



COUNCIL MINUTES

January 18, 2005

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 January 18, 2005 at 4:55 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Rex Griswold
Kyle Jones
Tom Rawles
Janie Thom
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

1. Review items on the agenda for the January 18, 2005 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: 3c (Griswold); 4c, 4d, 4f, 4h (Hawker); 6g (Whalen)

Items removed from the consent agenda: 6a, 6b, 6e, 6h, 6l

Items added to the consent agenda: 4g

Items removed from the agenda: 6m

2. Hear a report on motorized skateboard issues and provide direction to staff regarding possible changes.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that a number of citizens have recently requested that the Council address the issue of motorized skateboards.

Police Commander Hector Federico referred to Exhibit A (see Attachment 1) and outlined the current regulations for the first three vehicles listed on the Exhibit. He noted that the regulations imposed by the City of Mesa are similar to those of other communities, except for Phoenix and Tucson, both of which have banned motorized recreational vehicles from all public right of ways.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that many different types of motorized recreational vehicles are available; that last year the City of Mesa recorded the first fatality and three serious injuries related to the operation of motorized skateboards; and that approximately 5 to 10 complaints per week are received related to noise and improper operation of these vehicles.

Commander Federico explained that installing a seat on a motorized skateboard changes the definition of the vehicle to that of a motor-driven cycle with the same requirements as a motorcycle, including a license, registration and insurance. He added that Segways and motorized wheel chairs are considered mobility devices that may be operated only on sidewalks and in crosswalks.

Councilmember Griswold advised that this topic was brought forward at his suggestion due to the fact that Mesa's regulations were developed at a time when many of these vehicles were not available. He noted that he has received several noise complaints, and he expressed the opinion that Mesa businesses selling the vehicles should be required to inform customers regarding the applicable regulations.

Further discussion ensued relative to the fact that noise complaints and decibel levels are addressed in separate section of the City Code; that the operator of a motorized skateboard with a muffler modified to create excessive noise could be cited under the State Code, Title 28; that many complaints were received in 2004, but only 12 cases resulted in selective enforcement due to the difficulty of locating the offender after the report is received; and that many motorized skateboards have been modified to travel at speeds greater than the original capability of approximately 15 miles per hour.

It was moved by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Vice Mayor Walters, to refer this issue to the Police Committee for further consideration.

Carried unanimously.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Ad Hoc Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting held December 7, 2004.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

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| Vice Mayor Walters: | Martin Luther King Celebration candlelight service. |
| Councilmember Thom: | Martin Luther King Celebration Parade.
National Association of Women Business Owners' meeting. |
| Councilmember Jones: | Joint meeting with neighborhoods in Districts 1 and 4. |
| Mayor Hawker: | Williams Gateway Airport Authority meeting. |

Councilmember Griswold: Falcon Field Business Owners' meeting.
Martin Luther King Breakfast and Parade.
Mesa Community College Commission on Excellence.
Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation meeting.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

- Thursday, January 20, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session
- Thursday, January 20, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Fire Committee
- Thursday, January 27, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session
- Thursday, February 3, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session
- Thursday, February 3, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Utility Committee
- Monday, February 7, 2005, TBA – Study Session
- Monday, February 7, 2005, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

KENO HAWKER, 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 18th day of January 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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Attachment 1