

# COUNCIL MINUTES

October 19, 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 October 19, 1998 at 7:30 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown  
Jim Davidson  
John Giles  
Keno Hawker  
Bill Jaffa  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Pat Pomeroy

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Wayne Balmer  
Neal Beets  
Denise Bleyle  
Dennis Compton  
Fred Conway  
Mark Coon  
Linda Crocker  
Glen Gorke  
Joe Holmwood  
Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Harry Kent  
Jeff Martin  
Keith Nath  
Ellen Pence  
Ray Pittman  
David Plumb  
Bryan Raines  
Andrea Rasizer  
Tom Remes  
Becky Richardson  
Sharon Seekins  
Jenny Sheppard  
John Smoyer  
Jan Strauss

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ursula Strehans  
Doug Tessorf  
Mike Whalen  
Mindy White  
Paul Wilson  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Brando  
Luule Brandofino  
Gary Finlinson  
Robbie Sherwood  
Others

### 01. Review items on the agenda for the October 19, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Recognition of community service performed by the students of Highland Elementary School, represented by Bill Taylor, Principal.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, Councilmember Jaffa advised that upon his request this item was placed on the agenda.

Mayor Brown requested that in the future Councilmember Jaffa review and follow the procedures that are currently in place for adding items to Council Meeting agendas.

9. Consider the following recommendations from the Finance Committee.
  - a. Adoption of Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 (unanimous) and amendments 5, 6, and 7 to the Schedule of Fees and Charges be approved.

Councilmember Davidson indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter currently under discussion which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and because of such conflict he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

10. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances.
  - b. Z98-52 The southeast corner of Signal Butte and Adobe.

Councilmember Jaffa indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter currently under discussion which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and because of such conflict he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

- \*e. Z98-74 The southwest corner of Broadway and Sossaman.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that the applicant has requested that this case be withdrawn.

- \*f. Z98-76 North of the northeast corner of Power Road and Broadway.

Mr. Balmer advised that the applicant has requested that this case be withdrawn.

- i. Z98-80 The northwest corner of Val Vista and Hermosa Vista Drives.

Mr. Balmer informed the Council that a legal protest has been filed and the case requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Council for approval.

1. Discuss and consider the policy of turning off TV cameras at City Council meetings.

In response to a memorandum received from Councilmember Pomeroy, relative to the City's policy of turning off the television cameras when citizens addressed the Council at Study Sessions following the Regular Council Meetings, Mayor Brown indicated that he has discussed this issue with other members of the Council and stated the opinion that based on the minimal amount of citizen attendance, the Council Study Sessions following the Regular meetings may not be necessary. Mayor Brown recommended that this issue be the subject of a discussion at a future Policy Session and added that there are a number of options that the Council may wish to pursue.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commented that he, Vice Mayor Giles and Mayor Brown were serving on the Council when the present policy went into effect. Councilmember Kavanaugh noted that at that time, the weekly Council Study Sessions were not televised as they are now. Councilmember Kavanaugh stated the opinion that the public input portions of the meetings back then were being monopolized by a few individuals including one citizen who repeatedly engaged in verbal attacks addressed at the Mayor and Councilmembers during the televised Regular Council Meetings. Councilmember Kavanaugh added that another citizens took advantage of the public input portion of the meeting to endorse his son as a candidate in an upcoming City election.

Councilmember Kavanaugh pointed that the Thursday morning televised Study Sessions provide two opportunities for citizens to address the Council on cable television, under items from citizens present and prescheduled public opinion appearance agenda items. Councilmember Kavanaugh concurred with the Mayor's comment regarding the lack of citizen participation in the Study Sessions following the Regular Council Meetings.

Discussion ensued relative to allowing the television cameras to remain on during citizen input portions of the Study Sessions following the Regular Council Meetings and the possibility of restricting the citizen input agenda items to the Thursday morning Study Sessions where the citizens may address their remarks on cable television.

Following additional discussion regarding this agenda item, Mayor Brown advised that this issue will be the subject of a future Council Policy Session.

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

- a. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held September 24, 1998.
- b. Library Advisory Board meeting held October 13, 1998.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, October 29, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Monday, November 2, 1998, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

In response to a request from Mayor Brown, citizens present in the audience indicated by a show of hands that they were present to address the agenda item regarding the paint color selection for the Gilbert Road wall.

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

Hear from Gary Finlinson regarding road expansion walls along Gilbert Road and the citizen support in neutralizing the color selection.

Mr. Finlinson stated the opinion that the issue is far reaching and will impact more than just the citizens who live along Gilbert Road. Mr. Finlinson stated that the City has the responsibility to neutralize this situation and bring forward walls that are aesthetically pleasing to the area. Mr. Finlinson expressed the opinion that the proposed two-tone colors are harsh and will negatively impact the homes in and around the surrounding areas. Mr. Finlinson recommended that the Council consider the selection of a neutral, non-controversial paint color for the walls along this road widening project.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Finlinson for his input.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

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WAYNE BROWN, 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 19th day of October 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK