

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 6, 1999

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 October 6, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
 Jim Davidson
 John Giles
 Keno Hawker
 Bill Jaffa
 Dennis Kavanaugh
 Pat Pomeroy

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
 Don Ayers
 Wayne Balmer
 Neal Beets
 Denise Bleyle
 Jamie Brennan
 Dennis Compton
 Linda Crocker
 Gil Damiani
 Bob DeLeon
 Jack Friedline
 John Geier
 Penny Griffin
 Joe Holmwood
 Mike Hutchinson
 Barbara Jones
 Mike Kalember
 Ron Krosting
 Dorinda Larsen
 Tom Mattingly

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Keith Nath
 Joe Padilla
 Ellen Pence
 Andrea Rasizer
 Tom Remes
 Becky Richardson
 Sharon Seekins
 Jenny Sheppard
 Kim West
 Mike Whalen
 Mindy White
 Paul Wilson
 Jim Wright
 Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Robbie Sherwood
 Louis Stradling
 Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the October 6, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.

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

6. Consider the following contracts:

*j. Kellwood Substation Upgrades.

In response to a question from Councilmember Davidson, City Attorney Neal Beets stated the opinion that it would be appropriate for Councilmember Davidson to declare a conflict of interest on this agenda item.

Mayor Brown stated that this item would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

8. Consider the following resolutions:

- a. Approving the assessments for Special Improvement District No. 239.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, Public Works Manager Jack Friedline reported that he had been contacted by a citizen who expressed concerns regarding the proposed assessments and said that the citizen will present remarks regarding this agenda item at the ensuing Regular Council Meeting.

9. Consider the following ordinance and resolutions:

- a. An ordinance relating to public health and safety, repealing Title VII, Chapter 2 of the Mesa City Code; preserving rights and duties that have already matured and proceedings that have already begun thereunder; adopting the 1997 Uniform Fire Code by reference; amending certain provisions in the Uniform Fire Code; amending Title VII of the Mesa City Code by adding thereto a new Chapter 2; adopting Mesa Fire Department fire details by reference; providing penalties for violations; and establishing a delayed effective date of May 1, 2000 for Article Ten in the amendments.

This ordinance includes new requirements for automatic sprinklers in all new commercial and residential buildings.

- b. A resolution declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled "1997 Uniform Fire Code."
- c. A resolution resolving to continue to work with the home building industry in the implementation of the City of Mesa's new requirements for installing automatic sprinklers in all new residential and commercial buildings.

City Attorney Neal Beets responded to questions from Council pertaining to the proposed adoption of agenda items 9a, 9b and 9c. Mr. Beets clarified that Item 9a adopts the Uniform Fire Code and added that Item 9b designates the Uniform Fire Code as a public record. Mr. Beets further clarified that Item 9c states the intent of the City to continue to work with the homebuilding industry regarding this issue.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pomeroy, Fire Chief Dennis Compton stated that although the proposed resolution (agenda item 9c) indicates that the City is willing to continue to discuss areas of concern, Chief Compton emphasized that the City has no intention of lowering any public safety standards that are currently in place.

Councilmember Jaffa stressed the importance of continuing to evaluate new technology as it becomes available.

- *9.1 Write-off of utility and miscellaneous accounts in the amount of \$150,426.00 (0.22%).

Councilmember Jaffa questioned whether the City had given further consideration to the issue of "prepays." Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson informed the Council that revised deposit requirements have been developed for new customer accounts which reflect negative payment histories.

Councilmember Jaffa requested that staff continue to pursue new methods of increasing the City's collection history for utility and miscellaneous accounts.

Mayor Brown concurred with Councilmember Jaffa's comments on the importance of continuing research in this area.

9.2 Consider the following recommendations from the Transportation Committee:

- *a. Approve the recommendations of the Transportation Planning Task Force, with emphasis on coordinating efforts in association with the Mesa General Plan Update and developing an extensive public awareness process.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Mr. Hutchinson advised that staff would present a proposal to the Council relative to proceeding with the Committee's recommendations.

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

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held September 16, 1999.
- b. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held September 9, 1999.
- c. Housing and Human Service Advisory Board meeting held September 21, 1999.
- d. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held September 22, 1999.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Hawker announced that a Valley Vision 2025 Open Forum will be held at Mesa Community College on Thursday, October 7, 1999 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Councilmember Hawker also discussed his attendance at a recent meeting at Williams Gateway Airport (WGA) meeting and provided a brief overview of items discussed at that meeting.

Councilmember Kavanaugh reported briefly on the International Downtown Association Conference that he attended with Councilmembers Davidson and Jaffa. Councilmember Kavanaugh commented that many of the issues that the City of Mesa has addressed over the past three years are the same issues that professionals in the field are reviewing with downtown associations throughout the country.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, October 14, 1999, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Monday, October 18, 1999, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Beets announced that the Council City Search Committee unanimously recommended that the executive search firms DMG-Maximus and The Oldani Group be invited to meet with the Council and provide a presentation on their qualifications and interest in assisting the City of Mesa in the selection of a City Manager.

Discussion ensued relative to scheduling the presentations and Mayor Brown requested that the two search firms be invited to meet with Council on Monday, October 18, 1999, prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Prescheduled appearances will begin after the preceding scheduled agenda items, which should be about 5:30 p.m. There will be a maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

Louis Stradling, former Councilmember and Chairman of the Mesa Constitutional Celebration Committee, provided the audience with a brief overview of recent activities that occurred during the week of September 17 through September 23, 1999 in celebration of Constitution Week.

Mr. Stradling expressed appreciation to the Mesa Constitutional Celebration Committee and to the Council for their continuing support.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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 6th day of October, 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK