

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 5, 1998

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 5, 1998 at 4:49 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
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennen
Dennis Compton
Mark Coon
John Geier
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Peter Knudson
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines
Frank Mizner

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Patrick Murphy
Ellen Pence
David Plumb
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Ross Renner
Becky Richardson
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
John Smoyer
Jan Strauss
Doug Tessoroff
Mindy White
Paul Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Robbie Sherwood
Louis Stradling
Rick Temple
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the October 5, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

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

1. Approval of minutes of previous meetings as written.

Councilmember Pomeroy noted a correction to the list of attendees for the September 10, 1998 Study Session.

5. Consider the following contracts.
 - a. Four-inch high-pressure gas main, East University Road between Sossaman Road and 80th Street. City of Mesa Project No. 98-66.

Councilmember Hawker 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.

- b. Water line replacements - 72nd Street, Broadway to Edgewood and 40th Street, Broadway to Main Street. City of Mesa Project No. 97-88.

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- c. New Utilities building and Materials/Supply warehouse addition at the 6th Street Service Center. City of Mesa Project No. 97-04.

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7. Consider the following resolutions.

- c. Extinguishing a portion of a public utilities and facilities easement at the northwest corner of Country Club Drive and Fairway.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Public Works Manager Harry Kent stated that to his knowledge, the City has not previously assessed individuals for abandonments. Discussion ensued pertaining to the proposed reduction in the public utility easement for the building encroachment.

Mayor Brown commented that the neighbors are aware of the situation and have not to date objected to the proposal but said that the item will remain off of the consent agenda to allow an opportunity for citizens to speak.

- h. Vacating a portion of the 2800 block of North Usery Pass Road.

At the request of Councilmember Hawker, Mr. Kent clarified the request to vacate a portion of Usery Pass Road. Mr. Kent commented that the area to be vacated has been incorporated into the subdivision's open common space running parallel to Usery Pass Road.

Councilmember Davidson questioned consideration of a bicycle path and suggested further discussion pertaining to the issue.

Following additional brief comments, Mayor Brown stated that this item will be added to the consent agenda for the purpose of continuance to the November 2, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

- i. Encouraging citizen participation during the zoning and development review process.

Councilmember Pomeroy recommended further discussion pertaining to this matter.

Councilmember Hawker requested a cost analysis pertaining to the options presented by staff.

Mayor Brown said that this item will be added to the consent agenda for the purpose of continuance to the November 2, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

- *j. Approving issuance of \$99,285,000 Refunding Revenue Bonds (Lutheran Health Systems), Series 1998A-1 of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Mesa, Arizona, under Section §35-701, et seq., Arizona Revised Statutes - Resolution No. 7268.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Finance Director Don Ayers outlined the purpose of the proposed issuance of refunding revenue bonds. Mr. Ayers noted that the bonds do not constitute an indebtedness for the City and do not appear on Mesa's financial statement. Mr. Ayers explained that the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) consists of seven boardmembers appointed by the Mayor and Council and that federal security laws require that the elected body that appointed the IDA approve the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

Councilmember Hawker requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda to allow staff an opportunity to explain the proposal.

2. Hear and consider a report on the public meeting for the proposed intersection improvements at Mesa Drive and University.

Supervising Engineer Ross Renner provided an update concerning a public meeting held recently concerning proposed improvements at the intersection of Mesa and University Drives. Mr. Renner said that the City proposes to widen the intersection to six lanes to accommodate additional traffic anticipated as a result of the proposed Mesa Verde project.

Mr. Renner stated that the public meeting was held on September 3, 1998 and that many citizens indicated support for the proposed improvements. Mr. Renner summarized additional suggestions as follows: install a pedestrian crossing at 4th Place across from the hospital, install a cul-de-sac at 1st Street east of Mesa Drive, install a barrier wall similar to McKellips Road, place overhead electric lines underground, schedule the project to minimize the impact on businesses, provide additional parking spaces, provide adequate construction time, explain the real estate acquisition process, provide access to adjacent properties during construction, restore landscaping, and consider measures to ensure the safety of children in crossing the wider streets.

Mr. Renner outlined the proposed time frame for the intersection improvements should the Mesa Verde project proceed. Mr. Renner noted that the improvements are included in the City's 5-year plan.

At the request of Vice Mayor Giles, Mr. Renner briefly commented concerning the feasibility from staff's perspective of several of the recommendations proposed by citizens.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Renner for the presentation.

3. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Brown recommended the appointment of William C. Fish to the Plumbing, Mechanical, and Solar Energy Board (appointment to term ending June 30, 2001).

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Vice Mayor Giles, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendation and the appointment be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

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

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held September 17, 1998.
- b. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held September 24, 1998.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, to acknowledge the receipt of the minutes of the above-listed meetings.

Carried unanimously.

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

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Mr. Luster stated that a Study Session will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 1998 (to be followed by a Finance Committee Meeting).

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

Mayor Brown advised that Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer has been involved in efforts relating to Williams Gateway Airport and will be available following the Study Session to answer questions and speak with interested citizens.

- a. Hear from Rick Temple regarding Williams Gateway Airport.

Rick Temple, 7422 East Lompoc Avenue, representing the Southeast Valley Neighborhood Coalition, noted citizens present at the meeting who have signed petitions in opposition to plans currently proposed for Williams Gateway Airport. Mr. Temple outlined concerns expressed by residents and requested an opportunity to meet with the City to consider alternatives.

Mayor Brown spoke concerning the importance of input from residents and encouraged Mr. Temple to speak with Mr. Balmer following the meeting. Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Temple for his comments and leadership.

- b. Hear from the Clasquin family regarding Williams Gateway Airport.

There was no prescheduled public appearance by the Clasquin family.

- c. Hear from Louis Stradling regarding the September Constitution Week celebration programs.

Louis Stradling, 417 South Pasadena, presented an annual report concerning Constitution Week. Mr. Stradling highlighted celebration programs held during September in observance of the 211th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution and in accordance with a proclamation from the Mayor. Mr. Stradling credited City management and staff for much of the success of the events and noted that Mesa's activities have been acknowledged nationally.

Mayor Brown expressed appreciation to Mr. Stradling for his efforts.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:42 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 5th day of October 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK