

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 19, 2001

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 19, 2001 at 4:45 p.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

1. Review items on the agenda for the March 19, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was discussion relative to a number of the items on the agenda.

(Councilmember Jaffa, who previously declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 11a. Z00-22, stated that his declared conflict of interest was based on the fact that he and a partner were involved in a development project near that location. He advised that he has decided to abandon the project and, following a discussion with City Attorney Neal Beets, it has been determined that he no longer has a conflict of interest and may discuss and participate in this agenda item. Verbatim of Councilmember Jaffa's remarks are on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

2. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Hawker recommended the following appointments to Boards and Committees:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Don Evans – Appointment to fill vacancy of B. Kenneth Olson for term ending 6/30/2002

HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Donald Cardon – Appointment to fill vacancy of Sandra Raymond for term ending 6/30/2002

HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Michael Cowan – Appointment to fill vacancy of Cecelia Chavez-Protas for term ending 6/30/2003

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Paul Hursh – Appointment to fill vacancy of Sylvia Garcia-Suttle for term ending 6/30/2002

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed.

Carried unanimously

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

- a. Design Review Board meeting held March 7, 2001.
- b. Downtown Development Committee retreat held February 25, 2001.
- c. Economic Development Advisory Board meetings held November 28, 2000, December 19, 2000 and January 23, 2001.
- d. Library Advisory Board meeting held March 6, 2001.
- e. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held March 8, 2001.
- f. Transportation Advisory Board meeting held February 22, 2001.
- g. Transportation Committee meeting held March 5, 2001.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Hawker discussed the Council's recent trip to Washington for the National League of Cities and Towns' Annual Conference and said that Councilmember Walters scheduled meetings with INS staff support who work for Senator Kyle and Senator McCain. He said that the Council has adopted a resolution which states that they recognize that the scope of solving the immigration and day-labor problems requires the assistance of the City of Mesa, as well as Federal action. The Mayor said that discussion occurred regarding the immigration issue and the fact that the Federal government is not adequately addressing this matter. He stated that the Council requested that efforts be expended to examine different ways in which people who want jobs that are available in the United States would be able to be brought into this country legally. Mayor Hawker stressed the importance of ensuring that Mesa's congressional delegation is aware of this significant problem and thanked Councilmember Walters for her efforts in this regard.

Councilmember Walters commented that the efforts she expended was the direct result of the efforts and recommendations of the Day Labor Task Force and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. She stated that the recommendations of the Task Force were brought before the General Development Committee, which she chairs, for consideration and added that because of the difficulties associated with the complex immigration and day labor issues, Mayor Hawker indicated the City's willingness to provide testimony should that be required.

Councilmember Kavanaugh advised that he serves on the National League of Cities and Towns' Information Technology and Communication Steering Committee, which this past year worked on issues involving telecommunications, rights-of-way issues, and access to technology. He said that he is pleased to report that the City of Mesa and the City of Nashville have been selected to serve as hosts for two meetings to discuss privacy and encryption issues relating to transactions over the internet and additional discussion on access to technology. He reported that the meeting in Nashville will be held in June and the meeting in Mesa will be held in October. Approximately 40 Mayors and Councilmembers from around the country will attend the meeting in Mesa.

Vice Mayor Davidson said that he serves as a member of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee and said that the purpose of going to Washington was to meet with other delegations from across the country to firm up a policy of lobbying efforts with our national congressional delegation. He stated that there are many issues that are important to cities across the country and the three that his committee will be discussing with the congressional delegation are water and wastewater infrastructure financing, power deregulation and preservation of natural resources. Vice Mayor Davidson said that nationally, the most important issue is water and wastewater infrastructure financing and reported that the Committee has identified a \$20 billion dollar shortfall nationally in the construction and improvements of water and wastewater infrastructure. He added that there are many communities which cannot simply bond to build the infrastructure and they are unable to keep up with growth. The Vice Mayor commented that one possible method of financing infrastructure may be to set up a national fund that would help cities improve or enhance their wastewater infrastructure.

Mayor Hawker said that he also serves on a committee involved with financing and commented on the trickling effect of budget reductions on cities and towns and possible changes in bonding laws (arbitrage). He stated that the Council also had the opportunity to meet with Jeff Flake's staff and added that J.D. Hayworth and his staff also met with them and discussed issues which related to his district in Mesa. Mayor Hawker added that Ed Pastore also attended a dinner meeting with the Council.

Vice Mayor Davidson stated that he also had an opportunity to meet with Senators McCain and Kyle on issues ranging from private property rights to air traffic and said that Mesa was able to voice its concerns regarding William Gateway Airport and the Senators were asked to remain aware of development issues in that area.

Mayor Hawker also discussed the fact that the City of Mesa hosted its Sister City Burnaby, British Columbia, (outside of Vancouver), and said that a variety of issues of mutual interest were discussed.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, March 22, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, March 29, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, March 29, 2001, 9:00 a.m. – Police Committee

Thursday, April 5, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Mr. Hutchinson said that a meeting with the Mesa School Board will be scheduled for sometime in April.

4. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:28 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 19th day of March, 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2001

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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