

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 6, 1999

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Budget Review Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 6, 1999 at 7:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
John Giles
Jim Davidson
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Chris Albright
Lisa Andrews
Ed Archibald
Don Ayers
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Mike Brennan
Jamie Brennen
Dan Brewer
Candace Cannistraro
Mike Claspell
Linda Crocker
Jack Friedline
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Ken Jones
Kari Kent
Ron Krosting
Ken Langford
Jeff Martin
Tom Mattingly
Keith Nath

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Jackie Redpath
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Jenny Sheppard
Larry Talley
Doug Tessoroff
Claudia Walters
Jamie Warner
Mindy White
Larry Woolf
Jim Wright
Brenda Yost
Christine Zielonka

OTHERS PRESENT

Marilyn Wennerstrom

(Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Jaffa from the beginning of the meeting.)

1. Public Works Department.

(Councilmember Jaffa arrived at the meeting at 7:04 a.m.)

Public Works Manager Jack Friedline addressed the members of the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Friedline highlighted an organizational breakdown of the Public Works Department and reported that the Department's proposed budget for FY1999/2000 is \$259 million, which is a 14.6% increase over the 1998/1999 budget.

Mr. Friedline advised that the Public Works Department is conducting a space need study and also a transportation task force and interdepartmental task force examining the Department's long-term transportation needs.

Real Estate Services Director Doug Tessendorf outlined the functions of the Real Estate Services Division including the management of City-owned property and the acquisition of property. Mr. Tessendorf noted that the Real Estate Services Department is not requesting additional staff or equipment.

Mr. Friedline responded to questions from Mayor Brown relative to bus pull-out bays on University Drive.

Contract and Budget Coordinator Larry Talley advised that the Public Works Administration demonstrated an increase of 22.09% which is as a result of capital improvements that are budgeted at \$310 million. Mr. Talley added that the Department is involved in coordinating intergovernmental agreements with the Mesa public schools, state and county agencies.

Environmental Programs Director Christine Zielonka highlighted for the Council that the primary programs that the *Department is currently focusing on include storm water protection to ensure pollutants are not discharged into the City's storm water system; monitoring the operations of industrial customers to prevent the polluting of the City's water supply; responding to complaints of the illegal dumping of hazardous or unknown material throughout the City; to assist other City of Mesa departments in the handling and the disposing of hazardous material.

Discussion ensued relative to storm water pretreatment; bans on leaf blowers; groundwater contamination in the City of Mesa; efforts made by ADEQ to access City well sites for contamination

Solid Waste Management Director Carrie Kent presented an overview of the functions of the Solid Waste Management Department. Ms. Kent discussed the major programs including the green waste barrel program that is utilized for the curbside collection of yard waste, and the cleansweep program in which staff deliver large garbage containers to residents for neighborhood cleanups. Ms. Kent added that through the responses obtained in a customer satisfaction survey, the Department is implementing improvements to more effectively and efficiently serve the community.

Building Inspections Superintendent Tom Mattingly informed the Council that the Department completed over \$1 million worth of development in the City of Mesa and collected \$1 million in building permit fees. Mr. Mattingly stated there is a 12-13% increase for building inspections due to a 35% increase in the number of housing permits issued by the City. Mr. Mattingly added that the Department is requesting six additional staff including three Building Inspectors and three Support Staff.

City Engineer Keith Nath discussed the functions of the Engineering Department to the Council and indicated that the Department's budget has not changed, but that there is a request for a Project Manager, Assistant Construction Coordinator and Administrative Aide. Mr. Nath indicated that approximately \$21 million of the budget is utilized for the consulting services of private companies.

Discussion ensued relative to freeway sound walls and noise issues relative to the Superstition Freeway.

Transportation Director Ron Krosting outlined the FY 1999/2000 budget plan for Streets Maintenance and Transportation Department. Mr. Krosting remarked there is a request for a Studies Analyst, Engineering Technician, Management Assistant and Streetlight Technician.

Discussion ensued relative to arterial streetlighting and spot improvement program; CDBG funding and the City of Mesa funding relative to streetlighting; the speed hump program; extending public transportation to include Sunday; a Dial-A-Ride update.

Facilities Superintendent Chris Albright outlined the functions of the Department, which includes the maintenance of 150 facilities. Mr. Albright stated that the proposed budget is \$5.3 million, which is a 9% increase, and that the majority of the increase encompasses new construction of City buildings currently being completed or approved for construction. Mr. Albright added the Department is requesting the addition of two new employees.

2. Break.

3. Management Services Department.

Management Services Manager Dan Brewer provided a brief overview to the Council of the functions of the Management Services Department. Mr. Brewer stated it is necessary for the Management Services Department to upgrade the customer service billing system, to reconfigure the billing format and to update outdated software.

Mr. Brewer remarked that the Department is requesting two Meter Readers, two Clerks, one Auditor, one Collection Supervisor, one Customer Service Clerk in addition to new Department vehicles and new telephone equipment.

Discussion ensued relative to the City tax code to preserve sales tax; with regard to e-commerce initiatives for future customer service, especially electronic billing and remittance via the Internet; the possibility of meter reading becoming a revenue-producing venture for the City.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Budget Review Session adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

VICE MAYOR JOHN GILES

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Budget Review Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 6th day of May 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK