

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 18, 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 March 18, 1996 at 4:48 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Dale Johnson
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Kathy Barrett
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Dan Brewer
Fred Conway
Jack Friedline
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Karen Kille
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Frank Mizner
Ruth Anne Norris

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Regan Robbins
Sharon Seekins
John Smoyer
Kevin Snow
Mindy White
Ralph Wisz
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Deaton
Bill Ellars
Joanie Flatt
Ralph Pew
Others

1. Further discussion and consideration concerning scheduling and procedures for reviewing and adopting the updated General Plan.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer briefly provided background information concerning the General Plan Update process and outlined a proposed revised agenda for the General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting to be held Wednesday, March 20, 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mr. Balmer reported that a 15-minute presentation by Dave Wier, President of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, and others representing the Mesa business community has been included, since these individuals have not yet had an opportunity to appear before the Committee. Mr. Balmer stated that the presentation would be followed by Committee discussion concerning the overall General Plan.

Mr. Balmer spoke concerning difficulties associated with citizens repeatedly requesting to appear before the Committee and noted that various individuals have previously spoken to the Committee relative to particular zoning cases. Mr. Balmer expressed the opinion that such discussions should be presented to the Planning and Zoning Board and Council rather than the General Plan Advisory Committee.

Mr. Balmer reviewed the anticipated upcoming scheduled for the General Plan process, noting that an additional Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 1996 (if necessary). Mr. Balmer suggested that Council consider a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board in the near future.

Discussion ensued relative to the time frame for representatives of the business community to speak to the Advisory Committee at the March 20 meeting. Mayor Wong suggested that the time frame for presentation be expanded to 20 minutes.

Council and staff spoke regarding the role of the Advisory Committee and efforts to formulate recommendations. The Council commended the General Plan Advisory Committee for their work.

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

Mayor Wong advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended at this time.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, March 22, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session (followed by a tour of Northeast Mesa at 8 a.m.)

Thursday, March 28, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Utility Committee Meeting

4. Review items on the agenda for the March 18, 1996 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:

3. Conduct a public hearing concerning the F.Y. 1996/97 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Shelter Grant proposed projects.

Councilmembers suggested that additional discussion concerning priorities and Council's role relative to the CDBG, HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant programs be included in upcoming budget meetings.

14. Consider adopting the following ordinance for a previously approved zoning case:
- a. **Z96-4** 2500 East Southern Avenue. Rezone from R1-43 to O-S (1.6± acres). This case involves the modification of a single-residence structure to include a chiropractic office. Clarence Freestone, owner/applicant. **COUNCIL APPROVED THE REZONING REQUEST AT THE FEBRUARY 20, 1996 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. A 3/4 VOTE WAS REQUIRED.**

Mr. Balmer advised that the Planning and Zoning Board previously voted 6-1 to recommend denial of the proposed rezoning, with Boardmember Molina voting nay. Mr. Balmer reported that Council overturned the recommendation of the Board and approved the rezoning request at the February 20, 1996 City Council Meeting. Mr. Balmer stated that a corresponding ordinance was subsequently introduced and is currently before Council for adoption. Mr. Balmer commented that if the ordinance is not adopted, the rezoning will not occur.

5. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Vice Mayor Jensen, that the meeting adjourn at 5:29 P.M.

Carried unanimously.

WILLIE WONG, 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 18th day of March 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of April 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK