

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 1996

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 May 20, 1996 at 4:50 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
Dale Johnson
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

T. Farrell Jensen
Joan Payne

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Mayor-Elect Wayne Brown

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Steve Baker
Wayne Balmer
Kathy Barrett
Neal Beets
Dan Brewer
Fred Conway
Linda Crocker
Geri Gerber
Joe Holmwood
Tyrone Howard
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Jon Kokanovich
Wayne Korinek
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Ernie Mason
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
John Smoyer
Doug Tessoroff
Roger Weber
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Carolyn Baecker
Richard Conte
Joan Newth
Dan Nowicki
Trish Shaffstall
Don Strauch
Tom Verploegen
Marilynn Wennerstrom
Jim Zaharis
Others

Mayor Wong excused Councilmember Payne and Vice Mayor Jensen from the meeting. Mayor Wong also excused Councilmember Boyd from the beginning of the meeting.

1. Hear a report of the findings of the Mayor's Committee on Arts Facility's Issues.

Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson informed the Council that the Mayor's Committee on Arts Facility's Issues, composed of various citizens in Mesa who have expressed an interest in the establishment of a future performing arts center in the City, has been formed. Mr. Hutchinson added that a facilitator, Mr. Richard Conte, has been hired to assist the Committee.

Richard Conte, facilitator for the Mayor's Committee on Arts Facility's Issues, addressed the Council and stated that the Committee's recommendations are both positive and enthusiastic. Mr. Conte urged the Council to proceed with the establishment of a performing arts center in Mesa.

Discussion ensued relative to Committee recommendations, locating the facility in the northeast quadrant of the City, the importance of ensuring that sufficient space is available to provide both visual and performing arts activities, a partnership approach to planning, financing and constructing the new arts facility, private developers, and efforts by the Committee to arrive at a consensus to present to the Council.

Mr. Conte complimented the members of the Committee on their efforts.

(Councilmember Boyd joined the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

In response to a question from Councilmember Stapley, Mr. Hutchinson discussed the Committee's recommendation that a new building be constructed for the performing arts facility.

Councilmember Gilbert expressed appreciation to the members of the Committee and spoke in support of the establishment of a performing arts facility in Mesa. Councilmember Gilbert stated the opinion that the community will support this venture and discussed positive benefits for the City which would result from the project.

Dr. Jim Zaharis, Superintendent of Mesa Public Schools, spoke in favor of the establishment of a performing arts center in Mesa and the positive impact such a facility would have on the youths of the City.

Mayor Wong thanked Mr. Conte and the members of the Committee for their efforts and recommendations.

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

Mayor Wong advised that there were no meetings and/or conferences attended.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Wednesday, May 22, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session (in lieu of May 25, 1996)

Friday, May 31, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session

4. Review items on the agenda for the May 20, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

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

8. Consider the following cases from the Downtown Development Committee and adoption of the corresponding ordinances:

b. HP95-ITC

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that this case will require a 3/4 vote of the Council.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that applicants with cases requiring a 3/4 vote of the Council should be informed of the option to continue their cases to a future Council meeting in view of the fact Vice Mayor Jensen is not present to cast his vote.

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

f. Z96-24

Mr. Balmer advised that a letter has been received from the applicant requesting that this case be continued to the July 15, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

i. Z96-27

Mr. Balmer informed the Council that two neighbors remain in disagreement regarding this case. Mr. Balmer noted that the case requires a 3/4 vote of the Council for approval.

j. Z96-29

Mr. Balmer noted that a letter has been received from the applicant requesting that this case be continued to the June 17, 1996 meeting.

5. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the Study Session adjourn at 5:30 P.M.

Carried unanimously

WILLIE WONG, 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 20th day of May, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10TH day of June, 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK