

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2, 2001

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 April 2, 2001 at 4:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 2, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was discussion relative to a number of items on the agenda, including:

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 4a will be added to the consent agenda.

Mayor Hawker declared potential conflicts of interest on agenda items 4i (Turner Ranch Reservoir Disassembly, Removal and Disposal) and 4k (East Mesa Service Center Laundry Facility for the City of Mesa Fire Department) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in these items.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 7c will be removed from the consent agenda.

Vice Mayor Davidson declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda item 9.1a (Approving staff's recommendation relative to the establishment of a new City policy regarding joint/shared trenching for public utility providers be approved) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in this item.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 9.1a will be added to the consent agenda for continuance on May 7, 2001.

Discussion ensued regarding advising the public when to submit *Requests to Address the City Council* (speaker slips) and the importance of receiving the speaker slips prior to voting on the consent agenda.

Mayor Hawker requested that City Clerk Barbara Jones prepare an introduction to be read at the beginning of Council meetings that outlines the meeting format for the public and provides instructions regarding speaker slips.

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

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held March 15, 2001.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh reported on a meeting he attended on April 2, 2001 with representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Principal and parent representatives from the Washington School regarding anticipated impacts on the school as a result of widening of US 60 through Mesa. Councilmember Kavanaugh stated that ADOT was responsive to concerns that were voiced and pledged to continue working with the City, the Washington School and the neighborhood regarding the timing of the project. He added that ADOT expects to award their contract on approximately May 18, 2001, with construction to commence approximately 20 days later.

In response to a question from Mayor Hawker regarding completion of the project, Councilmember Kavanaugh explained that the contract low bidder has projected completion of the project in approximately two years.

Vice Mayor Davidson reported that he and Councilmember Walters attended a Mesa Service Learning project event to honor high school clubs and service organizations for their community service. Vice Mayor Davidson stated that he is impressed with Mesa's student participation in community service organizations and he expressed appreciation to Recreation Coordinator Marc Beasley for his participation in the event.

Vice Mayor Davidson said that he participated in the recent statewide Special Olympics event hosted by the City of Mesa at Red Mountain High School. He voiced appreciation for being invited to participate in the event and thanked the Mesa School District for providing their facilities for this event.

Vice Mayor Davidson also commented on the Cesar Chavez festival he attended on April 1, 2001 at Pioneer Park and expressed appreciation to Mayor Hawker for his participation in the event.

Mayor Hawker reported that in addition to participating in Mesa's Cesar Chavez' festival, he also attended an event honoring Cesar Chavez in Chandler on March 30, 2001 and stated that it was also an important event honoring the Hispanic community.

Mayor Hawker invited everyone to participate in the Mayor's Bike Ride on April 4, 2001, 7:00 a.m., at Centennial Hall.

Councilmember Walters reported on an event she attended on March 31, 2001 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the HoHoKams in Mesa. She added that Mayor Hawker and Councilmember Whalen also attended the celebration, which recognized the important contributions made by the HoHoKams in bringing the Chicago Cubs and spring training to Mesa. Councilmember Walters voiced appreciation to the HoHoKams for their service to Mesa.

Councilmember Walters also spoke about the Mesa Service Learning event she attended with Vice Mayor Davidson at Mesa High School and voiced appreciation for the quality of Mesa's youth. She also stated appreciation for the strong partnership between the City and the Mesa School District and commended officials at Mesa Public Schools for their efforts in this regard.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, April 5, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, April 9, 2001, 3:00 p.m. – General Development Committee

Thursday, April 12, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, April 16, 2001, TBA – Study Session

Monday, April 16, 2001, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Tuesday, April 24, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast Meeting with Mesa School Board at Mesa Bank Building

Mayor Hawker reported a meeting of Mesa officials and Williams Gateway area property owners on Thursday, April 5, 2001, 7:30 a.m., in the new terminal at Williams Gateway Airport.

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no items from citizens present.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

KENO HAWKER, 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 2nd day of April, 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2001.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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