

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 15, 1998

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 June 15, 1998 at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Pauline Backer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Dennis Compton
Fred Conway
Linda Crocker
Bill Haney
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Frank Mizner

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Jan Strauss
Ursula Strehans
Jamie Warner
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Gualco
Doug McCarter
Kevin Theriot
Shirley Woolf
Others

Mayor Brown welcomed the citizens present to the meeting and advised that although the Youth Development Institute issue is not on the agenda for discussion, he will allow speakers an opportunity to provide input regarding this matter.

Mayor Brown assured the members of the audience that the Council is aware of their concerns.

1. Review items on the agenda for the June 15, 1998 Regular Council meeting.

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

5. Consider the following liquor license applications.

b. RAMNIK P. GANATRA, AGENT

Mayor Brown advised that this item has been put back on the Consent Agenda.

6. Consider the following contracts:

*1. Gilbert Road Wall and Cul-de-Sac Improvements, Southern to Broadway Roads.

Councilmember Hawker indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter currently under discussion which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and because of such conflict of interest he would refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner in connection with same.

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

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

h. Z98-34 - The northeast corner of University and Stapley Drive.

Planning Director Frank Mizner advised that a letter requesting a continuance to the July 20, 1998 Regular Council Meeting has been received from Ralph Pew, an attorney representing the applicant.

Mayor Brown advised that this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for continuance to the July 20, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

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

a. Adjustment Board meeting held June 2, 1998.

b. Design Review Board meeting held June 3, 1998.

c. Downtown Development Committee meeting held May 21, 1998.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Vice Mayor Giles that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, June 18, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Friday, June 18, 1998 – Finance Committee Meeting immediately following the Study Session

Wednesday, June 23, 1998, 3:00 p.m. – Utility Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 1998, 4:00 p.m. – Police Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – MEGACORP Annual Meeting

Friday, June 26, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Friday, June 26, 1998, Fire Committee Meeting immediately following the Study Session

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

- a. Hear from Doug McCarter regarding a proposed juvenile group home on North Alma School Road.

Mr. McCarter emphasized the importance of regulating juvenile group homes particularly in residential neighborhoods. Mr. McCarter stated the opinion that the members of the Council should work closely with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns in an effort to develop controls that will protect the citizens and the youth of the City of Mesa. Mr. McCarter urged the Council to initiate immediate steps to protect the quality of life that currently exists within the community.

- b. Hear from Kevin Theriot regarding the Youth Development Institute.

Mr. Theriot stated the opinion that youths who continue to demonstrate poor choices should suffer significant consequences in order to grow and learn. Mr. Theriot encouraged the Council to continue to be attentive to the concerns of the citizens and to initiate steps to protect the safety of the City's youth.

- c. Hear from Sabrina Gualco regarding the Youth Development Institute.

Ms. Gualco stated opposition to being placed in a position of having to live in a neighborhood with sex offender youths. Ms. Gualco stated the opinion that the Youth Development Institute is placing an unfair burden on the citizens within the neighborhood and requested that the Council initiate strong measures to protect the quality of life of its citizens and youth.

Mayor Brown announced that he would provide citizens in the audience an opportunity to present brief remarks relative to this issue.

Shirley Woolf informed the Council that the group homes were initially established for the purpose of placing mentally retarded youths back into neighborhoods and families to enable them to experience a sense of normalcy and provide increased opportunities. Ms. Woolf stated that although mentally retarded children do not have choices, youths who break the law do and should be held accountable for their actions.

Mayor Brown thanked the speakers for their input and stated that the Council is committed to

resolving citizens' concerns relative to this crucial issue.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:44 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 15th day of June 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK