

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 1, 2002

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 1, 2002 at 7:57a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman Joe Shipley
James Keppel
Judith O'Neill
Joan Ruffennach

COMMITTEE ABSENT

John Kerr
Cecil Patterson
Marilyn Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Kathleen Broman
Pat Granillo
Brian Poulson

Chairman Shipley excused Boardmembers Kerr, Patterson and Wilson from the meeting.

1. Approve minutes of February 6, and March 6, 2002 meetings.

It was moved by Boardmember Keppel, seconded by Boardmember O'Neill, that the minutes of the February 6, 2002 meeting be approved.

Chairman Shipley declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

It was moved by Boardmember O'Neill, seconded by Boardmember Ruffennach, that the minutes of the March 6, 2002 meeting be approved.

Boardmember Keppel advised that due to the fact he was not present at the March 6, 2002 meeting, he will abstain from voting.

Chairman Shipley declared the motion carried by majority vote of those present and voting.

Management Assistant Denise Bleyle informed the Boardmembers that in an effort to provide the City Council with the Judicial Advisory Board minutes in a timely manner, the Board's minutes will now be submitted to the Council for acknowledgement prior to approval of the minutes by the Boardmembers. She assured the members of the Board that this new procedure will not affect the manner in which the Board operates. Ms. Bleyle commented that the Board will still be afforded the opportunity to make corrections to the minutes, if necessary, and that the Council would subsequently receive an amended copy. She added that this change will go into effect commencing with the October meeting.

Chairman Shipley expressed concerns that the Council could potentially take action on an item discussed in the minutes when the minutes have not been reviewed for accuracy by the Boardmembers. He suggested that language be incorporated into the minutes to reflect that they are in substantial conformance with the events of the meeting, but that they have not yet been approved by the Board.

2. Discuss City Council reappointment of Magistrate Michelle Lue Sang and the next set of Magistrates eligible for reappointment.

Ms. Bleyle informed the members of the Board that at the April 1, 2002 Regular Council Meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the reappointment of City Magistrate Michelle Lue Sang. She reported that for the first time, a City Magistrate reappointment was placed on the consent agenda for approval. Ms. Bleyle also commented that both Mayor Hawker and Vice Mayor Davidson, who were present at the March 6 public hearing and interview of Magistrate Lue Sang, commended the Board for its ongoing efforts and hard work.

Ms. Bleyle advised the Boardmembers that the following City Magistrates are slated for reappointment in 2003: Norine Richardson, eligible for her first four-year reappointment, and Karl Eppich, eligible for his first two-year reappointment.

Ms. Bleyle stated that she would supply the Boardmembers with copies of the midterm reports for three of the City Magistrates for their review.

3. Discuss board membership.

Ms. Bleyle explained that as of today, Boardmember Kerr has completed his second and final term on the Board. She commented that Boardmember Patterson's first term expired today as well, but that he has consented to serve an additional three-year term. Ms. Bleyle also noted that it is anticipated that Mayor Hawker will submit the name of an individual to replace Boardmember Kerr to the City Council for approval in the near future and that the individual's service will commence in October.

Ms. Bleyle commented that at a future Regular Council Meeting, the City Council will present Boardmember Kerr with a plaque in recognition of his service to the Board and to the community. She said that she would apprise the members of a specific time and date when the information becomes available.

Ms. Bleyle also reported that in an effort to become more involved with the Mesa citizens advisory boards, commencing this summer, Mayor Hawker and City Attorney Debbie Spinner will host an annual orientation session for new members of the City's various boards and committees. She explained that the purpose of the gathering will be to acquaint the individuals with a variety of legal and City policy issues. Ms. Bleyle noted that she will provide the Boardmembers with additional information regarding the meeting when it becomes available and extended an invitation to the members to attend if they so desire.

Chairman Shipley suggested that in addition to the City Council's recognition of Boardmember Kerr's service to the Board, that perhaps the members of the Board could also present him with a token of appreciation as well. He requested that the Boardmembers forward their ideas to Ms. Bleyle who will coordinate the effort.

Chairman Shipley also requested that Ms. Bleyle collect and distribute the e-mail addresses of all of the Boardmembers and that e-mail be used as an alternative form of communication.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Chairman Shipley advised that the next meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board will be held on October 2, 2002, 8:00 a.m., in the Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st Street.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 1st day of May 2002. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK