

# COUNCIL MINUTES

November 1, 2004

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 1, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker  
Rex Griswold  
Kyle Jones  
Tom Rawles  
Janie Thom  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Debra Dollar  
Debbie Spinner  
Barbara Jones

### 1. Review items on the agenda for the November 1, 2004 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: 3, 5i, 5j, 5l, 9m, 9n, 9o, 9p (Hawker); 4a (Whalen)

Items removed from the consent agenda: 9a

### 2. Hear an update on the Mesa United Way activities.

Carol McCormack, President of Mesa United Way, expressed appreciation to the Council and City of Mesa employees for their generosity and ongoing support of the Mesa United Way. She introduced Campaign Chairman Denny Barney, Vice Mayor Walters, who is currently serving as Mesa United Way Board Chairman, and Kris Trojan, Campaign Director.

Mr. Barney highlighted the important role that the Mesa United Way plays in the recruitment of foster parents for abused and neglected children in the community and played a short videotape highlighting this endeavor.

Vice Mayor Walters commented that the Mesa United Way is a unique organization in that it not only conducts fundraising events, it also focuses its efforts on improving the community and the quality of life for Mesa residents. She thanked Ms. McCormack and Mr. Barney for their commitment and strong work ethic that they bring to the organization. Vice Mayor Walters

added that Mesa United Way's focus this year on foster care recruitment is a follow-up to the organization's Infant Brain Development program.

Ms. McCormack noted that the East Valley Tribune is currently in the process of producing the Mesa United Way's Annual Report and stated that the report would be distributed free of charge to approximately 110,000 households throughout the community.

Mayor Hawker thanked everyone for the presentation.

3. Discuss and consider providing direction on proposed League of Arizona Cities and Towns Legislative Resolutions.

Assistant to the City Manager Jim Huling reported that each year, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (LACT) conducts a resolution process whereby member agencies submit resolutions to be included in the next year's Municipal Policy Statement for the upcoming legislative session. He explained that the Policy Statement is based on two core principles: 1.) protection of State-shared revenues, and 2.) opposing any effort to erode local control and authority through preemptions and mandates.

Mr. Huling commented that in August, the proposed resolutions were discussed and received preliminary approval at the annual League Conference. He stated that staff has identified six resolutions wherein they have a different recommendation than Mayor Hawker. He noted that the positions have been categorized as neutral, supports or opposes. He requested input from the Councilmembers regarding those six items, as well as any other resolutions they may wish to discuss and consider.

Discussion ensued among the Councilmembers regarding Resolutions 3, 10, 13, 15, 16 and 21 and the following consensus was reached:

3. Annexation:

Mayor's Position: Opposes  
Staff's Position: Supports  
Council's Position: Opposes: Rawles-Thom-Whalen

10. Pay Day Lenders:

Mayor's Position: Opposes  
Staff's Position: Neutral  
Council's Position: Opposes: Rawles-Thom-Whalen; Neutral: Griswold-Jones-Walters

13. Seat Belt Primary Enforcement:

Mayor's Position: Opposes  
Staff's Position: Supports  
Council's Position: Opposes: Jones-Rawles-Thom-Whalen; Supports: Griswold: Neutral: Walters

15. Municipal Improvement Service Districts:

Mayor's Position: Neutral  
Staff's Position: Supports  
Council's Position: Opposes: Rawles-Thom; Supports: Griswold-Jones-Whalen; Neutral: Walters

16. Involuntary Property Acquisition Taxes:

Mayor's Position: Opposes  
Staff's Position: Neutral  
Council's Position: Opposes: Griswold-Jones-Rawles-Thom-Walters; Neutral: Whalen

21. Promotion of Affordable Housing:

Mayor's Position: Opposes  
Staff's Position: Neutral  
Council's Position: Opposes: Griswold-Jones-Rawles-Thom; Neutral: Walters-Whalen

Further discussion and consideration ensued among the Councilmembers regarding the following resolutions:

1. State Trust Lands:

Mayor's Position: Neutral  
Staff's Position: Neutral  
Council's Position: Neutral: Griswold-Jones-Walters-Whalen; Opposes: Rawles-Thom

12. Identity Disclosure Requirement:

Mayor's Position: Supports  
Staff's Position: Supports  
Council's Position: Opposes: Rawles-Thom; Supports (with certain language changes in Paragraph B of the Resolution): Griswold-Jones-Walters; Neutral: Whalen

14. Economic Development Tools:

Mayor's Position: Neutral  
Staff's Position: Neutral  
Council's Position: Opposes: Rawles-Thom; Supports: Griswold-Jones-Walters-Whalen

22. Housing Choice Voucher Program:

Mayor's Position: Neutral  
Staff's Position: Neutral  
Council's Position: Opposes: Rawles-Thom; Neutral: Griswold-Jones-Walters-Whalen

Mayor Hawker thanked Mr. Huling for his input.

4. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held October 21, 2004.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Walters, seconded by Councilmember Rawles, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Vice Mayor Walters	Presentation to Mayor Hawker of a check in the amount of \$737,000 from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Councilmember Jones	Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Mesa Fire Department
Councilmember Whalen	El Dia de los Muertos Celebration at the Mesa Southwest Museum

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Deputy City Manager Debra Dollar stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 4, 2004, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Wednesday, November 10, 2004, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Wednesday, November 10, 2004, 4:00 p.m. – Police Committee Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2004, TBA – Study Session

Monday, November 15, 2004, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2004, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, November 18, 2004, 9:30 a.m. – Fire Committee Meeting

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

8. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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