

# COUNCIL MINUTES

May 31, 2001

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 May 31, 2001 at 7:30 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker  
Jim Davidson  
Bill Jaffa  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Pat Pomeroy  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Neal Beets

### 1. Review items on the agenda for the June 4, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken.

### 2. Hear a Legislative update.

Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Martin and Government Liaison Kevin Adam provided the Council with a summary of the 2001 State legislative session with an emphasis on the legislation impacting the City (See Attachment).

Mr. Martin also acknowledged the assistance of Mayor Hawker, the Council and Management Assistant Kelly Orrick during this year's busy governmental process.

Mr. Adam reported that Governor Jane Hull signed a \$14.6 billion biennial budget into law after utilizing a line-item veto to eliminate \$225 million in expenditures which were sent to her by the Legislature. Mr. Adam explained that the State Highway Fund was reduced by \$50 million which could significantly impact the completion of the Valley freeway system if such cuts are extended into the future. Mr. Adam noted that the State's funding constraints also resulted in the failure of the City's efforts to pass legislation to provide funding for capital improvements and a marketing program at Williams Gateway Airport (WGA). Mr. Adam stated that if revenue forecasts improve in the upcoming months, a special session may be called to adjust spending levels.

Mayor Hawker spoke in appreciation of the East Valley legislators and their willingness to meet with him on issues of concern regarding Mesa.

Discussion ensued relative to alternative timelines for Council approval of Mesa's General Plan and a City election regarding this issue.

Mayor Hawker requested that at a future Study Session, staff address the current progress of the General Plan update and also stated that it is imperative that the Mesa 2025 Committee remain apprised of the Council's course of action if the General Plan is not approved by the end of the year. Councilmember Pomeroy also requested input from the City Attorney's Office.

Mayor Hawker thanked staff for the presentation.

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

- a. General Development Committee meetings held May 9, 2001 and May 23, 2001
- b. Police Committee meeting held May 22, 2001.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Vice Mayor Davidson reported on his recent attendance at a meeting held at Salt River Project wherein representatives of the Bush Administration discussed the feasibility of offering tax incentives for the utilization of solar power and other alternative energy sources.

Mayor Hawker spoke in appreciation of the efforts of staff and the local community during the recent visit by President George W. Bush to Mesa. Mayor Hawker also stated that he attended a meeting regarding the light rail transit system and expressed the opinion that there should be a lesser number of proposed stops in Tempe to enable the passengers to more expeditiously travel to downtown Mesa and to Phoenix.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 4, 2001, TBA – Study Session

Monday, June 4, 2001, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Monday, June 4, 2001, 6:30 p.m. – Districting Commission at Hale Elementary School

Tuesday, June 5, 2001, 5:00 p.m. – General Development Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 6, 2001, 6:30 p.m. – Districting Commission at Holmes Elementary School

Thursday, June 7, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, June 7, 2001, 6:30 p.m. – Districting Commission at Superstition Police and Fire Substation

Monday, July 2, 2001, 3:30 p.m. – Police Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Joint Breakfast Meeting with Banner Health

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2001

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK