

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 20, 2000

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 November 20, 2000, at 4:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Jim Davidson
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Bill Jaffa

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Neal Beets
Barbara Jones

Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Jaffa from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the November 20 regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed by Council and staff with no formal action taken.

2. Discuss and consider changes to the time limits for citizen input at City Council meetings.

Mayor Hawker stated that at a recent City Council meeting, a citizen who was representing the interests of a homeowners association requested to speak for ten minutes as opposed to the usual three-minute time limit and was denied the opportunity which, in turn, has resulted in confusion regarding the discretion of the Mayor to render such decisions. Mayor Hawker advised that he is seeking direction from the Councilmembers relative to this issue.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of the three-minute time limit for citizen input and also suggested that staff redesign the "Request to Address the City Council" forms to more clearly define the City's practice relative to this matter. Councilmember Kavanaugh added that it would be helpful if the form contained a line that would alert the Mayor if the speaker desired to address the Council for more than the three-minute time limit and the Mayor could exercise his discretion whether or not to allow it.

Councilmember Pomeroy expressed the opinion that it should be at the discretion of the Mayor to allow or not allow a citizen to speak for ten minutes.

Councilmember Walters concurred with Councilmember Pomeroy's comments.

Mayor Hawker advised that he supports a three-minute time limit and will utilize his discretion to increase the time if an individual is representing a citizen group.

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

- a. Crime Prevention Advisory Board meeting held November 15.
- b. Finance Committee meeting held November 16.
- c. General Development Committee meeting held November 2.
- d. Transportation Committee meeting held October 12.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Hawker-Davidson-Kavanaugh-Pomeroy-Walters-Whalen
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Jaffa

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Councilmember Walters and Vice Mayor Davidson reported on their recent attendance at a dinner and award ceremony sponsored by the MARC Center.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Tuesday, November 28, 2000, 6:00 p.m. – Dinner with Chandler City Council

Thursday, November 30, 2000, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, November 30, 2000, 9:30 a.m. – Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2000, TBA – Study Session

Monday, December 4, 2000, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2000, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session (CANCELLED)

Thursday, December 14, 2000, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, December 18, 2000, TBA – Study Session

Monday, December 18, 2000, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:33 p.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 20th day of November, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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