

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 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 September 20, 1996 at 7:30 a.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
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Kathy Barrett
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Nathan Betz
Mike Brennan
Richard Clore
Mark Coon
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Karen Kille
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Laurie Manley
Jeff Martin
Ruth Anne Norris
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Harold Reeb
Regan Robbins
Denise Samuel
Jenny Sheppard
Bill Thompson
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlie Deaton
Joanie Flatt
Cliff Harris
Chris Moeser
Dan Nowicki
Others

1. Consider approving unmarked vehicles for the Police Department.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Jensen, to approve unmarked vehicles for the Police Department as proposed by staff.

Carried unanimously.

2. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with O'Neil Associates Inc., to conduct a community attitude survey.

Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that two vendors have been interviewed and that the evaluation team has recommended that the City contract with O'Neil Associates Inc. to conduct the community attitude survey at a cost of approximately \$14,500.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilbert, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with O'Neil Associates Inc. to conduct a community attitude survey.

Carried unanimously.

3. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Brown recommended the following appointment:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Myra Jefferson - term ending June 30, 1997

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Jensen, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendation and the appointment be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

4. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Design Review Board meeting held September 4, 1996.
- b. Downtown Development Committee meeting held September 12, 1996.
- c. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 12, 1996.

It was moved by Councilmember Jensen, seconded by Councilmember Stapley, to acknowledge the receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown reported that he attended a meeting recently with the Mayors of various East Valley communities. Mayor Brown related discussions pertaining to the recent approval by the voters of Tempe of a sales tax increase to be used for the public transit system.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 24, 1996, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 1996, 4 p.m. - Police Committee Meeting

Friday, September 27, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Wednesday, October 2, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Utility Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 1996, 4 p.m. - Policy Session

7. Review items on the agenda for the September 24, 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:

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

5. Consider the following contracts:

- *c. One Allison 250-C20 R/2 turbine helicopter engine module to be used during F.A.A.-required overhauls, as requested by the Police Department.

In response to a question from Mayor Brown, Mr. Luster advised that the spare engine module will minimize down time as helicopters are periodically overhauled in accordance with F.A.A. regulations.

- *e. Two-year contract for sweeping of arterial streets as requested by the Transportation Division.

Vice Mayor Gilbert questioned the requirement for experience averaging 12,000 centerline miles for each of the three previous years. Traffic and Streets Director Ron Krosting stated that the requirement has been a standard provision in the City's specifications for several years. Mr. Krosting noted the importance of experience in sweeping streets in a traffic situation rather than merely in parking lots and expressed the opinion that the requirement is reasonable.

- *g. Hand-held citation writing and processing system for the City Court and Police Department as requested by the Information Services Division (ISD).

Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed concern relative to the use of the term "cost avoidance" in the analysis provided to Council. Court Administrator Kathy Barrett commented that while case loads continue to increase, staff anticipates that the proposed system will improve efficiency, thereby forestalling the need for additional personnel at this time. Ms. Barrett clarified that implementation of the system will not reduce the existing number of staff members.

Vice Mayor Gilbert suggested that in the future, staffing forecasts be provided to illustrate the effect of proposed new technology on existing staff.

In response to a question from Councilmember Giles, Ms. Barrett indicated that the citation writing and processing system will be utilized by officers in a number of areas.

Council and staff spoke concerning the bid process and the limited number of vendors capable of providing proposed equipment.

- i. The purchase of 75 laptop computers for various City departments as requested by the Information Services Division (ISD).

Mayor Brown stated that this item will be added to the consent agenda.

- *j. MARC job training facility (foundation for people with disabilities); C.D.B.G. funded.

Vice Mayor Gilbert noted that while it does not constitute a legal conflict, he is a member of the MARC Board of Directors. Vice Mayor Gilbert advised that he refrains from discussion at Board meetings pertaining to C.D.B.G. funding.

- *1. Camera/radar traffic enforcement system.

Councilmember Payne requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda.

In response to a question from Councilmember Kavanaugh, Mr. Luster stated that Council previously indicated a preference for a one-year contract but said that a two-year contract is recommended by staff to allow adequate opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the system.

At the request of Councilmember Giles, Police Lieutenant Rick Clore and Deputy Court Administrator Laura Manley explained the vendor's preset fees, the option for violators to attend traffic school, remittance of fees to State funds, and the calculation of funds retained by the City per paid violation.

Lieutenant Clore outlined the proposed camera/radar traffic enforcement system and anticipated goals of driving behavior modification and a reduced number of traffic incidents. Discussion ensued relative to current/anticipated actions of surrounding communities pertaining to radar traffic enforcement systems.

A poll by Mayor Brown showed the majority of Councilmembers do not favor the previous suggestion of nonpoint citations for radar-related speeding tickets.

Council and staff spoke concerning the proposed Arizona State University (ASU) evaluation, criteria for determining the effectiveness of the traffic enforcement system, and the anticipated advertising/education campaign. Councilmember Payne requested cost information pertaining to the ASU study.

In response to a concern expressed by Councilmember Payne, Mr. Luster indicated that the purpose of the traffic enforcement system is not budget enhancement and that the City will not rely on revenue generated through photo radar until such time as the system is deemed effective.

8. Write-off of utility and miscellaneous accounts.

Mayor Brown stated that this item will be added to the consent agenda.

9. Consider the following case from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinance:
 - a. Z96-65 The 2100 and 2200 blocks of East McKellips Road (north side). Rezone from AG to R1-9 (25+/- acres). This case involves a proposed 62-lot single-residence subdivision. Leland and Louise Coleman, owners; Beazer Homes Holdings, Corp. (Hancock). A $\frac{3}{4}$ VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer briefly provided background information concerning the zoning case. Mr. Balmer referred to a sketch and outlined a proposal by neighbors pertaining to through traffic from Acacia.

8. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

9. Items from citizens present (maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker).

There were no items from citizens present at this time.

10. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Jensen, that the Study Session be adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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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 20th day of September 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of October 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK