

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 3, 2005

The Finance Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 3, 2005 at 8:02 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT	COUNCIL PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Tom Rawles, Chairman Janie Thom Claudia Walters	None	Debra Dollar

Chairman Rawles noted that the Council previously provided direction to staff to move forward with the concepts outlined in both of the following agenda items.

1. Discuss and consider a Select Due Date Program for residential utility customers and changes to the Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Utilities that are necessary for implementation of this program.

Assistant Financial Services Manager Jenny Sheppard advised that the Select Due Date Program requires Council adoption of a change with respect to the “terms and conditions for the sale of utilities” (as outlined in the Committee Report) prior to the scheduled implementation of the program in January 2006.

In response to questions from members of the Committee, Ms. Sheppard provided the following information:

- The present eleven-day grace period following the bill due date is included in the proposed timeframe in which customers are permitted to pay without incurring late fees.
- Customers with multiple City of Mesa utility bills have the option to select the same due date for all bills.
- Customers who are satisfied with their current billing cycles are not required to make any changes.

It was moved by Committeemember Walters, seconded by Committeemember Thom, that the Select Due Date Program be moved forward to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

Carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider implementing Budget Payment Programs for residential utility customers.

Committeemember Walters noted that customers who wish to participate in the initial Budget Payment Program must enroll in January of 2006, and that in subsequent years, customers will have the opportunity to enroll in the November through January timeframe.

Ms. Sheppard confirmed that the Budget Payment Programs are available for all City of Mesa utility bills. She noted that "gas only" customers would be able to enroll in June, July and August due to the fact that their higher gas bills occur during the winter months.

It was moved by Committeemember Thom, seconded by Committeemember Walters, that the Budget Payment Programs be moved forward to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

Carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of November 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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