

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 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 October 21, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Pauline Backer
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Mark Coon
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Greg Marek
Jeff Martin
Eric Norenberg
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Denise Samuel
Sharon Seekins
Doug Tessoroff
Bob White
Mindy White
Paul Wilson
Ralph Wisz

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Basham
Cordon Driggs
Mike Flynn
Cliff Harris
Chris Moeser
Ralph Pew
Others

(Due to the resignation of Councilmember Jensen, only six Councilmembers were present at the meeting.)

1. Hear a presentation from Metricom regarding proposed communications network (Agenda Item 10a).

Mike Flynn, representing Metricom, Inc., a Delaware corporation, referred to a diagram and sample unit of the wireless data network currently proposed for installation in Mesa, Tempe, and Phoenix. Mr. Flynn provided background information pertaining to the operation of the system, noting that electronic mail capabilities and Internet access will be provided to subscribers for a monthly fee. Mr. Flynn presented examples of additional cities across the nation where the product has been or is anticipated to be installed.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, Mr. Flynn advised that fixtures will be installed on approximately 1-2% of the City's overall count of streetlight poles. Mr. Flynn indicated that numerous poles would remain available to other vendors should the City receive additional requests but said that he is unaware of any other company that provides a system that attaches to poles.

Mayor Brown stated concern regarding the appearance of units attached to poles. Mr. Flynn expressed the opinion that the fixtures will not be readily visible to motorists.

Councilmember Giles questioned the use of antique fixtures. Mr. Flynn advised that the units cannot attach to the antique poles.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Gilbert, Mr. Flynn provided additional details pertaining to the operation/capabilities of the product and commented that the wireless system offers a greater processing speed and utilizes existing structures, eliminating the need to construct towers.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Flynn for the information.

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

- a. Crime Prevention Advisory Board meeting held October 16, 1996.
- b. Traffic Safety Committee meeting held October 15, 1996.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Giles reported that he participated recently in the 1996 McGruff Run Against Crime, the proceeds of which benefit the Mesa Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Mayor Brown stated that he toured the 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant this morning where discussion occurred relative to an experimental process, the results of which are expected to exceed required standards at a substantially reduced cost to the City.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, October 25, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session (to be followed by a tour of the Hohokam Stadium project)

Friday, November 1, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

5. Review items on the agenda for the October 21, 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:

9. Consider the following resolutions:

- *f. Authorizing acquisition of approximately 90 acres of land near South Greenfield and Queen Creek Road for a future wastewater treatment plant in conjunction with the Town of Gilbert (Agenda Item 7c above).

Mayor Brown stated that in response to an inquiry from Bill Brando, 61 South Macdonald, this item will be removed from the consent agenda.

10. Consider the following ordinance:

- *a. Granting a nonexclusive license to Metricom, Inc. to install a wireless digital communications radio network within Mesa's street right-of-way with connections to existing streetlight poles.

Mayor Brown requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda.

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

- *u. Z96-84 The 2200 block of North Val Vista Drive (west side). Rezone from R1-35 to R1-35-PAD (19.8 acres). This case involves the development of a single residence subdivision. Avalon Grove L.L.C., owner; Todd Tucker, applicant.

P&Z Recommendation: Approval with conditions (vote 5-2).

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that the original protest has been withdrawn, eliminating the 3/4 vote requirement. Mr. Balmer indicated that a subsequent protest has been filed but that none of the individuals signing the petition live in close proximity to require a 3/4 vote.

Following brief discussion pertaining to lot sizes within the proposed development and within surrounding neighborhoods, Mayor Brown stated that this item will be removed from the consent agenda.

- v. Z96-85 The northwest corner of Pueblo Avenue and Crismon Road. Rezone from R1-43 to R1-6-PAD (17.15 acres). This case involves the development of a single residence subdivision. Noretta Williams Trust, owner; Metropolitan Land Co., applicant.

P&Z Recommendation: Approval with conditions (vote 4-3).

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Gilbert, Mr. Balmer clarified that the material provided to Council reflecting that the product is constructed nowhere else in Mesa actually indicates that this type of product has not been constructed by this specific applicant at any other location in Mesa.

Council and staff spoke regarding surrounding land uses and proposed lot/home sizes. Mr. Balmer advised that the applicant considers this project an enhancement to the older existing developments in the area but said that staff is concerned that this may actually represent a lower-end product in the future.

6. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilbert, that the Study Session adjourn at 5:30 p.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 City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of October 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of November 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK