

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 8, 1998

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 September 8, 1998 at 4:53 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Jim Davidson
John Giles
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Lin Adams
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Tanya Collins
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Ron Krosting
Karen Kurtz
Frank Mizner
Ellen Pence
Les Portee
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
Jan Strauss
Ursula Strehpens
Doug Tessorf
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Finlinson
Robbie Sherwood
Others

Vice Mayor Giles excused Mayor Brown and Councilmember Pomeroy from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the September 8, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

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

7. Consider the following ordinances:

- *c. **A98-4** The proposed annexation of an area around the southeast corner of Elliot and Power (154 +/- acres). Initiated by property owner.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that the applicant has requested that this case be continued to the September 22, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

Vice Mayor Giles stated that this case will be continued to the September 22, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

9. Consider approving the award of a contract for Council districting services to National Demographics Corporation.

In response to questions from Councilmember Hawker, Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Martin advised that staff is requesting that the proposed citizen kits be prepared earlier than indicated in the contract proposal and added that a number of questions relative to Spanish translation issues remain to be addressed.

Mr. Martin noted that a significant amount of work associated with the Districting process will be carried out by City staff and said that the consultant will provide assistance in the preparation of maps, compilation of data, and a variety of other duties.

Vice Mayor Giles requested that Mr. Martin provide a brief overview of this agenda item at the Regular Council Meeting.

- 9.1. Consider the following recommendation from the Transportation Committee:

- *a. Recommend approving an alternative color scheme for the walls along Gilbert Road from Southern Avenue to Main Street.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Vice Mayor Giles advised that he received samples of paint selections from staff and has forwarded the samples on to the property owners who have expressed concerns regarding the initially proposed paint colors for the walls. Vice Mayor Giles clarified that the Council action relative to this agenda item will involve approving the selection of an alternative color scheme and added that the actual color will be determined at a later date.

Councilmember Hawker emphasized that the City of Mesa will not be repainting the walls along McKellips Road.

- 9.2 Consider the following recommendation from the Police Committee:

- *a. Recommend approving the proposed tattoo removal program proposed by the Gang Prevention Steering Committee.

In response to questions from Councilmember Davidson, Police Commander Lin Adams briefly outlined the responsibilities of program participants and reported that a similar program has been successfully implemented by the City of Phoenix. Commander Adams noted that it may take as long as nine months to remove a single tattoo.

10. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances:

- *a. **Z98-62** The 2800 through 4400 blocks of North Power road (east side) east of the CAP Canal, and the 7000 through 7500 blocks of East McDowell Road (both sides).

Councilmember Jaffa requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

2. Hear a report on the 1998 Pay Program.

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was continued to the Thursday, September 10, 1998 Study/Policy Session.

3. Appointments to boards and committees.

Vice Mayor Giles recommended the following appointment to boards and committees:

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

KATHYE BROWN

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of approving the appointment and stated that Ms. Brown has attended all of the meetings and has considerable knowledge of the Committee's goals and responsibilities.

Councilmember Jaffa emphasized the importance of appointing a diverse range of City residents to the various boards and committees.

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

Vice Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

- a. Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics meeting held August 6, 1998.
- b. Library Advisory Board meeting held September 1, 1998.

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

Vice Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Vice Mayor Giles advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, September 10, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Policy/Study Session

Thursday, September 17, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Thursday, September 17, 1998 – Fire Committee Meeting – Immediately following the Study Session

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

Vice Mayor Giles advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

JOHN GILES, VICE 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 September 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK