department, fleet requirements and maintenance costs, jail booking costs and photo radar.

Assistant Chief Conway discussed proposed facility expansions including the Central Patrol Station and a parking garage for the Police Department and City Court. Chief Conway also discussed the trunked radio and card access systems, network infrastructure, and substation site security.

Assistant Chief Whalen referred to a Mesa Crime Clock handout and reported that a property crime occurs every 21 minutes 19 seconds while a violent crime occurs every 3 hours 26 minutes. Chief Whalen discussed emergency calls for service, response times, priority one calls versus priority two through five calls, and a time breakdown of a police officer's typical daily responsibilities.

Additional discussion ensued relative to the Police Department's motorcycle squad and traffic enforcement activities, and 'Extreme DUI' legislation and the effects on the Department.

Mayor Brown thanked Acting Chief Strauss and staff for their presentations.

8. Community Services Department – Wayne Korinek

- a. Golf Course Program #7100

Community Services Manager Wayne Korinek informed the Council that the City's 18-hole championship Dobson Ranch Golf Course and a 9-hole regulation course at Riverview, continue to be two of the most heavily-utilized courses in the State for their classification. Mr. Korinek discussed minimal increases in golf and cart fees, continuance of the multi-year perimeter fencing program, and the design of a new sprinkler system at Dobson Ranch Golf Course to replace the original antiquated system.

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

Mr. Korinek discussed expenses associated with the construction of the Red Mountain Multi-Generational Center that will open in late December 1998 or early January 1999 and commented on the East District parks and recreation offices and maintenance complex, the new Stapley Aquatics Center and the completion of the Southwest Museum expansion. Mr. Korinek discussed Summit

Park, new ballfields at Red Mountain Park, and ballfield lighting at Superstition Skyline High School.

c. Cultural Program #7300

Mr. Korinek noted that increases in the budget reflect costs for the Percent for the Arts Program and an increase in the hourly rate paid to temporary instructors.

d. Aquatics Program #7400

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

e. Library Program #7500
Library Bonds #9880

Mr. Korinek discussed the recent expansion of the main branch of the Mesa Public Library and noted that the library will be fully operational by the end of July 1998.

f. Community Center Program #7700

Mr. Korinek outlined the scope of the Community Center Program and funding requests.

g. Southwest Museum Program #7800

Mr. Korinek commented on a funding request for additional personnel and noted that this program also includes the operation of the Serrine House Historic Museum and the Mesa Grande Ruins.

h. Museum for Youth Program #7850

Mr. Korinek provided the Council with a brief overview of program costs including acoustical upgrades and the installation of a security system. Mr. Korinek informed the Council that attendance at the nationally acclaimed museum has escalated and discussed the positive benefits of the museum on the City's youth.

i. Neighborhood and Community Assistance Office #7900

Mr. Korinek advised that Neighborhood and Community Assistance Director Tanya Collins and staff continue to respond to numerous problem areas within the community. Mr. Korinek noted that the office has been well received by the public and has had a positive effect on the community.

j. Cemetery Program #8001

Mr. Korinek reported that approximately 2500 spaces remain in the cemetery and noted that the facility may now be accessed from Country Club Drive.

k. Mesa Housing Authority Program #8650

Mr. Korinek noted that the Housing Authority Program is fully funded by the Federal government and added that staff continues to provide quality service to program participants. Mr. Korinek presented statistical data pertaining to the number of individuals served and expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Korinek for his presentation.

9. Break.

Mayor Brown declared a recess at 10:09 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

10. General Services Department – Rich Lorig

a. General Services Program #5800

General Services Manager Rich Lorig introduced members of staff present at the meeting to the Council. Mr. Lorig noted that during the past year the Information Services Division (ISD) became part of the General Services Department.

Mr. Lorig noted that increases in this portion of the budget reflect costs associated with the inclusion of ISD into the Department.

b. Fleet Support Services Program #8900

Mr. Lorig discussed the fact that the budget contains a funding request for \$247,400 to cover the cost of expanding the alternative fuel program in accordance with State mandates. Mr. Lorig reported that 469 vehicles have been converted to alternative fuel and added that in order to meet current requirements, a total of 516 vehicles must be converted by the end of 1998.

Discussion ensued relative to the addition of a new claims processing system in the Employee Benefits Department; requests for additional staffing; an increase in postal rates; additional funding for the City's Safety Award Program, and significant funding requests for the ISD computer-leasing program.

c. Warehouse Program #8950

Mr. Lorig provided the Council with a brief overview of the Warehouse Program.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Lorig for his presentation.

11. Management Services Department – Dan Brewer

a. Management Services Program #5700

Management Services Manager Dan Brewer, Finance Director Don Ayers and Budget Director Jamie Warner addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Brewer noted that significant departmental changes have occurred over the past year and discussed the transfer of the Information Services Department to the General Services Division and the fact that the City Clerk's Office has been placed under the City Manager's Office.

Mr. Brewer presented the Council with a program budget overview and said that the 60% decrease in the department's budget is attributable to the transfer of ISD activities to the General Services Department.

Discussion ensued relative to a five-year capital improvement program; revenue projections, monthly budget reports, and revenue monitoring/projections.

Mr. Ayers noted that the Accounting Department has requested funding for an additional position to assist Controller Kathy Pace in monitoring and improving services. Mr. Ayers stated that the Customer Service Department has requested funding for an additional meter reader position and a staff person to assist in utility collections.

Mr. Brewer informed the Council that the Management Services Department is responsible for telephone and voice mail messaging systems, is involved in the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Program and is in the process of developing an organizational strategic plan for the City of Mesa.

Discussion ensued relative to productivity measurements, plans to conduct a survey relative to employee satisfaction regarding working conditions, and the implementation of a strategic planning process.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Brewer and Mr. Ayers for their input.

13. City Attorney & City Prosecutor – Neal Beets

a. Legal program #5400

City Attorney Neal Beets presented a brief overview of the FY 1998-99 budget, including requests for a Deputy City Attorney position, a staff person to oversee the litigation claims program, and a staff person who will be involved in transactional and environmental areas. Mr. Beets discussed future departmental goals and staffing requirements.

City Manager Charles Luster recommended that the Council approve funding for an additional Deputy City Attorney's position to assist Mr. Beets in meeting the extensive demands of the department.

Discussion ensued relative to risk management, the preparation of a self-insurance analysis, and continuing efforts regarding the management of the liability trust fund.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Beets for his presentation.

14. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Budget Review Session adjourned at 11:27 a.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 Budget Review Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 27th day of May 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK