



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2005

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 February 3, 2005 at 7:36 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Kyle Jones
Tom Rawles
Janie Thom
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Rex Griswold

OFFICERS PRESENT

Debra Dollar
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Griswold from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the February 7, 2005 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: 3a (Griswold); 4n (Hawker)

Items removed from the consent agenda: 4f, 4h, 4k, 5, 6c, 7l, 8, 9c, 9d, 10d

2. Discuss, consider and provide direction regarding the creation of a Housing Advisory Board.

Community Revitalization Director Kit Kelly and Housing Services Director Ruth Anne Norris addressed the Council relative to this agenda item.

Ms. Kelly provided a brief historical overview of the formation of the Housing Roundtable; the creation of the Housing Policy Subcommittee; the development and approval of the Housing Master Plan; and the formation by Mayor Hawker of the Community Housing Task Force, which was charged with providing a common sense perspective regarding residential development issues in Mesa.

Ms. Kelly explained that the Community Housing Task Force recommended the creation of a balanced City Council-appointed Housing Advisory Board to advocate the implementation of the Housing Master Plan, offer technical expertise, make recommendations to the Council relative

to housing issues and programs, and continue to participate in the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Roundtable. She stated that the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board serves as a public forum for citizen input with regards to Mesa's human services, housing priorities and planning and noted that it was the recommendation of the Community Housing Task Force that a separate Housing Advisory Board be created because of the significant amount of work required to implement the goals of the Housing Master Plan. Ms. Kelly added that dividing the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board into the Housing Advisory Board and the Human Services Advisory Board would result in a more definitive focus on housing and human services areas by the respective Boards.

Ms. Kelly concluded her remarks by commenting that it was also the recommendation of the Community Housing Task Force, per the Housing Master Plan, that the proposed Board's membership include homebuilders, lenders, developers, nonprofit entities, community housing groups, special needs housing providers, economic development professionals, Mesa residents and business owners.

In response to a question by Mayor Hawker, Ms. Norris clarified that it is staff's recommendation that the Council approve three ordinances, the first establishing a new Housing Advisory Board, and two related amendments modifying the existing Housing and Human Services Advisory Board and eliminating any housing references to the Board. She explained that last year, the Housing Governing Board was established and various responsibilities of the Board were assigned to the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board, which now would be transferred to the Housing Advisory Board.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Walters, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, that staff be directed to introduce the Housing Advisory Board ordinance and related "housekeeping" amendments at the February 7, 2005 Regular Council meeting.

Councilmember Rawles suggested that under Section 2-24-5 "Powers and Duties" of the proposed Housing Advisory Board ordinance, that paragraphs a and f be modified to read as follows: "to make recommendations **to the City Council.**" He stated that such changes would provide consistency with the language already contained in paragraph b.

The Council concurred with Councilmember Rawles' suggestion.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Hawker-Jones-Walters-Whalen
NAYS - Rawles-Thom
ABSENT - Griswold

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried by majority vote.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held January 11, 2005.
- b. Design Review Board meetings held October 13, December 1 and December 14, 2004.
- c. Downtown Development Committee meeting held December 16, 2004.
- d. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held December 9, 2004.
- e. Human Relations Advisory Board meeting held December 1, 2004.

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

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Councilmember Thom
Vice Mayor Walters

Mesa Police Department Awards Banquet
Mesa Grande Alliance Meeting

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Deputy City Manager Debra Dollar stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 7, 2005, TBA – Study Session

Monday, February 7, 2005, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, February 10, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Police Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, February 17, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – General Development Committee Meeting

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

KENO HAWKER, 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 3rd day of February 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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