

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 1999

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 November 15, 1999 at 4:47 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
Kevin Adam
Don Ayers
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennan
Jo Cooper
Linda Crocker
Randy Fleischhauer
Jack Friedline
Joe Holmwood
Barbara Jones
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Rich Lorig
Jeff Martin
Tom Mattingly
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Ruth Anne Norris
Joe Padilla
Ellen Pence

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Jenny Sheppard
Walter Switzer
Jamie Warner
Kim West
Mindy White
Paul Wilson
Mike Woodward
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Lynn Kusy
Barrett Marson
Col. Bill Patton
David Rataczak
Carolyn Reidel
Col. John Rex
Beverly Selvage
Robbie Sherwood
Marilyn Wennerstrom
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the November 15, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

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:

7. Consider the following contracts:

- *e. Fremont and Mesa Junior High School Pool Renovation. City of Mesa Project No. 99-17.

In response to a question from Councilmember Davidson relative to the fact that the bid for this work came in higher than anticipated, Public Works Manager Jack Friedline stated that the building industry is extremely busy at this time and are demanding higher rates.

Councilmember Davidson commented on the fact that the paint on the Franklin School's indoor pool is badly chipped and in need of repair.

Vice Mayor Giles added that the Carson Pool also requires maintenance work.

Mr. Friedline indicated his intention to check on the status and maintenance requirements of the two pools.

- 8. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting December 6, 1999 as the date of the public hearing on these ordinances.

- *m. Relating to bathhouses, massage parlors and therapy centers; amending Chapter 12 Title 5 of the Mesa City code pertaining to massage therapists, massage establishments and off-premises massage; amending Section 5-12-1 through 5-12-6, 5-12-8 through 5-12-10, and 5-12-15; repealing 5-1-16; providing for applicability and an effective date, and establishing penalties for violations.

City Manager Charles Luster informed the Council that the Police Committee has recommended approval of the proposed revised ordinance. Mr. Luster advised that the industry is aware of the recommended revisions.

Councilmember Pomeroy, who serves as Chairman of the Police Committee, commented that the proposed revisions represent only a first step towards assisting the Police Department in their enforcement efforts. Councilmember Pomeroy said that he anticipates additional revisions in the future.

2. Hear from National Guard Adjutant General, David Rataczak, regarding present and future operations at Williams Gateway Airport.

David Rataczak, National Guard Adjutant General, Colonel John Rex and Colonel Bill Patton addressed the Council relative to present and future operations at Williams Gateway Airport. General Rataczak stated that the National Guard's deployment activities are occurring around the world and said that in response to complaints that have been generated regarding aircraft noise, the National Guard felt it appropriate to provide the citizens with an overview of exactly what activities are occurring.

Colonel Rex informed the Council that the 161st unit, which was originally a fighter unit, has been in existence for an extensive period of time. Colonel Rex said that the unit has been performing work in Kosovo and Turkey and reported that in March 2000, the unit will return to Turkey in support of the Iraqi "no fly" zone. Colonel Rex commented that the National Guard is being utilized on an increasingly frequent basis by the Air Force and stressed the importance of top notch training. Colonel Rex stated that the National Guard is aware of residential areas that exist around Williams Gateway Airport and said that they have worked with Lynn Kusy in an effort to adjust traffic patterns.

Colonel Patton addressed the Council and discussed air flights and the National Guard's efforts to ensure that their training generates minimal noise in the area. Colonel Patton referred to traffic pattern charts displayed

in the Council Chambers and noted that the National Guard is required to abide by Air Force standards for large aircraft.

Discussion ensued relative to efforts that have been initiated by the National Guard to reduce noise, including increasing the altitude of their planes from 2700 feet to 3100 feet, the fact that funding is based on hours of training, the fact that a minimum number of airports exist, which would meet the National Guard's requirements, the importance of traffic pattern efficiency, practice and engine failure testing, and the fact that when the City took over control of Williams Gateway Airport from the Air Force, the City requested that the site remain an operating airport and as such, anyone is allowed to utilize the site.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Giles relative to the possibility of prohibiting military use of the airport in the future if neighborhood support for that action reached certain levels, Lynn Kusy, Executive Director of Williams Gateway Airport, stated that the City cannot discriminate against a certain type of aircraft, such as National Guard units. Mr. Kusy added that the deed to the property makes specific reference to the fact that the City may not prohibit military aircraft from utilizing the airport.

Additional discussion ensued relative to density levels surrounding the airport, the National Guard's efforts to improve and quiet their plane engines, and their continuing willingness to work with the City of Mesa.

Mayor Brown thanked the speakers for their presentation and said that he hopes the residents in the area are aware of the fact that everyone involved is trying to work together to address concerns.

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

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held on October 21, 1999.
- b. Housing and Human Services Advisory Board meeting held October 26, 1999.
- c. Library Advisory Board meeting held November 2, 1999.
- d. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held October 27, 1999.
- e. Transportation Advisory Board meetings held October 19 and November 4, 1999.
- f. Joint Gen. Dev/P & Z and General Dev. Committee meetings held Oct. 27, 1999.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Wednesday, November 17, 1999, 4:30 p.m. - Ad Hoc Committee
Thursday, November 18, 1999, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session
Tuesday, November 23, 1999, 3:30 p.m. – Transportation Committee
Tuesday, November 23, 1999, Finance Committee Meeting – Immediately following the Transportation Committee Meeting.

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Prescheduled appearances will begin after the preceding scheduled agenda items, which should be about 5:30 p.m. There will be a maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

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

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:40 p.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 15th day of November 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK