

# COUNCIL MINUTES

November 5, 2007

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Special Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 5, 2007 at 5:59 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Keno Hawker  
Kyle Jones  
Tom Rawles  
Scott Somers  
Darrell Truitt  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

**COUNCIL ABSENT**

None

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Christopher Brady  
Debbie Spinner  
Linda Crocker

**1. Take action on the following resolution:**

- a. Proposing continuation of a State expenditure limitation for the City of Mesa subject to the approval of voters – Resolution No. 9111.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Walters, seconded by Councilmember Somers, that Resolution No. 9111 be adopted.

Councilmember Rawles stated that he favored a Permanent Base Adjustment rather than Home Rule and therefore, he would oppose the motion.

Councilmember Somers expressed the opinion that a Permanent Base Adjustment is not appropriate for a City that is experiencing strong growth. He stated that the Home Rule option provides greater flexibility to enable the City to address the infrastructure needs of the growth areas in East Mesa. He added that a Permanent Base Adjustment should be considered when the City's growth has stabilized.

Mayor Hawker noted that although he hoped that the City could establish a Permanent Base Adjustment, his review of the calculations indicated that Home Rule was more appropriate for the City at the present time. He stated the opinion that a future Council could consider a Permanent Base Adjustment when the City has stable funding sources.

Councilmember Jones noted that under the Home Rule option the City must continue to have a balanced budget. He added that the Home Rule option enables the City to utilize bond funding and accept grant funding when grants are available.

City Attorney Debbie Spinner advised that the State Constitution requires a two-thirds vote (five affirmative votes) in order to place the issue on the ballot.

Mayor Hawker called for the vote.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Hawker-Jones-Somers-Truitt-Walters-Whalen  
NAYS – Rawles

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried by a majority vote and Resolution No. 9111 adopted.

2. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Special Council meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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