

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 7, 1997

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 July 7, 1997, at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Dennis Compton
Fred Conway
Linda Crocker
Laurie Goggin
Lars Jarvie
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Jeff Martin
Don Pfohl
Brian Raines

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Becky Richardson
Denise Samuel
Gordon Sheffield
Kevin Snow
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

John Deshetler
James Hull
Robert Jackson
Chris Moeser
Dan Nowicki
Ralph Pew
Marilynn Wennerstrom
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Payne from the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Payne joined the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

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

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held June 12.
- b. Utility Committee meeting held June 27.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that receipt of the minutes of the meetings of the Downtown Development Committee and Utility Committee be acknowledged.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh briefly reported on his attendance at a recent Mesa Symphony Orchestra performance held at the Mesa Amphitheatre. Councilmember Kavanaugh noted that a portion of the concert was sponsored by the City of Mesa and spoke in favor of the concert and the City's support for arts in Mesa.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and 10, 1997, PAY Program ceremonies at Stapley and Powell Junior High Schools

Thursday, July 10, 1997, 4:00 p.m. - Policy Session

Friday, July 18, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session

4. Review items on the agenda for the July 7 1997 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:

4. Consider the following contracts:

- *b. 90 sign brackets as requested by Solid Waste & Facilities. The brackets will be installed on 45 refuse trucks and be used to hold signs which advertise various solid waste programs.

Councilmember Giles commented that he is not opposed to staff's recommendation relative to the installation of signs on refuse trucks but questioned whether the proposal is consistent with the City's advertising policy.

City Manager Charles Luster commented on the difference between commercial and internal advertising.

Public Works Manager Harry Kent discussed staff's opinion that the signage will assist the department in advertising available solid waste and other City programs.

In response to questions and recommendations from Vice Mayor Gilbert relative to this agenda item, Mr. Luster suggested that this issue be continued to allow staff additional time to analyze the signage proposal.

Mayor Brown requested that this item be continued to the August 4, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

- *e. North Harris and East Hermosa Vista Drive Street Improvements.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, Mr. Luster advised that the proposed street improvements will occur in two phases. Mr. Luster expressed the opinion that phase one, which consists of constructing street improvements on Harris Drive from Hermosa Vista Drive to Lynwood Street is critical. Mr. Luster questioned whether phase two, Hermosa Vista Drive from Harris Drive to a point approximately 1300 feet, is an appropriate use of City funds at this time.

Discussion ensued relative to speed humps on Harris Drive, staffs recommendation that both phase one and two street improvements should occur on Harris Drive, and the fact that the City has installed 'Stop' signs in the middle of the Harris/Lockwood intersection in an effort to enhance safety.

Mayor Brown and Councilmember Giles expressed the opinion that the contract for phase one street improvements occur but that phase two not be approved at this time.

Public Works Manager Harry Kent explained that the base bid covers the phase one street improvements and an alternate bid has been submitted for phase two. Mr. Kent added that the Council may approve the base bid only on this project for phase one street improvements.

- 5. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting July 21, 1997 as the date for the public hearing on these ordinances:

- *d. **Z97-25** The 800 through 1100 blocks of West Southern Avenue (south side). Site Plan Review (29+/- acres). This case involves a proposed retail power center and a concept for future hotel/office development.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer informed the Council that a letter has been received from Mr. Ralph Pew, an attorney representing the applicant, requesting that this case be continued to the July 21, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Brown stated that this item will be continued to the July 21, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

- 7. Consider the following ordinances:

- *a. Relating to general penalties; repealing Title 1, Chapter 26, Mesa City Code; amending Title 1, Mesa City Code, by adding a new Chapter 26.

In response to a request from Councilmember Kavanaugh, City Attorney Neal Beets provided the Council with a brief overview of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Beets explained that the basic purpose of the ordinance is to bring Mesa City Code into compliance with State law.

Mayor Brown stated that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda to allow discussion to occur.

- *b. Pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance, amending Section 11-1-6 by modifying the definition of communication tower; amending Section 11-13-2 pertaining to the approval of a Special Use Permit for a communication tower intended for commercial purposes; amending Section 11-14-3 pertaining to the design guidelines for building and roof mounted communications equipment; and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

In response to a question from City Manager Charles Luster, Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer discussed staff's recommendation relative to requiring that all communication towers in the future require use permits.

- *c. Annexing Guadalupe Road from Power Road to Hawes Road (23.9 acres), pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa County and the City of Mesa. (Case No. A97-2.)

Councilmember Payne requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda to allow Mesa citizen Bill Brando an opportunity to present remarks relative to this issue

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

- 9. Consider the following case from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinance:
 - a. **Z97-15**

Mr. Balmer informed the Council that this case requires a 3/4 vote for approval. Mr. Balmer referred to a packet of supplemental information distributed to the Council relative to this issue and responded to questions regarding the case. Mr. Balmer discussed ongoing efforts between the developer and neighbors to address concerns and arrive at a mutually agreeable solution to defined problematic areas.

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

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

- 6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Carried unanimously

WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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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 7th day of July 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24TH day of July, 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK