

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 15, 1996

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 15, 1996 at 4:45 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
T. Farrell Jensen
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Mark Coon
Laurie Goggin
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
David Nichols
Eric Norenberg
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Sharon Seekins
John Smoyer
Mindy White
Ralph Wisz

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Basham
Clifford Harris
Dan Nowicki
Jessica Russell
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the July 15, 1996 Regular Council meeting.

All of the agenda items were reviewed among the Council and staff, with no formal action taken. There was particular discussion with regard to the following agenda items:

7. Consider the following ordinances:

- f. Pertaining to swimming pools and the Zoning Ordinance of the Mesa City Code; amending Title 11, Chapter 13, Section 2; and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

In response to questions from Councilmember Payne, Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer clarified the ordinance as it pertains to aboveground pools.

- 8.1. Consider approval of the FY1996-97 contract with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council in the amount of \$159,443.00 to undertake regional economic development promotional activities on behalf of the City of Mesa.

Mayor Brown stated that it is the consensus of Council to add this item to the consent agenda.

9. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances:
 - a. Z96-24

Mayor Brown said that it is the consensus of Council to add this item to the consent agenda in response to the applicant's request that the case be withdrawn.

- f. Z96-43

Mayor Brown stated that it is the consensus of Council to add this item to the consent agenda for the purpose of continuance to the August 5, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Further discussion and consideration of Council meeting procedures.

City Manager Charles Luster advised that a new policy regarding the conduct of City Council meetings has been prepared in response to recent Council input.

Councilmember Jensen expressed concern that providing "prescheduled public opinion appearances" at the beginning of Regular Council Meetings may preclude speakers whose schedules do not permit them to arrive early in the evening. Mayor Brown said that individuals who have prescheduled appearances and arrive later will be permitted to speak for five minutes at the end of the meeting.

Councilmember Payne spoke in opposition to the proposal that citizens must contact Councilmembers to remove items from the consent agenda. Councilmember Payne stated the opinion that individuals should have an opportunity to speak on any agenda item.

Mayor Brown commented that agendas will be made available early in the week, providing citizens an opportunity to obtain information or request that a Councilmember remove an item from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Payne asked that Item 7e (an ordinance establishing procedures for the preparation of Council meeting agendas and procedures for the conduct of Council meetings) be removed from the consent agenda for the July 15, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Luster clarified that Item 7e codifies issues relating to Council actions/responsibilities rather than citizen responses. Mr. Luster indicated that the new Council policy is broader in scope and is not in conflict with Item 7e.

It was moved by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Giles, to adopt the new policy regarding the conduct of City Council meetings.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brown-Gilbert-Giles-Jensen-Kavanaugh-Stapley
NAYS - Payne
ABSENT - None

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

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

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

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Mr. Luster stated that a Study Session will be held on Friday, July 19, 1996, at 7:30 a.m.

Executive Assistant Ellen Pence advised that the July 19, 1996 Council portrait will need to be rescheduled.

Mr. Balmer said that on Thursday, July 18, 1996, Mesa will host a delegation of business representatives from China.

5. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Jensen, that the meeting adjourn at 5:08 P.M.

Carried unanimously.

WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, 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 15th day of July 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of August 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK