

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 24, 2000

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 July 24, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Jim Davidson
Bill Jaffa
Pat Pomeroy
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Dennis Kavanaugh

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Neal Beets
Barbara Jones

Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Kavanaugh from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the July 24, 2000 Regular Council Meeting.

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

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

a. Adjustment Board meeting held July 11.

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

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Mayor Hawker discussed a recent trip he and other members of the Council took to Burnaby, Canada, Mesa's Sister City, and said that Burnaby is a suburb of Vancouver. Mayor Hawker commented on that city's elevated light-rail system and said that government there is more socialistic in their approach to land use. Mayor Hawker advised that Burnaby is noted in the region for having over 25% of the real estate in the city being dedicated to parks and recreation and commented on the number of lineal parks, forests and open space areas located in that City.

Councilmember Pomeroy commented on his visit to a recreation of a 1910 Burnaby village and said that the display was outstanding and very interesting. Councilmember Pomeroy added that a carousel was also on display and expressed the opinion that the quality of life is exceptional in that City.

Councilmember Pomeroy also discussed a ride he took on the light rail system and said that the system is extremely efficient and effective.

Mayor Hawker also commented on a recent trip he took to Washington, D.C. to meet with the City's Congressional delegation and talk about a number of issues facing the City of Mesa on a national level. Mayor Hawker provided a brief overview of topics discussed during this visit.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Tuesday, August 1, 2000, TBA - Study Session

Tuesday, August 1, 2000, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 2, 2000, 8:00 a.m. - Media Relations Briefing

Monday, August 28, 2000, TBA - Study Session

Monday, August 28, 2000, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Friday, September 1, 2000, 8:00 a.m. - Utility Issues Briefing

Thursday, September 7, 2000, 7:30 a.m. - Update/Briefing on Financial Technological Issues

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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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 24th day of July, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK