

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 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 May 10, 1996 at 7:31 A.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joan Payne
Dale Johnson

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Mayor-Elect Wayne Brown
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Fred Conway
John Geier
Ken Grey
Tyrone Howard
Mike Hutchinson
Janice Jackson
Harry Kent
Karen Kille
Wayne Korinek
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Frank Mizner
Joe Noce
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Sharon Seekins
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Brinton
Dan Nowicki
Randy Wood
Others

Mayor Wong excused Councilmembers Payne and Johnson from the meeting.

1. Hear and discuss a proposal for a Computer Aided Dispatch system for the Police and Fire Departments.

Purchasing Administrator Sharon Seekins reported that during the past year, several proposals for a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for the Police and Fire Departments have been obtained by the Purchasing Department and evaluated by a team of City employees. Ms. Seekins advised that staff endorses the unanimous recommendation of the evaluation team to accept a proposal from PSI International. Ms. Seekins stated that the proposal for the new CAD system is scheduled for Council consideration at the May 20, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

Ms. Seekins outlined the Request for Proposal process, noting that submittals were evaluated in five categories: a) general requirements (600 points), b) response format and organization (600 points), c) overall cost (1,800 points), d) technical requirements (3,000 points), and e) system specifications (6,000 points). Ms. Seekins stated that two of the six proposals originally received were eliminated when they did not meet mandatory minimum requirements. Ms. Seekins indicated that of the remaining four proposals, PSI International received the highest evaluated score (10,087 points out of a possible 12,000) and most completely and effectively meets the City's current and future requirements.

Ms. Seekins recognized members of the evaluation team present at the meeting and expressed appreciation to the team for their efforts.

Ms. Seekins informed Council that copies of the evaluation team's final report have been forwarded to the four vendors whose proposals were considered, each of whom has ten days to respond. Ms. Seekins said that no comments have been received to date.

Ms. Seekins estimated the cost of the recommended system at approximately \$8.86 million, to be financed over a five-year period. Ms. Seekins advised that the evaluation team has identified two additional costs associated with implementing the system and recommends including them in the overall cost of the project: \$500,000 to upgrade the infrastructure of the City's current computer network and one full-time employee to administer the system, beginning in Fiscal Year 1997-98. Ms. Seekins stated that the total estimated overall cost for the project is then \$9.36 million and one full-time employee.

Systems Analyst Ken Grey identified problems with the City's present CAD system and provided details pertaining to components of the proposed new system, including mobile computer terminals (MCT) and wireless radio infrastructure. Mr. Grey outlined benefits of the new system, such as a Windows-based (rather than DOS) operating system, mapping and automatic vehicle location (AVL) capabilities, geographically displayed information "flags," shorter response times (the CAD system will interface with the mapping and AVL systems to recommend the closest available unit based on the shortest travel time), flexibility, and decreased City liability.

Public Safety Communications Administrator Joe Noce advised that the evaluation team checked references for each of the vendors submitting proposals and visited various customer sites. Mr. Noce related examples of communities using similar CAD systems and positive comments expressed by organizations working with PSI International. Mr. Noce noted the importance of stable project management and explained how the proposed new system will operate.

Discussion ensued pertaining to dispatch services provided to outside communities and opportunities for cost recovery; upgrade ability as technology advances; system back-up, life expectancy, and payback; training; and primary uses for both the MCT's and the new pen-based laptop computers for Police officers.

Council congratulated the evaluation team for their work.

Ms. Seekins advised that a final report concerning the proposal for the new CAD system will be prepared following the close of the vendors' ten-day comment period.

2. Further discussion and consideration of smoking regulations imposed by Proposition 200.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that Councilmember Johnson had requested review of this item but was unable to attend today's meeting.

Councilmember Gilbert expressed the opinion that modifications to Proposition 200 may be appropriate at some time in the future but cautioned against immediate changes to a measure approved by voters. Councilmember Gilbert suggested that additional input be received from the business community.

Councilmember Boyd noted that the Proposition was not instituted by the City but was approved by citizens at the recent Primary/Special Election. Councilmember Boyd spoke in favor of public discussion concerning the matter and recommended that written documentation be provided prior to Council consideration.

Councilmember Stapley advised that Proposition 200 was approved by a wide margin and commented that it may not be prudent for Council to propose changes at this time. Councilmember Stapley recommended that Dr. Harris, a proponent of the measure, be included in discussions.

Vice Mayor Jensen expressed the opinion that revisions would be premature at this time.

Mayor Wong stated support of a one-year evaluation period before considering any modifications.

Mayor-Elect Brown said that he would be reluctant to initiate changes to the measure at this time.

Councilmember-Elect Kavanaugh spoke concerning potential effects of Proposition 200 on the livelihood of individual businesses and the issue of fairness in applying for a variance. Councilmember-Elect Kavanaugh expressed concern that many businesses may be forfeited should Council wait a year to consider modifications.

Councilmember-Elect Giles stated a willingness to review the measure at some point in the future in an effort to clarify the language.

City Attorney Neal Beets provided a summary of a lawsuit filed by Bill Brando challenging the constitutionality of Proposition 200.

In response to a question from Mr. Luster, Council indicated that staff should not prepare any immediate changes to Proposition 200.

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

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

4. Scheduling; of meetings and general information.

Mr. Luster stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 15, 1996 - Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 1996 - Joint Utility/Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, May 17, 1996 - Study Session

Wednesday, May 22, 1996 - Study Session (in lieu of Friday, May 24, 1996)

Robert Brinton, Executive Director of the Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented a framed picture to Council on behalf of the Super Bowl Host Committee in appreciation of Mesa's support of the Super Bowl.

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker.)

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

6. Items from citizens present. (Maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker.)

There were no items from citizens present.

7. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the Study Session adjourn at 9:18 A.M.

Carried unanimously.

WILLIE WONG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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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 10th day of May, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK