



COUNCIL MINUTES

July 1, 2014

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 July 1, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Alex Finter
Terry Benelli
Dennis Kavanaugh
David Luna
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

Christopher Glover

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Dee Ann Mickelsen

(Mayor Finter excused Vice Mayor Glover from the entire meeting and Councilmember Richins from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 5:19 p.m.)

1. Review items on the agendas for the July 1 and July 8, 2014 Regular Council meetings.

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

Conflict of interest: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

2. Appointments to Boards and Committees.

Mayor Finter inquired if his fellow Councilmembers had any questions or comments with respect to his recommendations for appointments to boards and committees. **(See Attachment 1)**

Councilmember Benelli stated that she was happy to see Shelly Allen, a former City of Mesa employee who has significant knowledge of the downtown Mesa area, appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Councilmember Luna commented that he was impressed by the caliber of the individuals who were recommended to serve on the various boards and committees.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed.

Mayor Finter declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Approval of minutes from an Executive Session held on June 12, 2014.

City Attorney Debbie Spinner stated that a new process is being implemented in which the Council's Executive Session minutes will be included on the Study Session agenda for approval. She explained that the Council will be provided the minutes electronically, but pointed out that they cannot be disclosed or made available to the public since state law requires that they be maintained confidentially.

Ms. Spinner noted that if any of the Councilmembers have questions or concerns with respect to the Executive Session minutes, she asked that they meet with either her or Executive Management Assistant to the City Manager Jill Kotsur preferably prior to the meeting in which they are listed on the agenda for approval.

Mayor Finter commented that he was supportive of this process. He said that the Executive Session minutes, like the other minutes the Council receives, will provide everyone a record of those proceedings.

It was moved by Councilmember Benelli, seconded by Councilmember Richins, that the minutes from the June 12, 2014 Executive Session be approved.

Mayor Finter declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

4-a. Mesa Redevelopment Authority Executive Board meeting held January 28, 2014.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Mayor Finter declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, July 3, 2014 – Study Session – CANCELLED

Friday, July 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – “Celebration of Freedom”

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, TBA – Study Session

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ALEX FINTER, 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 1st day of July, 2014. 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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TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS
FROM: MAYOR ALEX FINTER
SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for appointments to City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees.

Board of Adjustment – Seven-member board with one reappointment

Reappointment:

Wade Swanson, District 3. Mr. Swanson is an attorney with Littler Mendelson, P.C. He holds a juris doctor from Arizona State University. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Design Review Board – Seven-member board with one reappointment and three new appointments

Reappointment:

Eric Paul, District 6. Mr. Paul is an architect with Emc2 Group Architects Planners, PC. He holds a master of architecture in urban design from Texas A & M. Mr. Paul volunteered with Mesa Exchange Club and the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Paul's term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointment:

Greg Lambright, District 1. Mr. Lambright is a registered site/landscape architect in Arizona and a founding principal for Architekton. He served previously on both Design Review and Board of Adjustment. His appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Dan Maldonado. His partial term expires June 30, 2015.

Nicole Posten-Thompson, District 1. Ms. Posten-Thompson is a registered architect with Associated Architects, Inc. She holds a bachelor of science in architecture from Kent State University. Ms. Posten-Thompson serves as a volunteer with her church and Habitat for Humanity. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Sean Banda, District 3. Mr. Banda is an urban planner with the City of Buckeye. He holds a master of urban planning from Arizona State University. He volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Banda's appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Danny Ray. His partial term expires June 30, 2016.

Economic Development Advisory Board – Fifteen-member board with one reappointment and two new appointments

Reappointment:

Mitzi Montoya, District 6. Dr. Montoya is Vice President and University Dean of Entrepreneurship and Innovation of Arizona State University. She holds a Ph.D. in business and statistics from Michigan State University. She has volunteered with Sun Devil Athletics, Fremont Junior High and Red Mountain High School. Dr. Montoya's term will expire June 30, 2017.

New Appointments:

Steven Shope Dr. Shope is the president of Sandia Research Corporation, a Mesa-based high-technology company. He holds a Ph.D. in physics from Pennsylvania State University with a research emphasis in electromagnetics and geophysics. Dr. Shope has served as an ex officio member of the Economic Development Advisory Board and as a City of Mesa representative on the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Rich Adams (ex officio) Mr. Adams is the president and CEO of Southwest Business Credit Services. He is a founding director of Gateway Commercial Bank of Mesa. Mr. Adams chairs the City of Mesa Falcon Strategic Visioning Commission and served as past chair of the City of Mesa Planning and Zoning Board and Economic Development Advisory Boards.

Fire Department Pension Board - Five-member board with one reappointment and one new appointment

Reappointment:

Bryan Raines: Mr. Raines is a former Deputy City Manager for the City of Mesa. His term will expire June 30, 2018.

New Appointment:

Kurt Castaneda Mr. Castaneda was recently elected to the Fire Department Pension Board by sworn membership in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System of the State of Arizona. Council is asked to ratify the appointment. He has served as a fire engineer with Mesa Fire/Medical Department since 2007. He holds a bachelor of business administration with an emphasis in finance and minor in animal science. Mr. Castaneda also served on the Mesa Fire/Medical Deferred Compensation Board for two years. His term will expire June 30, 2018.

Historic Preservation Board – Seven-member board with two reappointments and two new appointments

Reappointment:

Dane Astle, District 1. Mr. Astle is a project design team leader for Architekton. He holds a master of architecture from Arizona State University. Mr. Astle is active in the

community serving in scouting and neighborhood service projects. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Wendy Mack-Allred, District 2. Ms. Mack-Allred is a ceramic artist with MackArt. She holds a bachelor of science in Business Management from Western International University. Ms. Mack-Allred currently volunteers with the City of Mesa in the Historic Preservation department. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointments:

Janice Gennevois, District 4. Ms. Gennevois is a retired City of Mesa employee. She holds an MBA from University of Phoenix. Ms. Gennevois is a graduate of the Mesa LTD program and has been active in historic preservation for many years. She owns two historic homes in Mesa. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Michelle Dahlke. Her partial term expires June 30, 2016.

Laura Schaffer-Metcalf, District 1. Dr. Metcalfe is a public school administrator with Maricopa County Regional School District. She holds a doctorate of education from Northern Arizona University. Dr. Metcalfe served with the East Valley Arabian Horse Association and Tempe Historical Museum among her many community activities. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Pamela Young. Her partial term expires June 30, 2015.

Housing and Community Development Advisory board – Eleven-member board with two reappointments and one new appointment

Reappointment:

Linda Starr, District 3. Ms. Starr is the Director of Outreach at East Valley Adult Resources. She holds a bachelor of arts from the University of Illinois. She previously served on the Human Services and Housing Advisory Boards. Ms. Starr is a 2003 graduate of Mesa LTD. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Heather Kay, District 4. Ms. Kay is the COO for ICC Innovations. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix. She has spent many hours volunteering for both the Child Crisis Center and the Salvation Army. She previously served on the Housing Advisory Board. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointment:

Kent Westover, District 6. Mr. Westover is a retired civil engineer having worked with various federal agencies performing civil and environmental engineering and construction management. He holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering from California State University, Chico. Mr. Westover served as a planning commissioner and on the Housing Advisory Committee and ADA Facilities Committee in California and Washington. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Human Relations Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with three reappointments

Reappointments:

Luanne Schmidt, District 6. Ms. Schmidt is a homemaker with an associate's degree in early childhood education from Lane Community College. She is a former Head Start teacher and an advocate for people living with disabilities in the community. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Cliff Moon, District 2. Dr. Moon is a counselor with Mesa Public Schools and adjunct professor with Northern Arizona University. He holds a doctorate in educational leadership for Northern Arizona University. Dr. Moon is a member of many multicultural community organizations and a graduate of Mesa LTD. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Karen Frias-Long, District 1. Ms. Frias-Long is the director of Mesa Prevention Alliance. She holds a bachelor of science from Arizona State University. She volunteers through her church, the iMesa Steering Committee and is a Mesa LTD 2013 graduate. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Judicial Advisory Board – Seven-member board with two reappointments

Reappointment:

The Honorable Margaret H. Downie

Judge Downie of the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, is appointed as a member of the City of Mesa Judicial Advisory Board by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona. Judge Downie served with the Maricopa County Superior Court as Associate Presiding Judge and Civil Presiding Judge. She also served as chair of the Superior Court's Commissioner Selection Committee, Judge Pro Tem Committee, Jury Committee, and Judicial Education and Training Committee. Judge Downie received her juris doctor from Georgetown University. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Patricia Esparza, District 4. Ms. Esparza is employed with Mesa Community College Office of Community Partnerships and teaches coursework in organizational management and general business as adjunct faculty. Her community leadership includes Mesa Planning and Zoning Board, Economic Development Board, Personnel Appeals Board, Chamber of Commerce Board, Arizona Town Hall Board, Mesa Association of Hispanic Citizens, Mesa Sister Cities Board and many others. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board with one reappointment and one new appointment

Reappointment:

Lora Bolick, District 6. Ms. Bolick is an accounting analyst with OneNeck IT Service Corporation. She holds a bachelor of science from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Bolick served with Habitat for Humanity and the Arizona Animal Welfare League. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointments:

Ray Ceo, District 3. Mr. Ceo is a customer service representative with The Welcome Center. He is a student pursuing his bachelor's degree in English at Arizona State University. Mr. Ceo has seven years of experience working for public libraries and is a graduate from ASU's Library Leadership Academy. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Museum & Cultural Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with four reappointments and one new appointment

Reappointments:

Robert Valverde, District 3. Mr. Valverde is an MRI Technologist with SimonMed Imaging. He holds a certificate in radiologic technology from the US Army Academy of Health Sciences. Mr. Valverde is a professional drummer/percussionist and volunteers with his church. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Melissa Johnson, District 3. Ms. Johnson is an elementary teacher with Roosevelt Elementary. She holds a master's degree in education from University of Phoenix. Ms. Johnson volunteers with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and The Humane Society. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

David Dean, District 3. Dr. Dean is a history professor with the University of Phoenix. He holds a doctor of philosophy from Arizona State University. Dr. Dean served on the Historic Preservation board. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Robbi Venditti, District 3. Dr. Venditti is a physician with the Veterans Health Administration. She is a retired United States Army Colonel and holds a doctorate of osteopathic medicine. Dr. Venditti has a long history of public service. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointment:

Steven McCance, District 6. Mr. McCance is employed with the Arizona Department of Economic Security. He holds an MPA from Arizona State University and is a Certified Public Manager. Mr. McCance served on the Library Advisory Board and Historic Preservation Board among his many community activities. His appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Cooper. His partial term expires June 30, 2015.

Parks & Recreation Board – Eleven-member board with two reappointments

Reappointments:

Niki Tapia, District 6. Ms. Tapia is a Diversity Office assistant with the City of Chandler. She attended Arizona State University. Ms. Tapia is a member of the International Hispanic Network and Chandler Chamber of Commerce Diversity Committee. She has volunteered doing neighborhood clean-ups and organizing special events. Ms. Tapia's term expires June 30, 2017.

John Duclos, District 5. Mr. Duclos is a retired teacher. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern University. Mr. Duclos served with the Friends of Tonto, Appalachian Mountain Club, Rotary and Lions Clubs, Las Sendas Community Association and Massachusetts Retired Teachers. Mr. Duclos' term expires June 30, 2017.

Personnel Appeals Board – Five-member board with one reappointment and one new appointment

Reappointment:

Jon Nielson, District 1. Mr. Nielson is the owner of a PRI reprographics. He served on the Merit System Board. Mr. Nielson is a current member of the Society of Marketing Professionals, Valley Partnership and East Valley Partnership. His term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointment:

Deborah Reyes, District 5. Ms. Reyes is an executive with Dillard's. She holds a degree in fashion merchandising and accounting from Colorado State University. Ms. Reyes is experienced in human resources and employee coaching and mentoring. She served on the Transportation and Planning and Zoning Committees for the Town of Queen Creek. Ms. Reyes will serve as an alternate member of the Personnel Appeals Board. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Planning & Zoning Board – Seven-member board with three new appointments

New Appointments:

Shelly Allen, District 2. Ms. Allen is a retired City of Mesa employee from the Office of Economic Development. She holds a master of public administration from Arizona State University. She currently serves as a member of College Bound Mesa and previously served as a City representative for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, Downtown Mesa Association and Board of Adjustment. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Michelle Dahlke, District 1. Ms. Dahlke is a paralegal with Quarles and Brady, LLP. She holds a master's degree in environmental planning from Arizona State University. She served an internship with the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Department and served on the Mesa Historic Preservation Board. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Steve Ikeda, District 2. Mr. Ikeda is a real estate broker with US Preferred Realty. He holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Arizona State University. Mr. Ikeda served on many boards including Mesa Historical Museum and Parks and Recreation. His term will expire June 30, 2017.

Police Department Pension Board - Five-member board with one reappointment and one new appointment.

Reappointment:

Bryan Raines: Mr. Raines is a former Deputy City Manager for the City of Mesa. His term will expire June 30, 2018.

New Appointment:

Lt. Ryan Russell Lt. Russell was recently elected to the Police Department Pension Board by sworn membership in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System of the State of Arizona. Council is asked to ratify the appointment. He has served with the Mesa police department for over 17 years. Lt. Russell is a Mesa Leadership 2013 graduate and is the immediate past president of the Mesa Police Association. Lt. Russell served on the Board of Directors for The Centers for Habilitation and the Arizona Gang Investigators Association. His term expires June 30, 2018.

Self-Insurance Program Board of Trustees – Five-member board with one new appointment

New appointment:

Kelly Vorseth, District 3. Ms. Vorseth is a financial analyst with the Mayo Clinic. She holds an MBA from University of Phoenix. Ms. Vorseth is a member of American College of Healthcare Executives and volunteers in the community through her church and Habitat for Humanity. Her term expires June 30, 2017.

Transportation Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with two reappointments and one new appointment

Reappointments:

Ian Murray, District 1. Mr. Murray is a risk and IT security manager for American Express. He holds an MBA from University of Phoenix. Mr. Murray volunteers in the community with Arizona One Disaster Medical Assistance Team. His term expires June 30, 2017.

Troy Peterson, District 5. Mr. Peterson is a civil engineer and development consultant with Vantage Resources. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and business management from Utah State University and an MBA from Arizona State University. He volunteered his time as a foster parent and with the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Peterson's term expires June 30, 2017.

New Appointment:

David Camp, District 5. Dr. Camp is an executive consultant and advisor for Vistage. He holds a Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Camp served as Las Sendas HOA Vice President and Landscape Advisory Board. He is also an avid road cyclist. His term expires June 30, 2017.