

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 7, 2000

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 February 7, 2000 at 4:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Don Ayers
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennan
Mike Brennan
Karen Calacci
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Bob DeLeon
Jerry Dillahey
Jack Friedline
Patsy Hensel
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Rich Lorig
Tom Mattingly
Chris Medrea
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Joe Padilla
Ellen Pence
Tye Perkins
Bryan Raines
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Regan Robbins
Donna Salemi
Jenny Sheppard
Doug Tessendorf
Lois Underdah
Mindy White
Paul Wilson
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Betty Beard
Diane Brossart
Webb Crockett
Bill Legend
Barrett Marson
Ben Marx
Dave Udall
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the February 7, 2000 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were discussed among Council and staff. There was no specific discussion or direction relative to any of the agenda items. Staff responded to questions and requests for clarifications posed by the members of the Council relative to a number of agenda items.

2. Hear a presentation by Diane Brossart, President of the Valley Forward Association regarding membership in the Valley Forward Association.

Webb Crockett, a former Chairman of the Valley Forward Association and Diane Brossart, President of the Association, addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Crockett informed the Council that he has been involved with the organization for a number of years and believes it to be a worthy organization that benefits the City of Mesa and it's residents.

Ms. Brossart stated the Valley Forward Association is a 31 year old organization whose mission is to bring businesses together to improve the environment and quality of life in valley communities. Ms. Brossart advised that the organization assumes a regional approach to issues such as air quality, transportation, and land use planning and noted that the 200 member organization represents companies both large and small. Ms. Brossart indicated her desire to gain the membership of the City of Mesa and outlined the positive impacts of membership in the organization.

Discussion ensued relative to the organization's efforts relative to transportation issues, workshops and seminars, the Earthfest event, eco-events, an environmental excellence awards program, the organization's annual luncheon and topics, and information that has been distributed relative to the organization and it's mission.

Councilmember Davidson spoke in support of joining this organization and commented on the benefits of membership in the Valley Forward Association.

Mayor Brown also spoke in support of membership in the organization and thanked Mr. Crockett and Ms. Brossart for their presentation.

Mayor Brown requested that Mr. Luster add an item relative to membership in the Valley Forward Association to a future agenda for Council consideration and action.

3. Hear a presentation by the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona concerning the State income tax initiative.

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was continued to a future Council Study Session.

4. Discuss and consider interviewing final candidates for the position of City Manager on February 16, 2000.

Vice Mayor Giles commented on the fact that the City Council retained a consultant, DMG Maximus several months ago, to begin the process of recruiting a new City Manager for the City of Mesa given Mr. Luster's pending retirement. Vice Mayor Giles reported that the firm recruited a total of 55 applicants for the position and said that the Council has reviewed the applications and heard the recommendations of the consultant relative to this matter. Vice Mayor Giles indicated his intention to offer a motion to move forward with this process.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the field of candidates be narrowed down from 55 to 5 individuals (Michael T. Hutchinson, Richard G. Mendez, William A. Pupo, Allan E. Tandy and J. Edward Tewes) and that those final candidates be invited to participate in an interview process on February 16, 2000.

Carried unanimously.

5. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

- a. Downtown Development Committee meeting held January 20, 2000.
- b. Finance Committee meeting held January 20, 2000.
- c. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held January 26, 2000.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

7. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, February 10, 2000, 7:30 a.m. – City Council Study Session

Tuesday, February 15, 2000, 4:00 p.m. – Police Committee

Wednesday, February 16, 2000, TBA – Interviews for City Manager position

8. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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 7th day of February, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK