

UTILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 21, 1997

The Utility Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 21, 1997 at 9:47 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Dennis Kavanaugh,
Chairman
Pat Gilbert

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Harry Kent
Gene Larson
Tom Remes
Debbie Vickman
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Kurt Laughinghouse
Jim Walker

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Joan Payne

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

1. Consider a request for water service at 82nd Street and Palm Lane.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh to forward to Council without Committee recommendation the request for a variance for water service at 82nd Street and Palm Lane (agenda item #1) and the request for sanitary sewer service at 114th Street and Boise Street (agenda item #2).

Kurt Laughinghouse, Vice President, Tax Credit Development, Senior Cottages of America, explained that the State Housing Department recently awarded tax credits for the project located at 114th Street and Boise Street. Mr. Laughinghouse noted that the State requires a carryover to be completed by December 31, 1997 and requested that the case (agenda item # 2) be considered by this Committee.

Committeemember Gilbert withdrew the motion. Chairman Kavanaugh withdrew the second to the motion.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh to forward to Council without Committee recommendation the request for a variance for water service at 82nd Street and Palm Lane.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Gilbert-Kavanaugh
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Payne

Chairman Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Consider a request for sewer service at 114th Street and Boise.

Senior Civil Engineer Gene Larson briefed the Committee relative to the request for sanitary sewer service for a parcel located on the southwest corner of 114th Street and Boise Street. Mr. Larson stated that the property is located adjacent to Apache Junction corporate limits on the east and to the City of Mesa 10-foot strip annexation on the west. Mr. Larson explained that sanitary sewer service for the area west of the 10-foot strip annexation and between University Drive and Broadway Road will be supplied from a future 18-inch sanitary sewer line on Broadway Road.

In response to questions from Committeemember Gilbert, Mr. Larson explained concerns regarding the capacity of the sewer line upon full development of the property and the capacity of the line if a lift-station is utilized. Public Works Manager Harry Kent advised the Committee of the City's responsibility to run a line if the sewer line on University Drive were to exceed its capacity. Mr. Kent stated that this location should be serviced by the sewer line on Broadway Road.

Discussion ensued regarding annexation lines and the Town of Apache Junction servicing the property.

Mr. Laughinghouse informed the Committee that the property to the east of his development is currently serviced by the Apache Junction Sewer District in error and would now require consent of the Apache Junction Town Council, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, and the Maricopa County Association of Governments to obtain the proper amendment to the 208 plan.

Committeemember Gilbert requested that staff work with the Town of Apache Junction in expediting the applicant's request to obtain an amendment to the 208 plan.

Mr. Laughinghouse proposed that the applicant could establish an escrow account and construct a lift-station to pump the sewage to University Drive. Mr. Laughinghouse stated that sufficient cash could be placed into an escrow account to provide funds for maintenance of the lift-station to ensure that funding is available to tap into the Broadway Road sewer

line. Mr. Laughinghouse indicated that they would also consider contracting with the City for the maintenance of the pump station and the line.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert to recommend to Council that the request for sanitary sewer service at 114th Street and Boise Street be denied.

Chairman Kavanaugh declared the motion failed for lack of a second.

Chairman Kavanaugh noted the importance of exploring the merits and feasibility of the applicant's suggestion. Chairman Kavanaugh requested that staff speak with the Town of Apache Junction, review the applicant's proposal, and develop recommendations.

3. Adjournment.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh that the Utility Committee Meeting adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Utility Committee Meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of November 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK