

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 25, 1996

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 October 25, 1996 at 7:46 a.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
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Tanya Collins
Fred Conway
Linda Crocker
Laurie Goggin
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Wayne Korinek
Keith Nath
Eric Norenberg
Ruth A.. Norris
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Denise Samuel
David Spaur
Debbie Vickman
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Clifford Harris
Dan Nowicki
Others

1. Hear an update and discuss the AmeriCorps programs.

Special Projects Coordinator Laurie Goggin provided the Council with a brief history of the AmeriCorps program and presented a video which highlighted the AmeriCorps objectives and accomplishments.

Ms. Goggin informed the Council that the City of Mesa is one of three cities nationwide selected to receive a grant for the AmeriCorps program in the Fall of 1994 and noted that this honor was the result of a community-wide effort to address issues of violence and to provide children and families with positive alternatives.

Discussion ensued relative to the positive impact of the AmeriCorps program on communities, primary objectives of the program, and agency involvement.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Goggin for her input.

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

a. Finance Committee Meeting - October 18, 1996

Mayor Brown pointed out a correction to the Finance Committee minutes. City Manager Charles Luster advised that the error was noted and indicated that the City Clerk's office would revise the minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Giles, that the above listed minutes be acknowledged as amended.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown discussed his attendance at a recent Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council Meeting and distributed a report and map highlighting proposed improvements to MAG's Freeway Program.

In response to a request from Mayor Brown, City Manager Charles Luster provided the Council with a brief update on proposed freeway program revisions.

Councilmember Stapley commented on a recent Maricopa Association of Governments Aviation Meeting he attended.

Councilmember Giles reported on an Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting he and Councilmember Kavanaugh attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, November 1, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session

Monday, November 4, 1996, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 1996, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session

Friday, November 8, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session

Mayor Brown recommended that the Council consider scheduling a series of meetings to receive input and discuss various options relative to the smoking ban in Mesa. Mayor Brown added that the meetings would be open to the public and would include all of the different parties who have been involved in the smoking issue. Mayor Brown commented on the appropriateness of proceeding with the proposed meetings in view of the fact that specific data is now available relative to the effects of the smoking ban on the business community.

Councilmember Payne indicated her support of the proposal.

Vice Mayor Gilbert concurred that the scheduling of meetings to discuss and address the diverse opinions of those involved in the smoking ban issue would be appropriate. Vice Mayor Gilbert added that due to the number of diverse opinions relative to this issue, the Council may consider soliciting the services of a facilitator to assist in the overall management of the meetings. Vice Mayor Gilbert stated the opinion that the Council should determine a list of specific goals to be accomplished as a result of the meetings.

Councilmember Giles stated that he supports the Mayor's recommendation and added that the meetings should be arranged as quickly as possible. Councilmember Giles suggested that the issue be addressed at a Council Policy or Study Session and that all public input relative to proposed amendments be accepted at that time.

Councilmember Kavanaugh also spoke in favor of the proposal and stressed the importance of proceeding with the meetings in a timely manner in order to capitalize on the various groups' willingness to discuss and attempt to arrive at a compromise relative to the smoking ban.

Mayor Brown thanked the Council for their input and encouraged the Council to forward additional comments and recommendations to him as quickly as possible. Mayor Brown noted his intention to expeditiously proceed with meetings to address this urgent issue.

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

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

6. Items from citizens present (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown stated that there were no items from citizens present.

7. Adjournment.

At 8:31 a.m. the meeting adjourned without objection and members of the Council participated in a tour of the HoHoKam Stadium project.

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 25th day of October, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of November 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK