



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 22, 2018

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 March 22, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
David Luna
Mark Freeman
Christopher Glover
Francisco Heredia
Kevin Thompson
Jeremy Whittaker

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

1. Take action on the following liquor license application:

1-a. Forty Eight Foundation

This is a two-day event to be held on Friday, March 30, 2018 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M., and on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 8:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M, at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, 922 South Country Club Drive. **(District 4) - Recommendation for Denial.**

Mayor Giles asked if the applicant was present; no representative from the Forty Eight Foundation attended the Special Council Meeting.

Commander Michael Beaton with the Mesa Police Department (MPD) advised staff met with the applicant and MPD continues to recommend the denial of the liquor license.

Commander Beaton pointed out that Ernest Hickman is the CEO of the Forty Eight Foundation and also the treasurer of the criminal street gang, Arizona Soul Brothers. He stated staff discovered the applicant is presenting a different flyer to business officials and City staff than what is being presented to the public.

Commander Beaton stated the applicant was agreeable to security measures to ensure the safety of the event, however, due to the recent findings and those outlined in the report, the MPD is not confident those measures will take place.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Thompson, City Manager Christopher Brady advised staff has also recommended denial for the special event license that was submitted by the Forty Eight Foundation and that denial will occur through an administrative process.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Luna, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, that staff's recommendation of denial for the liquor license for Forty Eight Foundation be approved.

2. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Special Council Meeting adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

JOHN GILES, 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 Special Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 22nd day of March 22, 2018. 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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