

# COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 1998

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 March 20, 1998 at 7:33 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown  
Pat Gilbert  
John Giles  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Wayne Pomeroy  
Claudia Walters

## COUNCIL ABSENT

Joan Payne

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Denise Bleyle  
Linda Crocker  
John Geier  
Joe Holmwood  
Lars Jarvie  
Barbara Jones  
Harry Kent  
Wayne Korinek  
Ron Krosting  
Dorinda Larsen  
Jeff Martin  
Ruth Ann Norris  
Ellen Pence  
Bryan Raines  
Andrea Rasizer  
Tom Remes  
Becky Richardson  
Kathleen Savagian  
Ursula Strephans  
Jenny Sheppard  
Mindy White  
Mark Woodward  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Jack Allen  
Terry Bourland  
Jim Davidson  
Charlie Deaton  
Dan Duncan  
Bev Hart  
Keno Hawker  
Chris Medrea  
Kevin Nelson  
Robbie Sherwood  
Marty Whalen  
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Payne from the meeting.

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

1. Hear a presentation from ADOT and ENTRANCO concerning engineering on the Red Mountain Environmental Impact Study.

Mayor Brown indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter now under discussion which he wanted recorded in the minutes of the meeting, and because of such conflict of interest, he would refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner in connection with same.

Mayor Brown yielded the gavel to Vice Mayor Gilbert for discussion on this agenda item.

In response to a question from Councilmember Giles, City Manager Charles Luster advised that since a previously proposed freeway routing is no longer a viable option, Councilmember Giles does not have a conflict relative to this agenda item.

Terry Bourland, Project Manager for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Valley Project Management, Phoenix; Kevin Nelson, a Project Manager in charge of the ENTRANCO office in Phoenix, and Jack Allen, an environmental planner with ENTRANCO, addressed the Council relative to this agenda item.

Mr. Bourland informed the Council that extensive comments and citizen input has been received relative to the proposed freeway extension and indicated that in response to citizen concerns, ADOT is in the process of once again reviewing the proposed path of the freeway alignment in the citrus orchard areas in Lehi.

Discussion ensued relative to the National Register of Historic Places, ADOT's intention to undertake any feasible and prudent method of avoiding historical properties, the fact that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has indicated their opposition to locating a portion of the freeway alignment on tribal lands, the Red Mountain Environmental Impact Study, and efforts that have been initiated to minimize the impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

In response to a question from Councilmember Walters, Mr. Allen advised that consideration was been given to relocating the Crismon home rather than realigning the freeway. Mr. Allen emphasized the importance of engaging experts in the field of historical buildings relative to the relocation of historic homes and reported that it was determined that relocating the home would not constitute a feasible or prudent plan of action.

Mr. Allen responded to comments from Councilmember Walters and pointed out that the freeway extension/alignment has been a discovery process. Mr. Allen advised that a number of assumptions that were used to develop the initial alignment in the late 1980's were flawed and has complicated the entire freeway alignment process.

Additional discussion ensued relative to design issues, washes, environment/flood control, historical locations versus historic sites, and efforts to inform the public of any proposed changes in the freeway alignment.

Mr. Bourland thanked the Council and staff for their ongoing support and efforts relative to this issue.

Vice Mayor Gilbert expressed appreciation to Mr. Bourland, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Allen for their update on this agenda item.

With discussion on this item being completed, Vice Mayor Gilbert yielded the gavel to Mayor Brown.

2. Further discussion concerning the proposed CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

In response to a request from Mayor Brown, Community Development Coordinator Kit Savagian provided the Council with a brief overview of the proposed CDBG, HOME and ESG programs and proposed funding allocations. Ms. Savagian noted that for the past several years, the City of Mesa has utilized a process of allowing private agencies and City departments interested in using CDBG, HOME and ESG funds to submit proposals for funding consideration. Ms. Savagian added that the proposals are evaluated by staff, reviewed for project eligibility and screened according to guidelines established by the City Council. Ms. Savagian reported that staff forwards recommendations to the Council relative to projects to be included in the City's proposed Federal programs and emphasized that the City Council renders the final decision on all proposed funding allocations.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that the City of Mesa received 48 funding proposals for the current year, a funding application schedule prepared by staff, and 'outreach' advertising relative to the availability of funds.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Savagian for the update on the funding process/requests, and proposed allocations.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated his appreciation to staff for their continuing efforts in this crucial area.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics held February 26, 1998.
- b. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held March 12, 1998.

It was moved by Councilmember Walters, seconded by Councilmember Giles, that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, March 27, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Tour of Industrial Sites

Tuesday, March 31, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 1998, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown advised that there were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 20th day of March 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK