



COUNCIL MINUTES

December 5, 2013

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 December 5, 2013 at 7:31 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Alex Finter
Christopher Glover
Dennis Kavanaugh
David Luna
Dave Richins

COUNCIL ABSENT

Scott Smith
Scott Somers

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Dee Ann Mickelsen

Vice Mayor Finter excused Mayor Smith and Councilmember Somers from the entire meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the December 9, 2013 Regular Council meeting.

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

Conflict of Interest: None

Items deleted from the consent agenda: 4d

Items removed from the consent agenda: 7a

2. Information pertaining to the current Job Order Contracting projects.

(This item was not discussed by the Council.)

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

Councilmember Glover: Escobedo at Verde Vista Grand Opening

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, December 5, 2013, 7:45 a.m. – Public Safety Committee

Saturday, December 7, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the Center Street Facility

Saturday, December 7, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – District 3 Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive at Fire Station 207

Special Assistant to the City Manager Natalie Lewis and Transportation Planner II Jim Hash came forward to address the Council. Mr. Hash displayed a Grid bike, the type of bicycle that the City will use in conjunction with its Bike Sharing Program. (See item 4I on the December 9, 2013 Council Meeting agenda: Five-Year Term Contract for Bike Sharing Program for the Transportation Department.)

Ms. Lewis provided a brief historical overview of the Bike Sharing Program, which initially began as a City of Mesa project and expanded into a regional program with Tempe and Phoenix. She explained that Phoenix issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) and awarded the contract to CycleHop, LLC. She noted that Council approval of item 4I will allow the City of Mesa to enter into a similar contract with CycleHop to lease the bicycles and hub stations with payment kiosks.

Ms. Lewis noted that in March 2014 at the Spark Festival, staff will pilot and demonstrate the bikes, with additional demonstrations tentatively scheduled for April and early May. She said that Phoenix's Bike Sharing Program will begin in April, while Tempe and Mesa will launch their programs sometime in May.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Kavanaugh, Ms. Lewis clarified that citizens will be able to view the location of the various hub stations via the web. She also highlighted various high tech features of the "smart bikes."

Mr. Hash displayed a map illustrating the location of the hub stations throughout downtown Mesa and/or within three miles of existing/future light rail and bus service. **(See Attachment 1)** He explained that the City will partner with various nonprofits, such as East Valley Men's Shelter, A New Leaf and Save the Family, to enable their clients to utilize the program and have greater access to public transportation options.

Vice Mayor Finter commented that while recently attending a board meeting for one of the new colleges at the Center for Higher Education, he was surprised that his fellow boardmembers were unaware of the Bike Sharing Program. He stated that he would hope that City staff would reach out to the new colleges and their students in this regard.

Mr. Hash responded that the initial phase of the program was to partner with the nonprofit organizations. He assured Vice Mayor Finter that in phase two, the City will work with the colleges and added that the hubs are located within a reasonable distance of the campuses.

Vice Mayor Finter thanked staff for the presentation.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

ALEX FINTER, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, 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 5th day of December, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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