

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 1997

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the Superstition Room North at the Rendezvous Center, 263 North Center Street, on October 20, 1997 at 4:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Dan Brewer
Dennis Compton
Fred Conway
Tim Dougherty
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Karen Kille
Peter Knudson
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Regan Robbins
Doug Tessendorf
Debbie Vickman
Mindy White
Ralph Wisz
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Keno Hawker
Chris Moeser
Others

1. Hear a status report on the schedule for widening Gilbert Road from Southern Avenue to the Consolidated Canal.

Supervising Engineer Peter Knudson updated Council regarding the schedule for widening Gilbert Road from Southern Avenue to the Consolidated Canal. Mr. Knudson stated that a revised construction schedule is recommended relative to a lengthy public comment period and the relocation of utilities. Mr. Knudson advised that the construction of a barrier wall, cul-de-sacs and utility relocations would commence May 1998 and continue through November 1998. Mr. Knudson added that road widening construction would begin in March 1999 and be completed during October 1999. Mr. Knudson said that the proposed barrier wall would be identical in color to the barrier wall located on McKellips Road.

Discussion ensued relative to the extent of disruption to Gilbert Road during the first phase of construction, placing electrical lines underground, whether staff anticipates any difficulties

relative to utility or irrigation lines, and feedback received from citizens regarding the color choice on the McKellips Road barrier wall.

Vice Mayor Gilbert expressed satisfaction with the colors for the barrier wall located on McKellips Road and advised that, unless otherwise noted, identical colors would be utilized along Gilbert Road.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Gilbert, Mr. Knudson explained that insets for utility boxes would be incorporated into the Gilbert Road wall. Engineering Design Director Keith Nath advised that bids for the first phase of construction would be accepted during early spring 1998 and early 1999 for the second phase.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Knudson and Mr. Nath for the update.

2. Hear a preliminary report on widening Gilbert Road from north of McKellips Road to the Consolidated Canal.

Mr. Nath provided a brief overview of the Gilbert Road widening project from north of McKellips Road to the Consolidated Canal. Mr. Nath explained a proposal to widen Gilbert Road to six lanes with a raised median. Mr. Nath indicated that the proposed changes are consistent with the recent changes on Gilbert Road south of McKellips Road. Mr. Nath stated that the proposed schedule was developed to provide sufficient time for the City to complete the Gilbert Road widening project prior to Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) commencing construction of the Red Mountain Freeway at Gilbert Road. Mr. Nath emphasized that if approved, an alignment study would be completed in January 1999 and construction would commence during the summer of 1999, with completion of the project anticipated the following fall.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, Mr. Nath acknowledged that the construction on Gilbert Road from Southern Avenue to the Consolidated Canal would coincide with the construction on Gilbert Road from north of McKellips Road to the Consolidated Canal. Mr. Nath stated the opinion that the two projects are a sufficient distance apart to enable the construction of both projects simultaneously.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Nath and Mr. Knudson for the presentation.

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

a. Adjustment Board meeting held October 9, 1997

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Giles informed Council that he recently attended the annual McGruff Run and encouraged Council to attend future McGruff Runs.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, October 24, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Thursday, October 30, 1997, 4:00 p.m. - Fire Committee (Centennial Hall, Mesa Room)

Mr. Luster indicated that an open house will be held at the Superstition Police Substation on Wednesday, October 22, 1997, from Noon until 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Luster informed Council that a ceremony to commemorate the opening of the new segment of the Red Mountain Freeway will be held on Thursday, October 30, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

6. Review items on the agenda for the October 20, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the agenda items were reviewed by Council and staff, with no formal action taken. There was particular discussion with regard to the following agenda items:

4. Consider the following contracts.

- *j. Thirty-four ergonomic staff chairs and two conference tables as requested by the Library. These furnishings are part of the main library remodeling project.

Mayor Brown stated that at the request of a citizen, this item will be removed from the consent agenda.

5. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting November 3, 1997 as the date for the public hearing on these ordinances.

- *a. Establishing fees and charges for Foreign Trade Zone No. 221.

Mayor Brown stated that at the request of a citizen, this item will be removed from the consent agenda.

Vice Mayor Gilbert expressed the opinion that citizens should consult staff regarding agenda items prior to requesting that the item be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Pomeroy indicated his opposition to removing Item 5a from the consent agenda.

Mayor Brown concurred with Vice Mayor Gilbert and indicated that a proposal requiring that citizens speak with staff prior to requesting that an item be removed from the consent agenda should be discussed at a future Study Session.

6. Consider the following resolutions.
 - *b. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mesa and Electrical District No. 2 for the servicing and maintenance of the electrical facilities of the Pinal County Farms.
 - *c. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mesa and the County of Maricopa, through its Department of Elections, relating to Election Support Services.

Mayor Brown stated that at the request of a citizen, Items 6b and c will be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Kavanaugh suggested that staff provide a brief presentation on the items removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Brown concurred with Councilmember Kavanaugh and requested that staff provide a brief presentation at the October 20, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

8. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances.
 - a. **Z97-61** The 3600 through 4400 blocks of North Hawes Road (North 84th Street), both sides. Rezone from R1-90 to R1-90-DMP.

Mayor Brown stated that at the request of a citizen, this item will be removed from the consent agenda.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer informed Council that numerous applications have been received requesting approval of the development of subdivisions containing small lots.

- h. **Z97-82** 825 South Dobson Road (east side). Rezone from C-1 to C-2-BIZ (5.0± acres). This case involves the development of a 3-story, 222-room hotel. Bigelow Development Corporation, owner; Kevin Reis, applicant.

Councilmember Giles spoke regarding a letter received from the Convention and Visitors Bureau and requested that a representative of the Convention and Visitors Bureau provide additional information at the Regular Council Meeting.

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

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

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8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:15 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 of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on 20th day of October 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of November 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK