

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 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 November 15, 1996 at 7:39 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Wayne Pomeroy
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joan Payne

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Pauline Backer
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Mike Brennan
Richard Clore
Tanya Collins
Fred Conway
Kim Fallbeck
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Les Jones
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Frank Mizner
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Tom Remes
Denise Samuel
Sharon Seekins
Debbie Vickman
Mindy White
Ralph Wisz

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Moeser
Dan Nowicki
Mike O'Neil
Ralph Pew
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Payne from the meeting.

1. Hear a presentation by Mike O'Neil regarding results of the community attitude survey.

City Manager Charles Luster advised that the community attitude survey commissioned recently by the City has been completed and expressed the opinion that the results are encouraging overall. Mr. Luster introduced Mike O'Neil of O'Neil Associates, the firm hired to conduct the survey.

Mr. O'Neil reported that random-digit dialing was utilized to conduct interviews with representatives from 400 Mesa households between October 10 and October 23, 1996. Mr. O'Neil informed the Council that the survey was intended to measure attitudes toward the quality of various City services and the overall quality of life in Mesa and its neighborhoods. Mr. O'Neil stated that the survey has a margin of ± 5 percent.

Mr. O'Neil presented an overview of the survey, noting that: 1) four out of five Mesa adults (81 percent) rate the overall quality of life in Mesa as either "excellent" or "good," and 78 percent rate the overall quality of life in their respective neighborhoods as "excellent" or "good"; 2) three-quarters (74 percent) of Mesa's adult population believe the quality of life in their neighborhood is "staying about the same"; and 3) 92 percent Mesa residents are highly satisfied overall with City services. In review of specific City services, Mr. O'Neil advised that Mesa residents are most satisfied with the services of the Fire Department and the Library and are also highly satisfied with the services of the Police Department, the City's parks and recreation/cultural activities, and solid waste collection. Mr. O'Neil indicated that transportation issues were rated as relatively poor.

Mr. O'Neil provided details from the survey pertaining to: planning and spending priorities, information sources, crime and safety, and miscellaneous issues, such as a new public arts and entertainment facility, current restrictions relative to public smoking, preferred billing method for City garbage collection, camera-based technologies to aide the enforcement of speed limits and traffic signals, and involvement in organized efforts to improve neighborhoods.

Discussion ensued relative to interpretation of the data. Mayor Brown commented that the results of the smoking forum held recently were similar to the results tabulated through the attitude survey.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. O'Neil for the report and overview.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Library Advisory Board meeting held November 5, 1996.
- b. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held October 30, 1996.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, to acknowledge the receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Appointments to boards and committee.

Mayor Brown recommended the following appointment to boards and committees:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Gary A. Smith - term ending June 30, 1999

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Vice Mayor Gilbert reported on his recent attendance at a meeting of the Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) Air Quality Committee.

Mayor Brown discussed a meeting he recently attended with local officials relative to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 18, 1996, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 1996, 7:00 p.m. - Smoking Forum (Palo Verde Room, Community Conference Center)

Wednesday, November 20, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Council Portrait (Riverview Park)

Friday, November 22, 1996, 7:00 a.m. - Utility Committee Meeting

Friday, November 22, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Mr. Luster advised that an auction will be held at the East Mesa Service Center on Saturday, November 16, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. and that the Police Academy Graduation will be held at Red Mountain High School on Friday, November 22, 1996, at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Assistant Ellen Pence extended an invitation to Councilmembers to attend the Third Annual Employee Day to be held at Centennial Hall on Tuesday, November 19, 1996, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ms. Pence provided the Council with a brief overview of the events and activities that will be taking place.

6. Review items on the agenda for the November 18, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the agenda items were reviewed among the Council and staff, with no formal action taken. There was particular discussion with regard to the following agenda items:

4. Consider the following contracts:

- *d. Property and liability insurance coverage for the City to be effective from November 22, 1996 through November 21, 1997 as requested by the Risk Management section of the City Attorney's Office.

Vice Mayor Gilbert requested that City Attorney Neal Beets provide a brief overview of this item at the Monday, November 18, 1996, Study Session.

8. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances:

- a. **Z96-64** The southwest corner of Brown Road and Greenfield Road. Rezone from AG to R1-15 (17± acres). This involves a proposed 28-lot single-residence subdivision. US Development, owner; Ralph Pew, applicant.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer reported that a protest has been filed in opposition to the case. Mr. Balmer said that staff anticipates receiving additional petitions, which may require a 3/4 vote at the November 18, 1996 Regular Council Meeting to approve the request. Mr. Balmer informed the Council that he is expecting a letter from the applicant detailing concerns from neighbors regarding the number of citrus trees to be removed and lot sizes.

- b. **Z96-86** The northwest corner of Guadalupe Road and Ellsworth Road. Rezone from AG-DMP to R1-6-PAD and C-2 (75± acres). This case involves a residential subdivision containing 203± lots and a future commercial tract. PHS Mortgage, Inc., owner; Ryland Homes, applicant.

Mr. Balmer informed the Council that staff anticipates receiving a letter from the applicant requesting that the case be withdrawn.

- e. **Z96-90** The southeast corner of North Pasadena Avenue and East Leland Street. Rezone from R1-43 to R1-9 (3.69 acres). This case involves the development of a 12-lot subdivision. Allied Concrete & Material, owner; D & M Engineering, applicant.

Mr. Balmer stated that staff has received a petition in opposition to the case and that a 3/4 vote will be required to approve the request. Mr. Balmer provided background information concerning the case.

- h. **Z96-93** 2424 East Southern Avenue. Site Plan Modification (1.8 acres). This case involves the expansion of an approved dental building. Dr. Franklin Little, DDS, owner; Dr. Scott LeSueur, DDS, applicant.

Mr. Balmer informed the Council that staff has received a letter from the applicant requesting that the case be withdrawn.

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

There were no items from citizens present at this time.

9. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Giles, that the Study Session adjourn at 8:50 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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 Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 15th day of November, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of December 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK