



COUNCIL MINUTES

August 8, 2002

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 8, 2002 at 8:25 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Hawker
Dennis Kavanaugh
Rex Griswold
Janie Thom
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Kyle Jones

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

(Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Jones from the meeting.)

1. Discuss and consider issues associated with the Multipurpose Facility.

City Attorney Debbie Spinner reported that the final agreement documents concerning this matter will be presented to the Council for consideration at the August 12, 2002 Special Council Meeting. She added that the various documents will be available for public inspection as soon as they are completed. She stated that although a number of conditions have changed since the parties involved in this project entered into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), staff has endeavored to ensure that the project remains at least revenue neutral for the City, pursuant to Council direction, and the final documents reflect this directive. Ms. Spinner added that the final documents also reflect significant efforts to address numerous neighborhood concerns raised during this process.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that staff will endeavor to ensure that copies of the final documents are made available to neighborhood leaders involved in this process; and the fact that copies of the final documents will be available for inspection in the Marketing and Communications Office, the City Clerk's Office and via the City's website (by noon on Friday, August 9, 2002).

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Kavanaugh relative to the projected revenues associated with this project, Ms. Spinner confirmed that it is probable that the post-MOU changes made to the agreement terms between the parties will result in a project that is actually "revenue positive" for the City.

Councilmember Whalen commented on the voluminous nature of the final documents and suggested that staff prepare and attach a "deal points" summary to the documents.

Ms. Spinner stated that with Council approval of the final documents on August 12th, the documents will be forwarded to the Tourism and Sports Authority (TSA) for consideration. She commented on the fact that pursuant to State law, the TSA must deliver final executed documents between their organization and the selected site to the Governor and Attorney General by 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2002. She added that it is anticipated that the TSA will announce its selection of the final site prior to this deadline.

Ms. Spinner commented on the referendum issue relative to this project, which will be on the September 10, 2002 Primary Election Ballot, and noted that this issue will appear on the back page of the ballot.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the State's September 10, 2002 Primary Election will proceed due to a stay recently issued by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in connection with a previous ruling voiding the State's open-primary law.

Mayor Hawker stated that citizens will be afforded the opportunity to address the Council concerning this issue at the August 12, 2002 Special Council Meeting.

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

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh commended the Baseline Rotary Club and the Downtown Mesa Rotary Club for their efforts in partnership with the Mesa Fire Department and the Maricopa County Public Health Department in connection with the "Shots for Tots" program. He reported that hundreds of Mesa children were recently vaccinated as a result of this program.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh also commented on a meeting he attended the previous evening together with Arts and Cultural Director Geri Gerber, Robert Brinton, Executive Director of the Mesa Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Jack Sellers, Vice President of the Sister City Association of Mesa. He reported that this group met with delegates from Poznan, Poland and that the possibility of a Sister City relationship between Mesa and Poznan was discussed. He noted that the Poznan delegates expressed significant interest in Mesa's Parks and Recreation programs, Arts and Cultural programs, Mesa Community College and Williams Gateway Airport. He stated the opinion that additional discussions concerning future exchanges will occur between the two cities.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, August 12, 2002, TBA – Study Session

Monday, August 12, 2002, 5:30 p.m. – Special Council Meeting

4. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

5. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

KENO HAWKER, 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 8th day of August 2002. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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