

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 2000

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Special Council Meeting in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on June 1, 2000 at 9:15 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Neal Beets
Barbara Jones

1. Consider a resolution adopting a bond question and calling a special election on September 12, 2000. (See agenda item #4.)
2. Convene an executive session.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council enter into Executive Session.

Carried unanimously.

3. Executive session.
 - a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. (A.R.S. 38-431.03A(1))

4. Additional consideration of resolution adopting a bond question and calling a special election on September 12, 2000.

Mayor Brown reconvened the Special Council Meeting.

City Attorney Neal Beets presented for consideration four (4) proposed questions for the upcoming September 12, 2000 Special Bond Election and noted that the questions are suggestions which can be modified by Council.

Mr. Beets emphasized the fact that although the revised questions are more detailed with respect to the category of projects, the amount of funding requested in each of the four questions is significantly less than the amount that was previously requested and rejected by the voters at the March 14, 2000 Primary Election. Mr. Beets further commented that a number of ballot constraints exist which limit the total number of questions to a maximum of 3 or four, written in both English and Spanish. (See attachments).

Mr. Beets briefly outlined the four proposed questions, as follows:

Question # 1, \$18.8, to acquire land and interests in land to buy land for small, medium and large parks in the City and for recreational use. Mr. Beets explained that staff combined the Park Land acquisitions, including Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks and the District Park, which is to be developed on state land. Mr. Beets emphasized that the bond is simply to acquire the land; Question #2, \$13,025, to provide funds to construct, improve and renovate youth baseball/softball/soccer fields and park development and city-pool renovations; Question #3, \$6 million, to provide funds to construct and improve the existing Mesa City Court and City Prosecutor's building; and Question #4, \$4.4 million, to provide funds to construct and improve a path along the canal bank from McDowell Road to Granite Reef Dam.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that staff's recommendations be approved and the proposed four bond questions be placed on the ballot of the upcoming September 12, 2000 Special Bond Election to be held in conjunction with the Primary Election.

Councilmember Pomeroy expressed the opinion that Question #1 and Question #2 should be combined, and indicated that he would be voting against the proposed motion because of the manner in which the questions are currently posed.

Mayor Brown spoke in favor of the proposed four questions.

Mr. Beets stressed that the proposed four questions represent a template of ideas which may be modified to reflect the goals and desires of the Council.

Councilmember Jaffa expressed support for the proposed questions.

Councilmembers Kavanaugh and Davidson spoke in support of the motion. Councilmember Kavanaugh stressed the importance of evaluating the needs of the community and subsequently presenting those needs to the voters.

Upon tabulation of votes it showed:

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Special Council Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 1st day of June, 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