

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 3, 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 April 3, 1998 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Claudia Walters

COUNCIL ABSENT

Wayne Brown

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Keno Hawker
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Pauline Backer
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Mike Claspell
Dennis Compton
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Bob DeLeon
Kim Fallbeck
Jack Friedline
John Gendron
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Larry Lines

STAFF PRESENT (CONT)

Tom Mattingly
Frank Mizner
Ruth Ann Norris
Ellen Pence
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Kathleen Savagian
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
John Smoyer
Bob White
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Jaffa
Robbie Sherwood
Others

Vice Mayor Gilbert excused Mayor Brown from the meeting and Councilmember Payne from the beginning of the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 6, 1998 Regular Council meeting.

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

4. Consider the following contracts:

- *o. TimeOut community service magazines as requested by the Community Services Department.

Mayor Brown advised that in response to a citizen request, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

*r. Southeast Water Reclamation Plant Expansion Project No. 96-09.

Vice Mayor Gilbert requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda to allow staff an opportunity to highlight a brief presentation on the proposed expansion project.

Mayor Brown stated that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

6. Consider the following resolutions:

- *a. Authorizing the city Manager to execute documents to apply for funding for CDBG/HOME/ESG Projects (Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Emergency Shelter Grant) for FY 1998-99.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer informed the Council that a letter has been distributed by a group of neighbors who are concerned that the possible location of the Tri-City Behavioral Health Center in the neighborhood may negatively impact the area. Mr. Balmer discussed staff's opinion that the proposed purchase of the property and sale to the Tri-City Behavioral Health Center remain in the program and expressed the opinion that the location of the Center will not have an adverse affect on the neighborhood.

Councilmember Walters advised that she attended a neighborhood meeting and was impressed with the neighbors' willingness to arrive at a mutual solution to the problem. Councilmember Walters commended City staff and Building a Healthier Mesa participants for their efforts.

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 - *a.) Proposed increases in the City of Mesa cemetery fees;
 - *b.) Proposed increases in golf cart fees;
 - *c.) Proposed increases in selected parks and recreation programs and services.

Councilmember Payne requested that agenda items 8 a, b and c be removed from the Consent Agenda.

*8.1 Proposed fee increases in theater and room rentals at the Mesa Arts Center.

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

Vice Mayor Gilbert advised that agenda items 8 a, b and c and 8.1 will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

2. Further discussion of pool fence ordinance.

Councilmember Giles advised that he has had an opportunity to meet with staff relative to the proposed amendments to the pool fence ordinance and is now prepared to support the ordinance. Councilmember Giles expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Gilbert directed staff to place this item on the Consent Agenda for introduction at the April 6, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

3. Discuss and consider a proposed expansion of the Green Waste Barrel Program.

Solid Waste and Facilities Director Jack Friedline presented the Council with a brief overview of a proposed expansion of the Green Waste Barrel Program. Mr. Friedline

advised that staff is proposing to begin City-wide implementation of the Green Waste Program immediately, beginning with the completion of the southwest portion of Mesa where the pilot program was developed and continuing until complete implementation in February of 1999.

Discussion ensued relative to phased participation and the Dobson Ranch pilot program; proposed routes; the fact that green barrel deliveries to the Salt River landfill will begin next week; tonnage levels; and the fact that the \$2.50 participation fee covers all of the direct costs.

Mr. Friedline noted that the collection schedule will be the same as the blue barrel collection schedule with pickups occurring on Mondays.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commented that a number of citizens have approached him relative to the expanded program and stated that he supports staff's recommendations.

Councilmember Walters discussed the positive benefits of the program's voluntary nature and stated the opinion that compliance levels will be high.

Vice Mayor Gilbert expressed appreciation to Mr. Friedline for his input and continuing efforts.

4. Discuss the City of Glendale's Citizen Participation Ordinance.

Councilmember Kavanaugh advised that an article in the newspaper relative to the City of Glendale's Citizen Participation Ordinance prompted him to request that staff obtain background information and study materials relative to this issue. Councilmember Kavanaugh noted that the ordinance requires added, mandatory participation and communication prior to the submission of certain types of development issues to the City Council and Planning and Zoning staff.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of adopting a similar ordinance in Mesa and commented that the Mandatory Citizen Participation Ordinance serves to diffuse anger, ensures the dissemination of accurate and appropriate information and eliminates the submission of mis-information. Councilmember Kavanaugh added that a similar ordinance would allow City staff to work closer with the neighbors and serve to eliminate discord and distrust.

Planning Director Frank Mizner informed the Council that the City of Glendale's Citizen Participation Ordinance was developed as a possible method of eliminating contentious zoning meetings. Mr. Mizner noted that staff's involvement has been limited to researching the ordinance and added that staff has not prepared a recommendation relative to this agenda item.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer distributed a report containing a comparison of staffing levels among neighboring Planning and Zoning departments and briefly discussed proposed increases in staffing levels that would be required in order to effectively implement a similar ordinance in Mesa.

Councilmember Giles indicated that he supports the adoption of a Mandatory Citizen Participation Ordinance in Mesa and stated that the proposal may serve to ease levels of distrust in government which exist today.

Councilmember Walters also noted support for the proposal and commented on the positive benefits of participation and communication.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated that he supports the development of a similar ordinance and encouraged staff to meet with homeowner associations to discuss this proposal.

5. Consider appointments to boards and committees.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated that the Mayor has recommended the following appointment:

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD

Judge Cecil Patterson, Arizona Court of Appeals - To fill unexpired term of Justice Ruth A. McGregor. Term to expire June 30, 1999.

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

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

6. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Crime Prevention Advisory Board meeting held March 18.
- b. Design Review Board meeting held March 18.
- c. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held March 26.
- d. Traffic Safety Committee meeting held March 17.

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Walters, that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

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

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

Vice Mayor Gilbert briefly discussed his attendance at a "Can Do" neighborhood meeting.

8. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, April 6, 1998, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Transportation Committee Meeting

Friday, April 10, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

9. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

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

10. Items from citizens present (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

Vice Mayor Gilbert advised that there were no items from citizens present.

11. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the Study Session adjourn at 8:13 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

PAT GILBERT, 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 3rd day of April 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