



COUNCIL MINUTES

November 5, 2012

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 November 5, 2012 at 5:16 p.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

(*Councilwoman Higgins participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

Mayor Smith excused Councilmember Glover from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 5:23 p.m.)

1. Review items on the agenda for the November 5, 2012 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 added to the consent agenda: 11-a

Items removed from the consent agenda: 6-c

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

2-a. Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials meeting held October 16, 2012.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh:	Arizona Asian Festival
Councilmember Richins:	Annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Event
Mayor Smith:	Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of MARC Center's Village at Oasis Park; ASU Polytechnic Leadership Workshop for 300 Westwood High School students

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 – Election Day

Thursday, November 8, 2012, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, November 8, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – Sustainability & Transportation Committee

Mr. Brady informed the Council that it may be necessary to hold a Special Council meeting in order to canvass the election. He stated that he was advised by City Clerk Linda Crocker that Maricopa County will not have completed counting the ballots before Thanksgiving, which falls on November 22nd this year. Mr. Brady commented that he was also aware that Councilmembers may be traveling as early as Tuesday, November 27th to attend the National League of Cities Conference. He said that would leave Monday, November 26th as a potential date to conduct the Special Council meeting.

In response to a question from Mayor Smith, Ms. Crocker clarified that the City is legally required to canvass the election within 20 days of the election. She pointed out that November 26th is the last day the County could submit the election results to the City and the Council could meet the legal requirement.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Richins, Ms. Crocker explained that in researching this issue, she determined that the City could extend the deadline on a day-by-day basis if there was a problem with the County. She noted that she had asked Mr. Brady if it was possible, without inconveniencing the Council, to conduct the Special Council meeting on the 26th in an effort to meet the deadline.

Mayor Smith requested that staff conduct further research relative to the 20-day legal requirement for the Council to canvass the election. He stated that if the law requires that a Special Council meeting be convened on the 26th, perhaps it could be accomplished via a telephone conference call. Mayor Smith added that otherwise, it would seem appropriate to

include the matter on the December 3, 2012 Regular Council meeting agenda for Council action.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:27 p.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 5th day of November, 2012. 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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