

UTILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 23, 1998

The Utility Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on January 23, 1998 at 8:26 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Dennis Kavanaugh,
Chairman
Pat Gilbert

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Joan Payne

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Jerry Brouwer
Stephen Burg
Mike Claspell
Linda Crocker
Bill Haney
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Karl Kolhoff
Harry Kent

STAFF PRESENT - Cont.

Keith Nath
Bryan Raines
Tom Remes
Ralph Wisz
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Davidson
Others

Chairman Kavanaugh excused Committeemember Payne from the meeting.

1. Discuss and consider an agreement with the Western Area Power Administration for the management of the City of Mesa electric power resources.

Electric Utility Manager Jerry Brouwer briefly discussed a proposal to enter into an Aggregated Resource Management agreement with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). Mr. Brouwer noted that the agreement with WAPA will provide for the management of City of Mesa electric power resources as well as other services associated with these resources. Mr. Brouwer advised that staff recommends that the City Manager be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh, to recommend to the Council that the City Manager be authorized to execute an Aggregated Resource Management agreement with Western Area Power Administration.

Chairman Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Hear and consider a report concerning the addition of capacity at the 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant which is jointly owned by the cities of Mesa, Glendale, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe.

Utilities Manager Ralph Wisz and Assistant Utility Manager Bill Haney addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item. Mr. Wisz spoke in support of approving the proposal submitted by staff.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh, to recommend to Council that staff's recommendations relative to the addition of capacity at the 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant, be approved.

Chairman Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Hear and consider a status report concerning residuals handling issues from the Northwest Water Reclamation Plant and propose an alternative to the current practice of treating residuals at the 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In response to a question from Committeemember Gilbert, Mr. Wisz advised that the residuals would be brought to the landfill.

Committeemember Gilbert encouraged staff to pursue the use of organic processes whenever feasible. Mr. Wisz noted staff's intention to do so and commented that an organic process would not have economically benefitted the City of Mesa.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh, to recommend to the Council that staff's recommendations relative to residuals handling issues from the Northwest Water Reclamation Plant and an alternative treatment proposal for residuals at the 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant be approved.

Chairman Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Discuss and consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for wastewater treatment and groundwater recharge facilities.

Mr. Wisz informed the members of the Committee that staff has been involved in extensive negotiations with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community relative to this issue and stated that the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement will benefit both the City of Mesa and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Ms. Wisz noted that the City of Mesa will receive 100% credit for water and added that currently the City of Mesa receives 50% credit for discharging into the river. Mr. Wisz requested Committee approval.

Mr. Wisz noted that recreational opportunities at the Thomas Road and Salt River site are feasible in the future and will also benefit the City of Mesa and the Indian Community.

Mr. Haney advised that the agreement contains a reference to developing a cooperative recreational project in the future at both the Northwest facility and the Thomas Road facility. Mr. Haney compared Mesa's project to Tempe's Rio Salado recreational area and said that an excellent opportunity exists to enter into another beneficial cooperative effort with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Committeemember Gilbert and Chairman Kavanaugh commended staff on their efforts to develop this project.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh, to recommend to the Council that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, on behalf of the City of Mesa, for wastewater treatment and groundwater recharge facilities.

Chairman Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Hear and consider a status report on the project to expand the existing Southeast Water Reclamation Plant located at Baseline Road and Power Road.

Mr. Wisz briefly discussed staff's intention to go out to bid on this project and stated that major improvements to the treatment process will result from the proposed expansion.

Chairman Kavanaugh thanked Mr. Wisz for the update on this project.

6. Hear and consider a status report on the design and construction of the new South Water Reclamation Plant which is a joint project with the Town of Gilbert.

Mr. Wisz briefly discussed staff's intention to go out to bid on the design and construction of a South Plant lift station and discussed the benefits of this joint project with the Town of Gilbert.

Chairman Kavanaugh expressed appreciation to Mr. Wisz for the update on this project.

7. Adjournment.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Chairman Kavanaugh, that the Utility Committee Meeting adjourn at 8:45 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Utility Committee Meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 23rd day of January 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK