

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2000

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 March 16, 2000 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Jim Davidson
John Giles
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennan
Mike Brennan
Dennis Compton
Linda Crocker
Bob DeLeon
Jack Friedline
Barbara Jones
Wayne Korinek
Dorinda Larsen
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Joe Padilla

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Andrea Rasizer
Becky Richardson
Regan Robbins
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Betty Beard
Alex Finter
Barrett Marson
Mike Whalen
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the March 20, 2000 Regular Council Meeting.

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

6. Consider the following contracts:

- *k. Power Road gravity sewer lines and force main.

Councilmember Pomeroy requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda because of the significant amount of the contact award.

Mayor Brown stated that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- *k. Power gravity sewer lines and force main
- *l. Williams Campus and Williams Gateway Airport master water meter installation
- *n. Northwest Water Reclamation Plant expansion

Councilmember Hawker indicated that he had potential conflicts of interest in connection with the above listed three agenda items which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and

because of such conflict, he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

Mayor Brown stated that the above listed items will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- *j. A Citizen Contact System to support the Mayor's Office, City Council's Office and City Manager's Office. This new system will provide a method for recording, storing, searching, routing, assigning, retrieving, and reporting residents', businesses' and visitors' contacts with the City of Mesa.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that staff is prepared to present a brief overview of this agenda item and stated the opinion that the proposed system will greatly enhance the City's communication system.

Special Assistant to the City Manager Jenny Sheppard, Information Services Director Karen Kille, General Services Manager Rich Lorig and Principal Systems Analyst John Vega addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Ms. Sheppard stated that a number of cities, including Phoenix, Tempe and Gilbert, track this type of information manually, and discussed the nationwide research that occurred to locate providers of this type of technology. Ms. Sheppard informed the Council that the proposed system will enable the City to develop a central data base comprised of citizens who have contacted the City and commented on the efficiency and effectiveness of such a program.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that should the Council approve the system, training will occur in April 2000, interfacing with the current equipment, subsequent costs, and the importance of ensuring that this type of interactive system remains secure.

Mayor Brown thanked staff for their input.

- 6. Consider the following recommendations from the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board.

- *c. A name change of Galeria Mesa to Mesa Contemporary Arts.

Mayor Brown indicated that he did not support the proposed name change and requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

2. Hear a presentation, discuss and consider the proposed 800 MHz Project 25, Digital Trunked Radio Project.

Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised the Council that staff has been working on the development of an 800 MHz digital trunked radio system in cooperation with the City of Phoenix for the past four years and said that following a presentation by staff, Council direction is requested relative to whether to proceed with this issue and place the item on the agenda of the upcoming Regular Council Meeting.

Communications Director Don Pfohl and representatives from the City of Phoenix Fire and Police Departments addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Pfohl commented that City staff has actually been involved in this project for the past ten years and provided the Council with background information relative to this proposal. Mr. Pfohl and noted that the City

of Mesa is the only city in the United States that is actively involved in a project such as this and has participated in the development of standards for the system.

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed anticipated benefits of the system including enhanced public safety communication, the fact that the system will allow members of the Police and Fire Departments to go anywhere in the Valley and still have the ability to communicate with their own dispatch center, with each other, and with the dispatch system at their present location; the fact that broadcasts for Mesa will be simultaneously broadcast from seven locations in order to provide reliable information to police and fire personnel who are located inside of structures; the fact that the system will serve the City for the next twenty years; the fact that equipment and facilities will be shared when appropriate; the fact that the City's share of the infrastructure costs is approximately \$15 million compared to Phoenix's \$60 million; the fact that operational costs will be determined in the future, and the fact that the system should be fully operational by March 2002.

Mr. Pfohl responded to a number of questions from the Council relative to the proposed system.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that staff's recommendations be approved and that this item be placed on the agenda of the March 20, 2000 Regular Council Meeting for Council consideration and action.

Carried unanimously.

3. Hear a presentation on the proposed Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG), and the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for FY 2000/2001.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer noted that this is the 25th year that the City has participated in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and housing rehabilitation issues. Mr. Balmer introduced Community Development Administrator Kit Savagian and Community Development Specialist Lisa Hembree to the members of the Council. Ms. Savagian noted that a majority of the proposed projects are located within the CDBG target area and discussed the extensive process that must be followed in soliciting funding applications and input relative to the applications. Ms. Savagian commented that citizen participation in the process has been significantly increased and discussed the public hearings and meetings that will be held to solicit input and review the various proposals.

Discussion ensued relative to a recommended change in the policies regarding the use of CDBG funding for economic development opportunities; staff's recommendation that the Arizona Bridge to Independent Living, NEDCO and Save the Family be allocated funding, the fact that EVAP withdrew their application for the upcoming year, staff's recommendation that contingency funds be reserved for use by the MARC Center and NEDCO, and streetlighting, sewerlines and other street improvements.

Mayor Brown stated the opinion that the programs are an asset to the community and added that he has received letters from HUD commending staff on their efforts relative to this critical area.

Councilmember Kavanaugh concurred with Mayor Brown's remarks and commented on the significant improvements that have occurred within the community as a result of staff's

participation in the programs. Councilmember Kavanaugh said that he concurs with staff's recommendations.

Councilmembers Davidson and Pomeroy also indicated support for staff's recommendations.

Councilmember Hawker indicated his interest in receiving additional information from staff relative to economic development activities between the City of Mesa and NEDCO and the issue of loan repayment.

Mayor Brown thanked staff for their presentation.

4. Discuss and consider design review and locational restrictions for churches and schools.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Balmer noted that the Council previously directed staff to seek input from the school districts and religious institutions relative to design review and locational considerations and said that staff has prepared a report for the Council on their findings.

Mr. Balmer noted that neither School District, Mesa or Gilbert, would support mandatory Design Review Board approval of new school facilities and added that they are also opposed to any locational prohibition in industrial areas throughout the City of Mesa. Mr. Balmer also informed the Council that the Mesa Ecumenical Clergy Association has indicated that they would not oppose a mandatory Design Review Board process as long as there is an appeal process in place and said that the Association does not support any additional locational restrictions for churches.

Councilmember Kavanaugh thanked staff for their efforts and commented that his concerns are centered around the fact that the placement and design of churches and schools can have either a beneficial or negative effect on the area. Councilmember Kavanaugh stated the opinion that it is important to require design standards for churches and schools and added that staff should also pursue the issue of facility siting and location.

Councilmember Pomeroy indicated opposition to implementing the proposed design review and locational restrictions for schools but said that he would support the implementation of a design review process for churches.

Councilmember Jaffa expressed the opinion that this matter requires further study and said that the cities of Phoenix and Gilbert are the only two communities that have adopted separate design standards for those areas.

Councilmember Davidson indicated support for proceeding with this matter and encouraged the members of the School Board to become involved in the development and review of design guidelines.

Mayor Brown noted that whatever is decided by the Council can be amended in the future should revisions be required.

Councilmember Hawker concurred with remarks previously made relative to the negative impacts of placing an elementary school in the center of an industrial complex (Barbara Bush Elementary) and agreed that additional research and dialogue between City staff and the School Board is required. Councilmember Hawker spoke in support of coordinating efforts relative to this issue.

Councilmember Kavanaugh indicated support for pursuing design review for churches and said that the remaining issues may be addressed at a later time following additional discussion and consideration.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that staff be directed to pursue design review issues as they related to churches.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Giles-Davidson-Hawker-Jaffa-Kavanaugh-Pomeroy
NAYS - Mayor

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

Councilmember Hawker indicated support for proceeding with design review for churches based on the impact the facilities' traffic patterns have on neighborhoods.

Mr. Balmer indicated staff's intention to meet with School Board members in an effort to pursue design review and locational issues for schools.

Mayor Brown thanked staff for their input.

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

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held February 8, 2000.
- b. Downtown Development Committee special meeting held February 28, 2000.
- c. Judicial Advisory Board meetings held March 7 and March 8, 2000.
- d. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held February 23, 2000.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the minutes of the above listed boards and committees be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no meetings to report on at this time.

7. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 20, 2000, 3:30 p.m. – General Development Committee

8. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown stated that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

Mayor Brown stated that there were no items from citizens present.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 10:11 a.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 16th day of March, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK