

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 1, 1997

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 August 1, 1997, at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
Dennis Kavanaugh
Wayne Pomeroy

COUNCIL ABSENT

John Giles
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Pauline Backer
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Tanya Collins
Dennis Compton
Linda Crocker
Kim Fallbeck
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Sharon Joyce
Harry Kent
Peter Knudson
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Greg Marek
Tom Mattingly

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Paul Medlock
Keith Nath
Dave Nichols
Ruth Ann Norris
Ellen Pence
Bill Petrie
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Lois Underdah
Mindy White
Paul Wilson
Mark Woodward
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Nancy Barros
Victor Linoff
Chris Moeser
Dan Nowicki
Jim Passey
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmembers Giles, Payne and Stapley from the meeting.

1. Hear from a representative of the American Red Cross concerning services offered to the community.

Nancy Barros, Manager of the East Valley Service Center of the American Red Cross, presented the Council with a brief synopsis of the services provided by the American Red Cross.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that the organization provides transportation services for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities; furnishes medical and financial assistance to those in need; provides international family locating services; the diverse Language Bank operated by the Red Cross; disaster services; emergency communications to and from military families; a variety of health and safety services and youth programs and training.

Ms. Barros reported that youth services and programs are not presently funded and commented that all East Valley municipalities are being asked to provide funding for the creation of a Youth Services Coordinator position to administer youth programs. Ms. Barros emphasized the importance of providing youths with quality training and services.

Mayor Brown commented on the American Red Cross' broad-based group of volunteers and commended the organization on their service to the community. Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Barros for her presentation and requested that the city consider funding for this organization.

Ms. Barros expressed appreciation to the Council for providing her an opportunity to elaborate on the wide variety of services offered by the American Red Cross. Ms. Barros requested that the Council consider funding approval for the organization.

2. Further discussion and consideration of providing signs advertising City programs on refuse trucks.

City Manager Charles Luster advised that the estimated cost of providing signs on large refuse trucks to advertise solid waste programs is approximately \$20,000. Mr. Luster added that proposals to expand the advertising to include other City vehicles has also been recommended. Mr. Luster requested direction from the Council relative to this issue.

Councilmember Pomeroy expressed the opinion that the City of Mesa should take advantage of the opportunity to advertise City programs and stated support for the proposal.

Mayor Brown requested that staff place this item on the agenda of the August 4, 1997 Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

Vice Mayor Gilbert questioned whether alternative methods of advertising City programs, such as direct mail, should be explored. Vice Mayor Gilbert also discussed the possibility of developing standardized signs and staff-produced rather than outside purchased sign brackets. Vice Mayor Gilbert indicated that should the Council proceed with the proposal, he would be interested in readdressing the issue of bus and bus-shelter signage.

3. Further consideration concerning the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Mayor Brown requested that consideration of this agenda item be postponed to allow additional time to review the process and proposed ordinance.

It was the consensus of the Council present at the meeting that consideration of this item be postponed in response to the Mayor's request for additional time to analyze the proposed ordinance.

4. Consider appointments to various boards and committees.

Mayor Brown recommended the following appointment to boards and committees:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh, Chairman
Marty Whalen, member of the Municipal Development Corporation Board
Bernard Butts, member of the Crime Prevention Advisory Board
Wanda Kay, member of the Parks and Recreation Board
Dan Brock, member of the Planning and Zoning Board
Mike Hughes, member of the Mesa School Board
Reverend Bonnie Koppel, Temple Beth Sholom
Marianne Jennings, Director, Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics, ASU
Joanie Newth, former City Councilmember

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed.

Vice Mayor Gilbert commended Councilmember Kavanaugh on his efforts to develop the proposed list of appointees.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

- a. Traffic Safety Committee meeting held July 15, 1997.
- b. Special Council meeting held July 30, 1997.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that receipt of the minutes of the meetings of the above listed boards and committees be acknowledged.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

7. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, August 4, 1997, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 1997 - National Night Out

Monday, August 25, 1997, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Monday, September 8, 1997, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

(Mr. Luster discussed funeral services for Water Plant Electrical Specialist Dale Billingsley.)

8. Review items on the agenda for the August 4, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

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:

4. Consider the following contracts:

*I. Mesa Cemetery Expansion.

This project consists of installing site improvements on City owned land to expand the existing cemetery.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pomeroy, Public Works Manager Harry Kent advised that construction would commence approximately four to six weeks following the awarding of the contract.

Supervising Engineer Peter Knudson provided the Council with a brief overview of the proposed expansion.

Mayor Brown expressed concern relative to the use of chain link fencing, particularly in the cemetery expansion area adjacent to existing homes, and requested that alternative more substantial screening/fencing options be explored.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated the opinion that the planting of turf and trees and the construction of an irrigation system should be accelerated.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, City Manager Charles Luster recommended that the Council proceed with the current bid award. Mr. Luster added that staff will develop additional data in response to Council input on this issue for further discussion at a future meeting.

6. Consider the following resolutions:

*c. Extinguishing a portion of a public utility easement at 1520 East Elmwood.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Gilbert, City Attorney Neal Beets stated the opinion that the fact that Vice Mayor Gilbert is a neighbor of the applicant and was contacted by other neighbors relative to this issue, does not constitute a conflict of interest. Mr. Beets, in support of his opinion, added that Vice Mayor Gilbert will not benefit financially from the proposal.

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

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

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no items from citizens present at this time.

(In response to a request from Mayor Brown, Library Administrator Vince Anderson provided the Council with a brief update on the current expansion of the main Library.)

11. Adjournment.

The Council Study Session adjourned without objection at 8:29 a.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 1st day of August 1997. I further certify that the meeting was called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of August 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK