

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 25, 2007

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Special Council Meeting in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on October 25, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Kyle Jones
Tom Rawles
Scott Somers
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

1. Discuss and take action on appointing a new Councilmember to fill the vacancy in District 5.

Mayor Hawker advised that the Council interviewed four candidates for the position, and he commented that District 5 was fortunate to have a large number of highly qualified individuals apply for the Council seat.

It was moved by Mayor Hawker, seconded by Vice Mayor Walters, that Darrell Truitt be appointed to serve as the District 5 Councilmember until June 2, 2008, at which time the individual selected by the District 5 voters in the March/May 2008 election cycle would take office.

Councilmember Rawles stated that although Mr. Truitt's resume was very impressive, he was knowledgeable regarding John Perkinson's record of service to the community and he expressed a preference to appoint Mr. Perkinson.

Councilmember Jones said that his basic criteria for the selection process was to determine which individual was best prepared to immediately assume the duties of a Councilmember, and he stated that his choice was Darrell Truitt.

Councilmember Whalen noted that all of the candidates were very qualified. He stated the opinion that Phil Austin was the candidate best able to serve the community, but he acknowledged that there were insufficient votes on the Council in support of Mr. Austin. He added that John Perkinson was his second choice.

Councilmember Somers advised that his top two candidates for the position were Darrell Truitt and John Perkinson, and he stated that he would support the Mayor's motion to appoint Mr. Truitt.

Vice Mayor Walters stated the opinion that all four candidates were qualified to serve as the District 5 Councilmember, but she believed that Mr. Truitt was the individual best prepared to immediately assume the duties.

Councilmember Rawles noted that based on the discussion, Mr. Truitt has the support of four Councilmembers. He stated that although Mr. Truitt was not his first choice, Mr. Truitt was qualified for the appointment and he would support the motion.

Councilmember Whalen concurred with the comments of Councilmember Rawles and stated that he would also support the motion.

Mayor Hawker called for the vote.

Carried unanimously.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Special Council meeting adjourned at 7:38 a.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 25th day of October 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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