



# COUNCIL MINUTES

April 3, 2017

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on April 3, 2017 at 6:19 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT	COUNCIL ABSENT	OFFICERS PRESENT
John Giles Mark Freeman Christopher Glover David Luna Kevin Thompson Jeremy Whittaker Ryan Winkle	None	Christopher Brady Dee Ann Mickelsen Jim Smith

Mayor's Welcome.

Invocation by Pastor Joel Scott with Chrio Communities.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Thompson.

Awards, Recognitions and Announcements.

There were no awards, recognitions or announcements.

1. Take action on all consent agenda items.

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) will be considered as a group by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item. If a citizen wants an item removed from the consent agenda, a blue card must be completed and given to the City Clerk prior to the Council's vote on the consent agenda.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Luna, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Carried unanimously.

\*2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings as written.

Minutes from the February 27, March 16 and 20, 2017 Council meetings.

3. Take action on the following contracts:

- \*3-a. Three-Year Term Contract for LED Re-lamping Services for the Transportation Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide services to replace LED traffic signal indicators. LED indicators are regularly replaced as they reach the end of their service life.

The evaluation committee recommends awarding the contract to the highest-scored proposal from Contractors West, Inc. (a Mesa business), at \$144,925 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- \*3-b. One-Year Renewal of the Term Contract for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Air Equipment and Repair Parts for the Fire and Medical Department (Single Bid). **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide Scott SCBA air equipment and repair parts as needed for the Fire and Medical Department. The air equipment is used to provide breathable air to firefighters in environments that are immediately dangerous to life or health.

Fire and Medical, and Purchasing recommend authorizing a renewal with Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., at \$70,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- \*3-c. Three-Year Term Contract for Tire Deflation Devices for the Police Department (Single Bid). **(Citywide)**

The Police Department uses stop stick devices to impede or stop the movement of mobile vehicles by tire deflation. The devices are used to terminate a pursuit quickly and safely. The Police Department has an immediate need to purchase 67 tire deflation devices, which will be distributed to the patrol districts.

The Police Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the single, responsive and responsible bidder, Stop Stick, Ltd., at \$62,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- \*3-d. Purchase of Five Ford Explorers (Four Replacements and One Addition) for the Police Department. **(Citywide)**

This purchase will provide one addition for the Street Crimes Unit and four replacements to support police operations. The four vehicles that are being replaced have met established replacement criteria and will be either traded, auctioned, sold, or deployed to special uses as part of the ongoing City of Mesa vehicle replacement program.

The Fleet Services and Police Departments, and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase from the contract with Berge Ford (a Mesa business), at \$152,541.26. This purchase is funded by the Vehicle Replacement and Capital General Funds.

- \*3-e. Purchase of Replacement and Spare Programmable Logic Controllers and Related Components as requested by the Water Resources Department. (Citywide)

This contract will provide Programmable Logic Controllers and related components for replacement and spares at the City's water and wastewater plants. The existing

equipment is over 15 years old, beyond its useful life and cannot be reconfigured for future system enhancements.

The Water Resources Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Summit Electric Supply, not to exceed \$75,000, based on estimated requirements. This purchase is funded by the Utility Replacement Extension and Renewal Fund.

- \*3-f. Fiber Network Expansion – Segment 1 (Guaranteed Maximum Price No. 2): Communication Building (161 East 6th Place) to Fire Station 211 (2130 North Horne). **(District 1)**

This is the fifth phase of the City's Fiber Network Expansion Project, which includes the expansion of the existing communication infrastructure to several key public safety facilities and communication sites. This project will connect Fire Station 211 to the Communications Building by constructing 0.2 miles of fiber optic cable lateral, and connecting to 1.0 mile of Intelligent Transportation Systems existing fiber on McKellips Road from Horne to Center Street. This project will deliver upgraded connectivity for Fire Station 211 to the City's computer system via expanded fiber network, similar to other fire stations.

Staff recommends awarding the contract to CS Construction in the amount of \$109,560, based upon a guaranteed maximum price of \$99,600, plus an additional \$9,960 (10%) change order allowance. This allowance will only be utilized for approved change orders. The project is funded by 2013 authorized Public Safety Bonds.

- \*3-g. Eagles Park (Broadway Road and Horne) Phase 1. **(District 4)**

This contract is for Phase 1 construction, which is focused on the gymnasium building renovation and construction of a 44-space parking lot. The Eagles Park project has been phased to allow the community center to become operational more quickly, while allowing time to refine and develop the programming and cost model for the overall project. The community center features will include retention of the wooden floor gymnasium, retention of the smaller dance room, creation of five multipurpose community rooms, a small grouping of staff offices, and restrooms to serve the building and the park.

Staff recommends awarding the contract for this project to the lowest, responsible bidder, Marsh Development Inc., in the amount of \$2,165,614.68, and authorize a change order allowance in the amount of \$216,561.47 (10%). These projects are funded by the 2012 authorized Park bonds, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) federal Housing Grants.

- \*3-h. Dollar-Limit Increase to the Term Contract for Custodial Services for the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department as requested by Facilities Maintenance. **(Citywide)**

The vendor proposed pricing increases due to the passage of Proposition 206, which affected certain classes of Arizona employers and employees, by gradually increasing the Arizona minimum wage beginning 1/1/2017 and requiring employers to provide sick leave benefits beginning 7/1/2017.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing a dollar-limit increase of \$222,300.83 with Varsity Facility Services, increasing the annual contract amount from \$1,951,719.32 to \$2,174,020.15, through the contract term.

