

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 4, 1997

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session following the Regular Council Meeting in the upper level of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on August 4, 1997 at 6:37 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

John Giles

POLICE OFFICER PRESENT

Scott Martin

OFFICERS PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Neal Beets
Barbara Jones

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Giles from the meeting.

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

Kirby Allan, 2043 East Hackamore, distributed a handout from an organization entitled 'The Brotherhood of Mesa' and commented on the issues of conditional privilege and the law of libel and slander.

Bill Brando, 61 South Macdonald, requested that the Council amend the City's sign code to provide increased flexibility to business owners located in the Town Center area. Mr. Brando expressed the opinion that the City's current sign regulations negatively impact downtown business owners.

Pat Johnston apologized for not being present to address his scheduled remarks at the preceding Study Session. Mr. Johnston informed the Council that a number of pawn shops in the City of Mesa are involved in the rental of XXX rated video tapes and requested that the City investigate this matter. Mr. Johnston also advised that the City of San Diego has banned tattoo parlors and spoke in opposition to the licensing of such businesses in Mesa.

In response to a question from Mr. Johnston, City Attorney Neal Beets provided a brief report on the status of the Video Update case.

Mayor Brown thanked the speakers for their input.

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2. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session following the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 following the Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 4th day of August 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of August 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK