

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 19, 1996

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 April 19, 1996 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Dale Johnson
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joan Payne

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Mick Byerley
Linda Crocker
G.T. Fowler
Glen Gorky
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Sharon Joyce
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Gene Larson
Tom Mattingly
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Roy Skaggs
Kevin Snow
Doug Tessororf
Mindy White
Ralph Wisz

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Muth
Tom Verploegen
Others

Mayor Wong excused Councilmember Payne from the meeting.

1. Hear and consider a report on the proposed alignment of Ray Road and Sossaman Road at Williams Gateway Airport.

Public Works Manager Harry Kent provided the Council with information relative to the proposed alignment for Sossaman Road and Ray Road through and around Williams Gateway Airport. Mr. Kent advised that the Williams Gateway Airport Authority has hired a consultant to perform an alignment study and design and noted that City Engineering Department staff are involved in coordinating the consultant's work with the Airport Authority staff.

Deputy City Engineer Keith Nath presented additional background information relative to the projects and briefly outlined the proposed alignments.

Discussion ensued relative to traffic studies, public utility and facility easements, water and sewer lines, traffic lanes, landscaping, infrastructure, funding, the fact that the phased construction will depend on available funding, current and future traffic signals and street lighting.

In response to a question from Councilmember Stapley, Mr. Kent advised that the State Historic Preservation Authority has agreed to relocate all of the 'historic hangars' in the future.

Mayor Wong thanked staff for their presentation

2. Hear a report on three street projects scheduled for construction in the summer of 1996.

Deputy City Engineer Mick Byerley introduced Construction Services Representative Glenn Gorke to the Council. Mayor Wong and the members of the Council welcomed Mr. Gorke to the meeting and congratulated him on his new position with the City of Mesa.

City Engineer Harry Kent provided the Council with a brief update on the status of three street projects which will be under construction during the summer months. Mr. Kent stated that the projects include: 1) Mesa Drive, Main Street to McKellips; 2) Horne Avenue, 8th Street to Brown Road; and 3) Stapley Drive, 8th Street to Brown Road. Mr. Kent noted that all three projects involve north-south streets within a one mile radius of each other.

Discussion ensued relative to proposed construction schedules, the fact that Construction Services Representative Glenn Gorke will meet with residents in the affected areas relative to the construction projects, signage that will be posted containing Mr. Gorke's telephone number, and staff's efforts to lessen the impact of the construction projects on vehicular traffic.

Mayor Wong thanked staff for their input.

3. Consider a proposed program to implement the parking time limit changes on Main Street.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer discussed a recent Council decision to reduce the parking time limits on Main Street from 2 hours to 1 hour and to increase parking limits in the rear surface parking lots from 2 hours to 3 hours. Mr. Balmer advised that staff has been working with Mesa Town Center Executive Director Tom Verploegen on the development of a

sign program to inform citizens and visitors of the parking limit changes. Mr. Balmer briefly highlighted the contents of the proposed program to implement parking changes on Main Street in the Colonnade area from Center Street to Robson Street in addition to the surface lots within the four-block Colonnade area.

Mr. Balmer referred to samples of the signs which were displayed in the Council Chambers and noted that the signage will be installed on existing poles.

Discussion ensued relative to the development of a poster program to assist downtown area merchants in informing customers of the parking limit changes, proposed installation scheduling and sign placement, and the fact that merchants will be resurveyed in the future to obtain information relative to the success of the changes.

It was moved by Councilmember Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the proposed program to implement parking time limit changes on Main Street, be approved.

Mayor Wong declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Further discussion and consideration of the implementation plan for the no smoking initiative (Proposition 200).

City Attorney Neal Beets briefly outlined the contents of a proposed implementation plan for Proposition 200 and highlighted the enforcement/educational responsibilities of various City departments.

Discussion ensued relative to signage, the development of an informational brochure, the issuance of petty crime citations, Park Ranger enforcement in City parks, Class 6 licenses and variances, private club exemptions, sports bars and tobacco shops.

Dave Muth, General Manager of the Mesa Pavilion Hilton Hotel and a member of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, informed the Council that Proposition 200 has already resulted in a loss of business for the facility and noted that a number of group functions have been canceled. Mr. Muth discussed the fact that Proposition 200 prohibits smoking at wedding receptions and private banquets and stated the opinion that the ban will financially impact facilities such as the Hilton Hotel.

In response to a question from Councilmember Stapley, Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that Dave Wier and other members of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce are meeting with Dr. Clifford Harris, the initiator of Proposition 200, to discuss various issues relative to the smoking ban.

Discussion ensued relative to measures which may be initiated by citizens who oppose the passage of Proposition 200, the fact that the Council, as the City's legislative authority, has the

authority to amend the Proposition, and the importance of proceeding with the proposed marketing program to educate the citizens of Mesa on the impacts of Proposition 200.

City Manager Charles Luster advised that staff will proceed at this time with measures outlined in the implementation report.

Mayor Wong thanked staff for their input.

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

Mayor Wong advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, April 26, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session

Thursday, May 2, 1996, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session

Friday, May 3, 1996 - Budget Review Session

Monday, May 6, 1996 - Budget Review Session

Monday, May 6, 1996, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 1996 - Budget Review Session

Public Works Manager Harry Kent distributed a map of the Chicago Cubs Stadium/Training Facilities at HoHoKam Park and advised that visitors to the construction site should check in at the Kitchell Construction trailer.

In response to a request from City Manager Charles Luster, Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer provided the Council with a brief update on the status of the General Plan process.

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (Maximum of three sneakers for five minutes per speaker).

Mayor Wong advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

8. Items from citizens present. (Maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

Mayor Wong advised that there were no items from citizens present.

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9. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Study Session adjourn at 9:16 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

WILLIE WONG, 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 19th day of April, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of May 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK