



COUNCIL MINUTES

September 9, 2019

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 September 9, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Jennifer Duff
David Luna
Francisco Heredia
Kevin Thompson
Jeremy Whittaker

COUNCIL ABSENT

John Giles

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

Vice Mayor Freeman excused Mayor Giles from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the September 9, 2019 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 removed from the consent agenda: None

Assistant City Manager John Pombier discussed item 4-e, **(Dollar-Limit Increase for Year 2 and One-Year Renewal (Year 3) to the Term Contract for Medical Billing Services for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (Citywide))** on the Regular Council Meeting agenda. He stated the extension is due to a higher volume of calls than anticipated and the cost is covered by the revenue generated from the higher volume of calls. He explained eventually the billing will be done on a daily basis and handled in a business services type relationship.

In response to a question by Councilmember Luna, Mr. Pombier stated this is a specialized skill and there is a person in training but will probably be contracted out in the future.

City Manager Christopher Brady explained during the pilot program staff has been assessing the growth of the program and developing expertise. He added a comparison will be done to verify if outsourcing or in-house billing is more cost effective.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Freeman, Mr. Pombier verified there is an opt-out clause.

2. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Councilmember Thompson: Community and Economic Development Committee Conference
Councilmember Duff: Acknowledged Chris Quasula - Mesa Leadership Program
Councilmember Luna: Carlos Slim Foundation: Building Bridges Conference

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:24 p.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 Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 9th day of September 2019. 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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