



COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2010

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 August 19, 2010 at 7:31 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Dennis Kavanaugh
Kyle Jones
Dave Richins

COUNCIL ABSENT

Scott Somers

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

Mayor Smith excused Councilmember Somers from the entire meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the August 23, 2010 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the August 23, 2010 agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: None

Items added to the consent agenda: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

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

- a. Community & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting held June 7, 2010.
- b. Public Safety Committee meeting held June 21, 2010.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that receipt of the above-referenced minutes be acknowledged.

Mayor Smith declared the motion carried unanimously by those members present.

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

Councilmember Finter:	Opening of a new City dog park.
Councilmember Kavanaugh:	National League of Cities Summer Board Meeting.
Councilmember Higgins:	Visited the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln in San Diego.
Vice Mayor Jones:	Visit to Mesa's Sister City, Burnaby, B.C., Canada.
Mayor Smith:	20 th Annual Business in the Arts Awards Breakfast at which the Mesa Arts Center received the top award.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – Community & Neighborhood Services Committee

Monday, August 23, 2010, 3:30 p.m. – Public Safety Committee

Monday, August 23, 2010, 5:00 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 23, 2010, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, August 26, 2010, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session (Cancelled)

Monday, August 30, 2010, TBA – Study Session

Monday, August 30, 2010, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – Fly Friendly Open House at Falcon Field Airport

Mr. Brady made the following announcements:

- Mesa was one of 56 cities whose Procurement Department received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.
- 52 construction projects are underway in the City with a majority of the projects funded by the Federal Stimulus Program.

Mr. Brady invited Conservation Specialist Donna DiFrancesco and Louise Wakem, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator with the Arizona State Forestry Division, to come forward.

Ms. Wakem announced that the City of Mesa was awarded the Tree City U.S.A. designation.

Councilmember Higgins noted that because the City already complied with the requirements, no City funding was required in order to obtain the Tree City U.S.A. designation.

City Clerk Linda Crocker announced that although early voting in the Clerk's Office ends at 6:00 p.m. today, citizens can vote at the County Recorder's Office until 5:00 p.m. on Friday. She added that early ballots that have not been mailed can be dropped off on Tuesday, August 24th, Election Day, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office or at any Polling Place location.

Mayor Smith noted that some confusion exists because this is the first Mesa Council election to be held on the fall election schedule, which combines the City's non-partisan election with the State's partisan election.

Ms. Crocker explained that voters registered as Independents can choose to receive a Republican or Democrat ballot, or residents of Council Districts 4, 5 or 6 may choose to receive a non-partisan ballot for the Council seat in their district.

5. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

6. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilmember Richins, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 8:24 a.m. and enter into an Executive Session.

Mayor Smith declared the motion carried unanimously by those members present.

- a. Discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City Attorney regarding the City's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (4)) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the City in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City's representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (7))

1. Chicago Cubs Spring Training

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Executive Session adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, 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 August, 2010. 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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