

# CITIZENS' BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 23, 1999

The Citizens' Bond Review Committee - 2000 of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 23, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

## COMMITTEE PRESENT

C. K. Sato, Chairman  
Judy Adams  
Wilford Anderson  
Nick Carr  
Charlie Deaton  
Barry Dickerson  
Ferdie Guerrero, Jr.  
Connie Gullatt-Whiteman  
Jack Gunter  
Eric Jackson  
Pat Langdon  
Carol McCormack  
Pat Mendivil  
Will Moore  
Dan Reeb  
Beverly Selvage  
George Smith

## COMMITTEE ABSENT

Robert Brinton  
Laurie Nichols

## COUNCIL PRESENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Araza  
Kathy Barrett  
Mike Brennan  
Candace Cannistraro  
Mark Coon  
Dennis Compton  
Linda Crocker  
Gil Damiani  
Dennis Donna  
G. T. Fowler  
Jack Friedline

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

John Geier  
Larry Given  
Joe Holmwood  
Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Wayne Korinek  
Dorinda Larsen  
Rich Lorig  
Jeff Martin  
Don Pfohl  
Dave Plumb  
Leslie Portee  
Ron Poulin  
Bryan Raines  
Roger Rambo  
Andrea Rasizer  
Tom Remes  
Jan Strauss  
Dan Stubbs  
Walter Switzer  
Paul Wilson  
Larry Woolf

Chairman Sato thanked Committeemember Langdon for serving as Acting Chairman during his absence at the previous meeting.

### 1. Discuss responses to questions and issues raised previously.

Assistant to the City Manager Bryan Raines referred to a handout entitled "Responses to Questions Raised Previously," which was distributed to the Committee and said that the material contains information on the structure of future bond sales, an explanation of the City's definition of what actually qualifies for bonding, and staff's estimate that it would cost an additional \$250,000 to replace the gutters at Carson Jr. High School. Mr. Raines encouraged the members of the Committee to pose additional questions or contact him directly should they require additional information on the above referenced issues.

Chairman Sato advised that he has requested that information be prepared regarding additional bonding proposals for the Park of the Canals and the Southwest Museum, as discussed at the previous meeting, in order to provide the Committee with sufficient information upon which to base a recommendation on the two issues.

2. Presentation of the proposed Public Safety (Law Enforcement) Bond Program (\$27,875,000).

Jan Strauss, Police Chief

Ron Poulin, Assistant Police Chief

Greg (GT) Fowler, Assistant Police Chief

Dennis Donna, Assistant Police Chief

Police Chief Jan Strauss introduced Assistant Police Chiefs G.T. Fowler, Dennis Dona, and Ron Poulin to the members of the Committee. Chief Strauss stated the opinion that the proposed projects that will be reviewed by the Committee are of critical importance to the future of the Mesa Police Department and added that the completion of the projects will ensure the maintenance of the quality level of service that is currently provided to the citizens of Mesa.

Chief Fowler discussed a proposal to install a security card access system at the existing Police facility and the new substation and parking garage that is being built at that site. Chief Fowler explained that the system will electronically provide the necessary security measures to enhance staff/citizen safety.

Chief Poulin briefly outlined proposed improvements/expansions to the existing pistol range located on north Center Street, current and proposed improvements to the Joint Fire/Police Public Safety Training Facility, including the construction of a defensive tactics instruction and physical training building and the remodeling/expansion of existing classrooms and infrastructure requirements, and the proposed construction of a permanent facility to accommodate the Center Against Family Violence and provide future space needs for administrative offices/investigative areas involved in the sex crimes/domestic violence/assault areas related to families and children. Chief Poulin also stated that staff is proposing that space be designated for a program known as "SANE," the Maricopa County Attorney & Governor's Offices' "Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners" Program, which involves a group of nurse examiners who will perform physical examinations on victims of sexual assault.

Chief Fowler discussed proposals to construct a relocated Falcon Substation that will have CNG refueling capabilities, modifications to the existing Falcon Field Substation to accommodate the Special Investigations Division, and land acquisition proposals for the replacement of the Falcon Substation.

Discussion ensued relative to a proposal to improve the existing impound lot, growth and future projections, staff's recommendation that the basement and second floor of the Police headquarters building be remodeled, a proposal to complete the Phase II addition to the Central Police Patrol District Substation and a funding request to complete the Police Department's portion of the Police/City Court parking garage.

Communications Director Don Pfohl addressed the Committee relative to an 800 MHz Trunked Radio System/Infrastructure and noted that staff has been working on this proposal for the past 16 years. Mr. Pfohl informed the Committee that the current radio system is not expandable and noted that Police and Fire transmissions account for approximately 75% of the radio transmission workload. Mr. Pfohl outlined the advantages of the proposed radio system and noted that funding for a portion of the project was approved by the voters at the City's previous bond election. Mr. Pfohl stated the opinion that the proposed enhancements will meet the needs of the City through the year 2005.

Chairman Sato thanked Chief Strauss, Assistant Chiefs Poulin, Fowler and Dona and Mr. Pfohl for their presentations.

3. Presentation of the proposed Fire Prevention Bond Program by Dennis Compton and Paul Wilson (\$20,970,000).

Dennis Compton, Fire Chief  
Paul Wilson, Assistant Fire Chief

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4. Joint Facilities and Projects:

Police and Fire Training Site  
800 MHz Trunked Radio System  
Police/City Court Patrol Parking Garage  
East Mesa Service Center Facility Expansion

Fire Chief Dennis Compton introduced Assistant Fire Chief Paul Wilson and Management Assistant Dorinda Larsen to the members of the Committee.

Chief Wilson referred to overheads displayed in the meeting room displaying the location of the City's existing 15 fire stations and discussed a proposal to construct an additional station in the northeast Mesa area. Chief Wilson noted the importance of minimum response times for emergency calls for service and presented data relative to growth and service needs in the northeast area of the City.

Discussion ensued relative to emergency services/call volumes by year, intervention time and the Department's 3.0 minute response time goal, response times by geographic areas in 1998, land acquisition for future fire stations and the importance of being pro-active in obtaining the land as quickly as possible, proposals to acquire three additional properties to serve as future fire station sites, proposals regarding improvements to existing facilities in order to continue to provide an appropriate level of service to the growing community, fire station relocations/expansions/construction/and improvements and the connection of a microwave system.

Chief Wilson briefly reviewed proposals to expand the East Mesa Service Center, the development of a Fire Operations Center, the proposed acquisition of 7 new and replacement fire pumpers, 1 new ladder tender, one new rehab/supply vehicle, and one air/light unit to provide breathing air and lighting to firefighters responding to emergency incidents. Chief Wilson provided justification for the proposed equipment purchases.

Chief Compton and Chief Wilson responded to questions from the Committee relative to land acquisition for future fire station sites, the utilization of the proposed rehab/supply vehicle, and optically controlled traffic signal systems.

Chief Sato thanked Chief Compton, Chief Wilson, Chief Poulin, Ms. Larsen and staff for their presentation.

5. Public Comment.

There were no citizens present wishing to provide input at this time.

Chairman Sato commented that the Committee will be voting on each of the proposed bond issues at the November 30, 1999 meeting and encouraged the members of the Committee to prepare and submit documentation on any items they may wish to address.

Committeemember Reeb recommended that the Committee consider developing a formal press release advising citizens of the importance of supporting the various bond questions at the March 14, 2000 Primary Election.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Citizens Bond Review Committee - 2000, held on the 23rd day of November 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK