

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 17, 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 October 17, 2002 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

1. Review items on the agenda for the October 21, 2002 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

The following conflicts of interest were declared: Councilmember Griswold, Item 3e.
Councilmember Whalen, Items 3f, 11a, 11b.

The following items were placed on the consent agenda: None.

The following items were removed from the consent agenda: Item 6e (Mayor Hawker)

2. Further review and consideration regarding City Council priorities.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson presented a brief overview of this agenda item and provided a synopsis of the priorities set forth by Council at the 2002 City Council Retreat. (See Attachment.) Mr. Hutchinson requested Council direction in determining areas of concern to focus City resources on in addition to the issues that have already been identified as top priorities.

Discussion ensued relative to redevelopment code requirements and fees, expediting the permit process in order to become more user friendly, infill issues, attracting economic development to Mesa as well as encouraging economic growth among existing businesses, the development of a more realistic five year capital plan, use permit requirements, integrating services for

neighborhoods, and providing more youth/family oriented recreation to the community. Mr. Hutchinson advised that Staff will develop an action plan that will be provided to Council as well as periodic updates throughout the year.

3. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Hawker recommended the following appointments to Boards and Committees:

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Tara McCollom Plese Term ending June 30, 2003.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Walters, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendation and the appointment be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

4. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held October 8, 2002.
- b. Judicial Advisory Board meeting held October 2, 2002.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

The following members of the Council provided brief updates on various meetings/conferences they attended as follows:

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| Vice Mayor Kavanaugh: | Neighborhood Awards Conference |
| Councilmember Walters: | Meeting with three neighborhood groups; commented on upcoming Latino Town Hall |
| Councilmember Thom: | Meeting with a homeowners association and Gang Conference |

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, October 21, 2002, 2:30 p.m. – General Development Committee

Monday, October 21, 2002 – Study Session and Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, October 24, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – Transportation Committee

Thursday, October 31, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

8. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:20 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 17th day of October 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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Attachment

**Mesa City Council Retreat Results Prioritized
September 19, 2002**

| Issues for the next ear | # Of votes |
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| Create the ability to do a financial forecasting model. Are we sustainable? If not, identify ways to make us financially sustainable. Use the model for future financial projections. | 5 votes |
| Build the Aquatics Center | 4 votes |
| Mesa transportation election to provide adequate dedicated funding for transportation | 4 votes |
| Continue the focus on Williams Gatewa | 3 votes |
| Convene a group of citizens and financial gurus to bring options forward for financing government. Put everything on the table (assets, debt). Create a public dialogue and a means of gleaning ideas. Need people who have the stewardship of the City in mind. Lots of representation from the Council. | 3 votes |
| Project Best City - live, work and la within a 20 minute commute | 3 votes |
| Get bus routes to the level the were or greater | 3 votes |
| Examine all of our programs for efficienc and efficacy. | 2 votes |
| Identify the essential-functions of City government and fund them fully. Identify the non-essential functions and eliminate or combine them with somethin else. Prioritize lists in this manner. | 2 votes |
| Street Maintenance and repair | 2 votes |
| Make the planning, zoning and building permit process efficient and user friendl | 2 votes |
| Outline in writing the strategies we use to make neighborhoods Safe and prevent decline, education of the Council and the public | 2 votes |
| Encourage a redevelopment versus development | 2 votes |
| Day labor issue | 2 votes |
| Start getting property and prepare for a station at the end of the Light rail transit line | 2 votes |
| Re-evaluate the use of photo radar and red light cameras | 1 vote |
| Re-examine redevelopment districts and eminent domain | 1 vote |
| Getting more neighborhoods organized | 1 vote |
| Do something in the Broadway corridor to promote the changing cultures - make it something positive | 1 vote |
| Identify what to do with Mesa's image without the budget dollars | 1 vote |
| Create a customer service attitude throughout the City rather than A Big Brother approach | 1 vote |

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Issues with no votes

| Issues | Comment |
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| Examine grant-funded programs. When the grants expire, decide if we incorporate the programs into the City budget. | Ongoing review will be conducted. |
| Where are we with impact fees? Look at retention basin impact fees. | Annual review is scheduled. |
| Create a more realistic five-year capital plan with A, B and C priority projects identified. | |
| Grow fund balances | To be considered as part of Financial Review. |
| Initiate discussions with the railroad on right of way for future rail from Gateway to west Mesa. Also, include a discussion of whether or not to have elevated rail. | Ongoing as part of Transportation Planning. |
| Road construction efficiency - how to build roads fast and effectively | Transportation Committee to consider report November 2002. |
| Prioritize how the transportation plan will be implemented | Ongoing annual review. |
| Widen the streets - | Ongoing review. |
| Continue the focus on Falcon | Economic Development Master Plan in progress. |
| Need training as Councilmember on how to be an ambassador for economic development | |
| Need an upscale hotel in with Gateway and Falcon, need an understanding of what it takes to get one | |
| Feedback in utility bills - Have you done business in Mesa lately? | |
| Expand our film industry in Mesa | |
| Foster linkage between the City and the education community for job development | Ongoing as part of the Office of Economic Development's activities. |
| Phase in code requirements for redevelopment. | |
| Go after some youth/family entertainment venue in the community | |
| Relax requirements for remodels | |
| Stimulate economic development by reducing utility rates | |
| Integrate services for neighborhoods or have better coordination so neighborhoods are getting the whole picture of what is available to them | Will be incorporated into Neighborhood Outreach activities. |
| Be more supportive when there are efforts by organized groups | |
| Want to know when Neighborhood Outreach is going door to door because I might want to go along | Will be incorporated into Neighborhood Outreach activities. |
| Council advocate issues to the public | |
| Understanding Mesa's water issues on a regional basis – What water rights do we have? | Updates to be provided. |
| Look at Council use permits for thrift stores | |
| Go in to a total mail-in election | Ongoing review. |
| Report on training and re-training, what are the requirements? | Update to be provided. |
| Ability for CNG refueling at the Police Precinct stations | Will review with Capital Improvement Program. |

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| The City has retention basins as available land. How can they be used as youth activi areas? | Ongoing study. |
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