

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 6, 1998

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 April 6, 1998 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Claudia Walters

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Jim Davidson
Keno Hawker
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Tanya Collins
Dennis Compton
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Bob DeLeon
Jack Friedline
Bill Haney
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Mike Kalember
Harry Kent
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Kathleen Savagian
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
John Smoyer
Ursula Strehans
Doug Tessoroff
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Bev Hart
Robbie Sherwood
Bev Tittle-Baker
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 6, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed by Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was specific discussion relative to the following agenda items:

4. Consider the following contracts:

- o. TimeOut community services magazines as requested by the Community Services Department.

Mayor Brown advised that in response to a citizen request, this item has been removed from the Consent Agenda.

- r. Southeast Water Reclamation Plant Expansion Project No. 96-09.

Mayor Brown stated that this item has been removed from the Consent Agenda to enable staff to present a brief overview of the proposed expansion project.

2. Hear an update on the proposed grand reopening of Guerrero Rotary Park.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Director Joe Holmwood and Neighborhood and Community Assistance Director Tanya Collins addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Holmwood informed the Council that construction projects within the park have been completed and that a celebration in honor of the park's reopening is scheduled to occur on April 18, 1998 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Collins advised that Neighborhood Assistance Coordinator Debby Driscoll has been working with the neighbors in that area in an effort to identify problems in and around the park and develop mutual solutions to those problems. Ms. Collins stressed the importance of maintaining the park in a clean, usable condition and noted that neighborhood commitment is paramount to the success of any program.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that the neighbors will utilize the park on a regular basis in an effort to discourage crime and vagrancy; the fact that Housing for Mesa has been active in the neighborhood; the importance of open, continuous communication; the Park Ranger Program, and the Citizens on Patrol program.

In response to a question from Councilmember Giles relative to the feasibility and possible benefits of erecting fencing completely around the park, Mr. Holmwood stated that staff is preparing cost estimates and will prepare a report on this proposal. Mr. Holmwood stressed the importance of ensuring that the park area remains aesthetically pleasing in order to encourage constant use and neighborhood enjoyment of the facility.

Councilmember Walters recommended that staff research the possibility of erecting a three-sided fence which may be more appealing than a completely fenced in park area.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Holmwood and Ms. Collins for their input.

3. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Brown recommended the following appointment:

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD

Judge James E. Keppell, Maricopa County Superior Court, to replace Presiding Judge Robert D. Myers. Term to expire June 30, 2002.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, 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. Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics meeting held March 12.
- b. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held March 12.

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Tuesday, April 7, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Transportation Committee

Friday, April 10, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Thursday, May 7, 1998, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session

Thursday, May 21, 1998, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting (Rescheduled from May 19)

Friday, May 22, 1998 - Reception for Outgoing Councilmembers

Tuesday, May 26, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Budget Review

Wednesday, May 27, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Budget Review

Thursday, May 28, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Budget Review

Friday, May 29, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session & Budget Review

Monday, June 1, 1998, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting, Seat New Councilmembers

Thursday, June 4, 1998, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session - Discuss Remaining Budget Issues

Monday, June 15, 1998, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting, Public Hearing & Adoption of Tentative Budget

Monday, June 29, 1998, 5:45 p.m. - Special Council Meeting, Public Hearing & Adopt Budget

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

WAYNE BROWN, 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 6th day of April 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