

# COUNCIL MINUTES

December 3, 2001

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 December 3, 2001 at 4:45 p.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Hawker  
Jim Davidson  
Bill Jaffa  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Pat Pomeroy  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson  
Deborah Spinner  
Barbara Jones

### 1. Review items on the agenda for the December 3, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Mayor Hawker declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda items 4d (Falcon Field Airport Perimeter Road, City of Mesa Project No. 02-15), 4e (Solid Waste Building Remodel, City of Mesa Project No. 01-129) and 4i (Fire Station No. 202, City of Mesa Project No. 00-68) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in these items.

Vice Mayor Davidson declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda item 5b (Modifying the Electric Rate Schedules) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in this item.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 6a will be added to the consent agenda and that item 6c will be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda items 7a and 7b will be removed from the agenda for reintroduction at a subsequent meeting.

### 2. Hear a legislative update.

Assistant to the City Manager Jim Huling and Government Relations Assistant Kevin Adam addressed the Council regarding this agenda item.

Mr. Huling provided an overview regarding developments in the Special State Legislative Session called by Governor Hull on November 13, 2001 to address a \$675 million shortfall in the State's FY 2002 budget. Mr. Huling advised that included in the Governor's proposed cuts is a proposal to reduce State shared sales tax and income tax revenue by 4% for all Arizona cities with populations over 30,000. Mr. Huling noted that this proposal would impact Mesa by \$2.9 million during the current FY and by the same amount during FY 2002/03. Mr. Huling reported that in response to this proposal, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Legislative Council each issued opinions which stated that any reductions to State Shared Revenues would require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature. Mr. Huling further reported that bills subsequently adopted by the Senate do not include a reduction in State Shared Revenues.

Mr. Huling also commented on efforts by the House to address the shortfall, including a bill to reduce the amount of State shared sales tax and income tax revenue that is allocated to the five largest Arizona cities. He noted that this bill was overwhelmingly defeated. He also noted that Mesa's three Legislators opposed State Shared Revenue cuts. Mr. Huling added that Legislative deliberations regarding this issue are continuing and a resolution is not expected for at least another week.

Mr. Adam reported that one of the proposals being considered in the House would jeopardize Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) funds received by Mesa and other Maricopa County communities. He explained that LTAF funds are raised through Power Ball revenue and are distributed to Maricopa County communities to be used specifically for transportation. He added that Mesa uses these funds for transit operations.

Mayor Hawker thanked staff for the presentation and voiced appreciation for the support of Mesa's Legislators in this matter.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held November 15, 2001
- b. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held October 11, 2001.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Davidson, 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 Hawker and the Councilmembers commented on the overwhelming success of the Merry Main Street event and commended staff for their efforts in this matter, particularly the volunteers who contributed to the event.

Councilmember Pomeroy stressed the importance of adequately publicizing the event in the future.

Councilmember Kavanaugh stated that the event offered an opportunity to enjoy the artistry and talent of numerous arts and entertainment groups in Mesa. He also noted that there was significant enthusiasm demonstrated regarding the future Mesa Arts Center.

Councilmembers Jaffa and Walters spoke about their attendance at the Grand Opening of the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater and both opined that this establishment is an asset to Mesa.

Discussion ensued regarding the numerous successful reuses of former grocery stores.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 13, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, December 17, 2001, TBA – Study Session

Monday, December 17, 2001, 5:45 – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 20, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Mr. Hutchinson stated that staff would provide an update regarding the Multi-Purpose Facility issue at the December 13, 2001 Study Session.

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Study Session adjourn at 5:29 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2001. 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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