

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 1997

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 February 3, 1997, at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Dan Brewer
Fred Conway
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Les Jones
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Ernie Mason
Chris Medrea
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Becky Richardson
Regan Robbins
Denise Samuel
Sharon Seekins
Debbie Vickman
Mindy White
Ralph Wisz
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Basham
Shelley Miller
Chris Moeser
Dan Nowicki
Others

1. Review and consider a proposal for remodeling and upgrading the upper level of the Council Chambers.

Senior Management Assistant Bryan Raines provided the Council with a brief outline of a proposed preliminary design for the remodeling of the upper level of the Council Chambers. Mr. Raines noted that the Council Chambers was originally constructed in 1980 and noted that no improvements to the meeting room, other than seating reupholstering, has occurred since the initial construction of the Chambers.

Mr. Raines introduced design consultant Shelley Miller representing the Miller Design Partnership to the Council and commented on the proposed remodeling project and improvements.

Discussion ensued relative to the Americans With Disabilities (ADA) requirements and other accessibility issues, a proposed reconfiguration of the Council dais to improve visibility, enhanced technology including remote control cameras, staff relocations to increase efficiency, carpeting, logo design, HVAC upgrades and proposed costs.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pomeroy, Mr. Raines advised that it would take approximately six months to complete the project and added that efforts will be expended to ensure that televised Regular Council Meetings continue with minimum interruptions.

Vice Mayor Gilbert and Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of the project and stressed the importance of improving the quality of Council presentations.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Stapley, that staff be directed to proceed with the proposed project.

Carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider requiring petition circulators for City election matters to be residents of the City of Mesa.

Councilmember Stapley stated the opinion that inaccurate information is being presented to petition signers by petition circulators who are not residents of the City of Mesa. Councilmember Stapley emphasized that he is not opposed to the utilization of paid circulators but added that all circulators of petitions relative to Mesa issues, whether paid or volunteer, should be residents of the City. Councilmember Stapley requested input from the Council in an effort to determine the amount of support which exists to adopt an ordinance requiring circulators for City issues to be residents of Mesa.

Mayor Brown informed the Council that he was contacted by an individual relative to this issue and informed that another attorney who is familiar with City Attorney Neal Beets' opinion regarding this issue, strongly disagrees with Mr. Beets' opinion that an ordinance may be adopted relative to this issue. Mayor Brown added that in order to allow the attorney an opportunity to present his point of view on this issue, he would recommend that this agenda item be continued. Mayor Brown stated the opinion that the issue is of major importance and stressed the importance of allowing both sides of the issue to be heard and considered.

Following additional discussion relative to this issue, Mayor Brown stated that this agenda item will be placed on the agenda of the Thursday, February 6, 1997 Policy Session.

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

- a. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting - January 23, 1997.
- b. Traffic Safety Committee meeting - January 28, 1997.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilbert, that the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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:

Thursday, February 6, 1997, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session

(Mr. Luster advised that the Friday, February 7, 1997 Council Study Session has been canceled.)

Friday, February 14, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session

Tuesday, February 18, 1997, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 1997 - Breakfast with the Dobson Ranch Board of Directors

6. Review items on the agenda for the February 3, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the agenda items were discussed among Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was particular discussion relative to the following agenda items:

- 6. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting February 18, 1997 as the date for the public hearing on these ordinances.
 - a. Z96-114 The southwest corner of Country Club Drive and Kiowa Avenue. Site Plan Review (22 +/- acres). This case involves the development of a car dealership.

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.

- d. Z97-3 The southeast corner of 40th Street and Brown Road. Rezone from AG to R1-15 PAD (60 +/- acres). This case involves the development of a single residence subdivision.

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

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Prescheduled appearances will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be a maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

- a. Hear from Sean Lake regarding the signage requirements for the smoking ordinance.

Mr. Lake displayed a sample of three-inch lettering currently required on signage to advise patrons of the fact that smoking is allowed in an establishment. Mr. Lake noted that the signs are required at every door and stated the opinion that the required lettering is excessive and inappropriate. Mr. Lake requested that the Council consider amending the smoking ordinance and allowing the lettering on the required signage to be between one-half and three-quarter inches. Mr. Lake added that he did not oppose three-inch high symbols on signs and that only the letter size should be amended.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Lake for his input.

8. Adjournment.

The Study Session adjourned without objection at 5:39 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

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 Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of February, 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK