

# COUNCIL MINUTES

June 17, 2004

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 June 17, 2004 at 7:30 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker  
Rex Griswold  
Kyle Jones  
Tom Rawles  
Janie Thom  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson  
Debbie Spinner  
Barbara Jones

Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Whalen from the remainder of the meeting at 8:38 a.m. following the discussion of agenda item 3.

### 1. Review items on the agenda for the June 21, 2004 Regular Council meeting.

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

Conflicts of interest declared: 6c, 6g, 9g (Griswold); 7l, 7m, 7n (Hawker)

Items removed from the consent agenda: 9h, 9j, and 13d

Items added to the consent agenda: None

### 2. Discuss and consider FY 2004-05 budget issues.

Budget Director Jamie Warner summarized the changes from the tentative budget to the final budget (see Attachment 1) as follows:

- The carryover and re-budget amounts are identified.
- The actual figures for May have been included in the current year-end estimate.
- The operating budget reflects a 6.5% increase over the 2003-04 budget.
- The overall budget, including bonds, reflects a 5.9% increase over the 2003-04 budget.

Vice Mayor Walters expressed concern that “enterprise revenues” may be interpreted as “spendable dollars” when in fact expenses, particularly for utilities, offset revenues. She suggested that more specific detail be included so that the reader is aware of the expenses that offset enterprise revenues.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rawles, Mr. Warner explained that State Statutes require that the City’s budget not exceed the total approved amount, but he added that the City is allowed to adjust the budgeted dollars among the various programs. He further explained that programs that reflect increased amounts from the tentative budget now include the “re-budget” amounts that are carried over from the previous year.

Councilmember Thom advised that she was satisfied with the adjustments made to the proposed budget. She also complimented the Financial Services staff for their job performance, and she stated that she is pleased with the budget that is being presented for Council approval.

Councilmember Whalen advised that the Hohokam Foundation provides grants to various youth sports-related groups in the community. He stated that the Foundation funded the Taft Elementary after-school program last year, and that this year the group is considering funding the “Making Waves Program,” which provides swimming lessons for children whose families are unable to afford lessons.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that the “Making Waves Program” funds swimming lessons for approximately 300 children each year; that the Hohokam Foundation is being asked to increase their funding in the coming year from \$3,000 to \$5,000; that staff has direction from the Council to fund the Taft Elementary after-school program; that a partnership exists between the City and the Hohokam organization; that staff is initiating discussions with Southwest Ambulance regarding their continued support for swimming programs; and that staff would attempt to coordinate the efforts of the Hohokam Foundation and Southwest Ambulance relative to funding swimming programs for children.

Mayor Hawker thanked staff for the presentation.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held May 20, 2004.
- b. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held May 4, 2004.
- c. General Development Committee meeting held May 20, 2004.
- d. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held May 13, 2004.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Hawker:	Housing Task Force Meeting at the State Capitol.
Vice Mayor Walters:	Lehi Community Involvement Association Meeting Event honoring retiring Arizona State University East Provost Chuck Backus. Regional Public Transportation Authority Board Meeting.
Councilmember Griswold:	Tour of Talley Defense Systems Plant. Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony.
Councilmember Thom:	Event honoring retiring Arizona State University East Provost Chuck Backus.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, June 21, 2004, TBA – Executive Session

Monday, June 21, 2004, TBA – Study Session

Monday, June 21, 2004, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2004, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, July 1, 2004, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, July 6, 2004, TBA – Study Session

Monday, July 6, 2004, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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Attachment