



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 24, 2011

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 March 24, 2011 at 7:31 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Christopher Glover
Dina Higgins
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

Mayor Smith advised that Councilmember Richins would arrive shortly; he arrived at 7:36 a.m.

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh:

Human Relations Advisory Board

Councilwoman Higgins:

Sonoran Institute Clean Energy Conference
Anzio's Landing, the first solar powered restaurant in
Arizona

2. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, March 28, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – Grand Opening of Skyline Aquatics Center

Thursday, March 31, 2011, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, March 31, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – Community & Cultural Development Committee Meeting

3. Prescheduled Public Opinion Appearances.

- 3-a. Hear from Louis M. Spector regarding rapidly increasing transient activity in the Mesa downtown area.

Louis Spector, a Mesa resident and business owner, addressed the Council and expressed his concern regarding the increased transient activity in his neighborhood that he believes has affected his quality of life. He explained that the transients migrate into the neighborhood to stand in line at the soup kitchen and fail to disperse afterwards. He said that his home had been broken into and that he had to cut down three mesquite trees on his property as homeless people had been living under them. He advised that the area one block south of the Town Center on Broadway Road was a hub of homeless activity where homeless people could be seen pushing huge shopping carts. He also said that he did not feel it was safe for himself or his family to walk around in a park without a weapon. He remarked that he worked in Scottsdale and Fountain Hills and that those areas were not experiencing a problem with the homeless population. He stated that he had many ideas on how to help solve the problem and would like to be involved in finding a solution. He suggested that the transients not be allowed to sleep on the streets and that additional patrols be added as a first step in improving the situation.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Spector for his concern and said that the City welcomed new ideas. He directed Mr. Spector to provide his information to his Chief of Staff who would discuss how he could become involved.

4. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

5. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilwoman Higgins, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 7:41 a.m. and enter into an Executive Session.

Carried unanimously.

- 5-a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, salaries, discipline, dismissal, or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. (A.R.S. 38-431.03A (1))

1. City Clerk
2. City Auditor

- 5.b. 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 or 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))

1. Lucera Apts/Chartis Insurance v. the City of Mesa

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Executive Session adjourned at 9:00 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 24th day of March 2011. 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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