4. Take action on the following resolutions:

- \*4-a. See: (Items not on Consent Agenda)
- \*4-b. See: (Items not on Consent Agenda)

5. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting April 17, 2017 as the date of the public hearing on these ordinances:

- \*5-a. Authorizing a Transaction Privilege and Use Tax Amnesty Program that will be in effect from June 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017. **(Citywide)**

The program will allow delinquent taxpayers to have certain civil penalties and interest liabilities abated during the scheduled time period, and in doing so, it is anticipated that the City will benefit by receiving revenue, resolving aging tax account receivable balances, and clearing delinquent tax returns.

6. Discuss, receive public comment, and take action on the following ordinances:

- \*6-a. **A16-002 (District 5)** Annexing land in the 8800 through 8900 blocks of East Main Street (south side). Located south of Main Street and west of Ellsworth Road (36.58 +/- ac). Initiated by the applicant, Randy Carter of Sketch Architecture Company. – Ordinance No. 5373.
- \*6-b. **Z17-001 (District 5)** The 1600 through 2000 blocks of North Ellsworth Road (east side) and the 9200 block of East McKellips Road (south side). Located on the east side of Ellsworth Road south of McKellips Road (30.46± acres). Rezone from RS-35-PAD to RS-15-PAD PAD; and Site Plan Review. This request will allow the development of a single residence subdivision. Paul R. Dugas, Pinnacle Ridge Holdings, applicant; Phoenix Land Division, LLC, owner. – Ordinance No. 5374.

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote: 7-0)

Items not on the Consent Agenda

- 4-a. Ordering the sale of \$47,180,000 principal amount of City of Mesa General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10931

Henry Haws, a Mesa resident, requested that the Council delay approval of any agenda items related to bonds for a minimum of six months and give greater consideration to what those actions mean to the citizens of Mesa. He expressed concern that the approval of this item would require the residents of Mesa to pay more interest due to bond sales and increase other operational costs. He asked how the City could afford to pay the additional bond interest, which begins as soon as the bond is issued and he wondered what happened to the need of improved public safety that was on the ballot.

Gene Dufoe, a Mesa resident, asked why Mesa handles the repayment of General Obligation Bonds differently than Revenue Bonds that are levied on utilities. He recalled the large bond issue passed in 2012 for parks and recreation and recognized that priorities have since shifted. He indicated that there has been an increase in low-income housing and crime due to the light rail, and added that the population has grown but the number of police officers has decreased.

Mr. Defoe suggested that the Council consider selling or relocating fire stations throughout the City to equalize the accessibility of public safety. He pointed out that the City may not receive as much state and federal aid as in the past and can no longer pay for everything. He stated that the needs for improved public safety still exist and offered cost-saving ideas for the City to consider.

City Manager Christopher Brady clarified that the Council's action today has nothing to do with the operational costs of paying for police officers and firefighters. He explained that the items on this agenda are capital projects, which are funded by a secondary property tax, and the revenue bonds are funded by utility rates. He pointed out that the secondary property tax rate will decrease this year due to the growth in the City and increased values.

Mr. Brady reported that the amount the City is paying on this debt is the exact amount that was approved by the voters, both the utility side and the general obligation side. He explained that each year, the City only sells bonds when funds are needed for necessary projects. He provided an example of the Signal Butte Water Treatment Plant that will allow water to be delivered to such companies as Apple, which will pay a large portion of that cost through its water rates.

Councilmember Freeman commented that infrastructure is important for the City and the money being spent is only what was approved by the voters.

In response to a question from Councilmember Thompson, Mr. Brady explained that unlike a mortgage where a buyer incurs all the debt liability on the day the home closes, the City has the opportunity to only draw down what is needed each year, which saves on interest costs.

It was moved by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, that Resolution No. 10931 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

- 4-b. Ordering the sale of \$123,875,000 principal amount of City of Mesa Utility Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2017. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10932

It was moved by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Vice Mayor Luna, that Resolution No. 10932 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

7. Items from citizens present.

Martha McCoy, a Maricopa County resident, stated that she opposes the use of private prisons. She expressed the opinion that if the government incarcerates a person, then the government

should be responsible to care for the person. She pointed out that there is a new Sheriff now and suggested that the City give him a chance before making any changes. She requested that if the Council votes to use the private prison industry, that the money saved be utilized to help at-risk children or used in the communities that are largely representative of the prisoners incarcerated.

Billy Walker, a Mesa resident, requested that the Council cancel the eviction of the Wings of Flight Foundation (WOFF) air hangar at Falcon Field. He noted several community events that have been hosted at the hangar and added that the hangar is free for the public to visit.

Kurt Tingey, a Mesa resident, recognized that the WOFF hangar is a unique organization that supports the Boy Scouts and the Veterans to name a few. He indicated that it is a World War II hangar that deserves preservation and offers access to the public, which would not be possible from another hangar. He reported that WOFF has proposed renting the other half of the hangar to bring in a restoration facility for old planes, which could offer more jobs and tourism to Falcon Field. He announced that a petition was passed around and 1,000 signatures were collected.

Kris Van den Bergh, Director of WOFF, stated that he started Sabena Flight School at Falcon Field in 2007 that established into a magnificent business. He added that the business has created sustainable jobs in Mesa and has brought over \$250 million from foreign investments into the Mesa community. He suggested working together with Falcon Field to create another business of restoring planes that will optimize the use of the World War II hangar, while simultaneously preserving its history. He requested the support of the Council to achieve these goals.

Councilmember Luna directed staff to continue looking into the eviction matter at Falcon Field and organize a community meeting soon to offer more information and address any misunderstandings that may exist.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 3rd day of April, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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