

# COUNCIL MINUTES

January 5, 1999

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Regular Council Meeting in the upper level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on January 5, 1999 at 5:45 p.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

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

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## POLICE OFFICERS PRESENT

Roy Dunkelbarger  
Scott Martin

## OFFICERS PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Neal Beets  
Barbara Jones

Invocation by Pastor Tom Wick, St. Matthew United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jason McBride, Troop 951.

State of the City message by Mayor Brown, including the presentation of the 1998 Annual Performance Report and the 1999 City of Mesa "Great People, Quality Service" video.

Mayor Brown delivered the following State of the City address.

I want to take a few minutes before we get into the regular items on our Council agenda and talk about the state of our community. Sometimes we get so busy in handling the day-to-day details of City issues and working with our citizens and businesses on their concerns that we overlook the big picture. It's good to take a moment and evaluate where we are and where we're heading as a City.

Over the last two-and-a-half years as Mayor, I've seen some excellent progress in our community. I've seen partnerships forged between citizens, neighborhood groups, businesses, and the City to make the quality of our community even better.

I've seen more and more involvement by residents in improving their neighborhoods and in volunteering for community service. I've seen many reasons to celebrate the progress we've made in Mesa, and that's what led us to this year's annual performance report. It's called "98 Reasons to Celebrate Mesa," and it's the theme for our annual report. I hope you will take the time to read the report and see the positive accomplishments of this City Council, our City employees, and you, our citizens.

I am proud of our achievements and thrilled to serve as Mayor of this dynamic City. Let me mention just a few of the reasons why we should celebrate.

During 1998 the quality of life for Mesa residents took a giant step forward when voters approved a half-cent sales tax increase. The additional money will pay for more police and firefighters, expanded library

hours, transportation improvements, new parks and recreation programs, as well as an arts and entertainment center. In my mind, the arts center will truly become the major anchor for our reviving downtown.

We began construction of the Red Mountain Multigenerational Center, which is scheduled to open in March at Red Mountain Park. The center will serve all ages, and we will be able to enjoy dozens of brand new, affordable fitness and leisure activities.

We're celebrating our neighborly approach to solving problems. We began an ambitious plan to hold public meetings with 60 neighborhoods over the next five years. And it's already proving to be successful. Residents are able to identify their concerns to the City and find out what programs can help them improve their neighborhoods.

Here's another reason to celebrate. For the first time in our 120-year history, Mesa now has our first female police chief, Jan Strauss. Chief Strauss is a 23-year veteran of law enforcement, and she's already stamped her mark of excellence in Mesa's public safety programs.

One measure of the Police Department's good service is the successful re-accreditation of the Department. This process gauges the service Mesa provides to our citizens with national standards, and believe me, we measure up!

Another example is the help our Police Department gives to families who have been impacted by violent crimes. We've increased our Victims Assistance program to provide much-needed counseling and support to crime victims.

We're celebrating our Fire Department's accomplishments, primarily our rapid response to emergencies and our well-trained and efficient firefighters and paramedics. We've also branched off into other areas of fire service. For example, with more people using desert trails for recreation, the Department developed a bike team. The bike team can respond to off-road emergencies in much less time than ever before. Quality fire and emergency medical service continue to be a priority.

Hopefully, you've heard about the City employees' Community Spirit program - another great reason to celebrate.

Our employees have done an incredible amount of participation in our community - not just through quality service in their jobs, but also through their volunteer efforts - from fundraising and tutoring low-income students to improving playgrounds and adopting families during the holidays. I applaud our employees for making a positive difference in Mesa.

We're also celebrating the fact that Sundays are booked at the Library. Thanks to the half-cent sales tax increase, our Library branches are open on Sunday afternoons year round.

1998 was also a banner year for awards. Here's just a few.

Megacorp, our economic development office, won a national award for our sites directory, which lists 20 of Mesa's prime development opportunities for industrial and office projects. Another kudo came from the White House, which cited the City's sick-child-care program as an example of a best practice to meet the needs of employees who are also parents.

One of our Parks employees, Ken Ventura, received a regional award for creating a program called *Trees, Environment and Me!* More than 600 students at Webster Elementary School annually plant trees at the school and nearby Riverview Park.

Fire Chief Dennis Compton was selected as one of the first inductees into the Arizona State Fire Service Hall of Fame, and Community Services Manager Wayne Korinek was inducted into Arizona State University's Public Programs Hall of Fame.

And during the year, 62 employees were honored for working 15 years each without an accident. And these are just some of the honors achieved by our employees.

We're celebrating the continuous improvement made by City teams during the year. These employee teams improve quality and live up to the City's motto of *Great People, Quality Service*.

The Red Mountain Freeway reached farther into Mesa with the opening from McKellips Road to Country Club Drive. The next segment is 3.2 miles to Gilbert Road, and I assure you that accelerating the schedule for freeway construction is a transportation priority.

We're celebrating those services which might be taken for granted but which are so critical to the operations of our City . . . such as ensuring that every time you turn on your faucet, you have clean drinking water; and that every time you want to go to a neighborhood park, you have plenty of open spaces for recreation; and that each time you drive down a street, you have smooth pavement and synchronized traffic lights.

As I said, these are only a few of the accomplishments of 1998. My thanks to these six Councilmembers, one City Manager, one Assistant City Manager, ten City department managers, 3,000 City employees, and 380,000 citizens. All of you add up to making one terrific City of Mesa.

On a personal note, my thanks to the many people who sent cards and expressed their support to me last summer. Those "get well" expressions meant a great deal to my family and me, and I drew strength and encouragement from the cards, letters, and phone calls.

Before I mention a few goals for 1999, I want to pause for a moment and show a new video that captures the spirit of Mesa - the quality of service in our City and that special intangible feeling of what Mesa is all about. Let's watch it.

(At this time, Council viewed the 1999 City of Mesa "Great People, Quality Service" video.)

So, what's in store for the future? Here are some of my resolutions for the new year:

- I resolve to do my part in ensuring that Mesa citizens stay safe, that we respond to emergencies quickly with efficient and highly trained employees, and that we continue aggressive programs to prevent crime and educate the public about safety awareness.
- I resolve to work even harder to get more transportation improvements for Mesa.
- I resolve to see that we implement a successful Council district system, once we submit a plan and receive approval by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- I resolve an even more concentrated effort by the City to raise the level of sensitivity to Mesa's diverse population, which is the fabric of our community. And I resolve to ensure that we treat each other with compassion, dignity, and respect.
- I resolve to continue our neighborhood meetings where we learn directly from residents about what needs to be done in their neighborhoods.
- I resolve to make sure that we plan and produce a signature event for our community.
- I resolve to try to inspire more and more citizens and businesses to get involved in our community. There are so many volunteer opportunities available - working for a worthwhile cause; serving on a citizen advisory board; learning how to tutor students and help them in school; starting a

neighborhood watch on your street. Your interest in the City of Mesa is the reason why our community is such a great place to live, go to school, operate a business, or visit an attraction.

- I resolve to practice my cheerleading skills and become the number one cheerleader for the proposed Rio Salado Crossing, which has the potential to be the East Valley's and possibly one of the State's major attractions.
- I resolve to stay involved in helping businesses to expand and to locate in Mesa, bringing more jobs for more citizens.
- I resolve to continue our campaign to beautify our community.
- And, with the inevitable increase in population, I resolve to direct our City energy toward smart growth.

Well, there you have it - a glance back at the accomplishments of '98 and a brief preview of '99. In closing, I want to emphasize that this City Council truly cares about our community. I am very proud to be a part of this team and look forward to even greater opportunities for our dynamic city. Join me as we continue to make Mesa even better.

1. Approval of minutes of previous meetings as written.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the minutes of December 7, 17, and 21, 1998 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Consider all consent agenda items.

At this time, all matters on the consent agenda were considered or were removed at the request of a member of the Council. All items identified with an asterisk (\*) were approved with one Council action.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Consider the following liquor license applications.

\*a. H. J. LEWKOWITZ, ATTORNEY/AGENT

Special Event License application of H. J. Lewkowitz, Attorney/Agent, for Junior Golf Association of Arizona, a 10-day charitable event to be held Friday, January 15, 1999, Saturday, January 16, 1999, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Sunday, January 17, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Monday, January 18, 1999, through Saturday, January 23, 1999, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Sunday, January 24, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. at 2401 South Lansing, Augusta Ranch Golf Club.

\*b. H. J. LEWKOWITZ, ATTORNEY/AGENT

Special Event License application of H. J. Lewkowitz, Attorney/Agent, for Widowed With Children, a 10-day charitable event to be held Monday, January 25, 1999, through Saturday, January 30, 1999, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Sunday, January 31, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Monday, February 1, 1999, through Wednesday, February 3, 1999, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. at 2401 South Lansing, Augusta Ranch Golf Club.

4. Consider the following contracts.

- \*a. One-year renewal of the annual supply contract for fertilizers used at the Cemetery, golf courses, and City parks.

The Purchasing Division recommends exercising the only one-year renewal option with the original overall low bid meeting specification by Garden West Distributors at \$109,658.40 plus 6.8% sales tax of \$7,456.77 for a total of \$117,115.17 based on estimated requirements.

- \*b. One-year renewal of the annual supply contract for water pipe repair clamps as requested by the Materials and Supply Division.

The Purchasing Division recommends exercising the first of two 1-year renewal options with the original low bid by Arizona Water Works for annual purchases estimated at \$55,000.00 based on estimated requirements.

- \*c. One-year renewal of the annual supply contract for traffic paint used for striping roadways as requested by the Transportation Division.

The Purchasing Division recommends exercising the first of two 1-year renewal options with the original low bid by Pervo Paint Company at \$75,775.00 plus 5% use tax of \$3,778.75 for a total of \$79,553.75, based on estimated requirements.

- \*d. One replacement copier as requested by the Engineering Division.

The Purchasing Division recommends authorizing purchase from the State of Arizona contract with Ikon Office Solutions at \$15,499.00 plus 7.2% sales tax of \$1,115.93 for a total of \$16,614.93.

- \*e. Two-year supply contract for traffic control signs as requested by the Transportation Division.

The Purchasing Division recommends accepting the low bid by Safeway Sign Company at \$51,079.05 plus 5% use tax of \$2,553.95 for a total of \$53,633.00 based on estimated annual requirements.

- \*f. One replacement street sweeper for sweeping residential streets as requested by the Transportation Division.

The Purchasing Division recommends authorizing an additional purchase option from RFB #97121 with the low bid by Norwood Equipment at \$118,135.98 including options, warranties, and applicable sales tax.

- \*g. 25 self-contained breathing apparatus, refill system retrofits, and related spare cylinders as requested by the Fire Department.

The Purchasing Division recommends accepting the low bid by First In Inc. at \$123,119.75 plus 6.80% sales tax of \$8,372.14 for a total of \$131,491.93.

- \*h. One-year renewal of annual supply contracts for Intel-based file servers requested by the Information Services Division. This contract will provide file servers to various City departments for the next 12 months.

The Purchasing Division recommends exercising the only one-year renewal option with the original low bidders meeting specification as follows:

MicroAge Infosystems Services as primary supplier and Vanstar as secondary supplier, for a combined total award of \$312,789.41 based on estimated annual requirements.

- \*i. Two-year contract for furnishing rental uniforms and laundry service for various City employees. Approximately 450 employees in various departments who wear uniforms requiring commercial cleaning use this contract. Examples include mechanics, maintenance workers, utility crews, etc.

The Purchasing Division recommends accepting the lowest priced proposal by Prudential Overall Supply for annual expenditures estimated at \$98,121.00, including applicable sales tax.

- \*j. 35 pickups for various City departments. 23 are replacements; 12 are additions to the fleet.

The recommendation is to authorize purchase from the following State of Arizona contracts:

Twenty-eight ½-ton bi-fuel pickups from Wondries Chevrolet at \$595,637.00, including applicable sales tax;

Three ½-ton gasoline-powered pickups from Bill Luke Dodge at \$55,079.44, including extended warranties and applicable sales tax; and

Four ¾-ton bi-fuel pickups from Courtesy Chevrolet at \$90,552.22, including applicable sales tax.

The combined award is then \$741,268.66.

- \*k. Kino Jr. High School pool “kool” deck and diving standard replacement - City of Mesa Project 99-32.

This project consists of the removal of the old deteriorated “kool” deck around the pool area and replacing it with a new “kool” deck surface. In addition, this project would install a new three-meter diving board.

Recommend award to low bidder, Absolute Restoration, in the amount of \$106,930.28.

- \*l. Superstition Skyline High School ballfield and athletic field lighting - City of Mesa Project 99-15.

This project consists of installing outdoor lighting at various fields at the new Superstition Skyline High School.

Recommend award to low bidder, Kimbrell Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$442,500.00.

5. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting January 19, 1999 as the date for the public hearing on these ordinances.

(Note: City Council introduction of ordinances does not necessarily reflect City Council approval of these ordinances. Introduction of ordinances sets in motion the public posting and advertising process for ordinances so that the City Council can hear from concerned citizens at the public hearing.)

- \*a. Prohibiting parking on the west side of Sugarloaf Circle south of Lomond Circle; designating the Red Mountain Ranch Elementary School driveway on Sugarloaf Circle as a one-way driveway (exit only); and establishing a 35 mph speed limit on Signal Butte Road from Baseline Road to the south City limits; as recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee.
- \*b. Deleted.
- \*c. **Z98-84** South and east of the southeast corner of Lindsay and McKellips Roads. Rezone from C-1 and R1-43 to R1-9-PAD (12+/- acres). This case involves the development of a 34-lot single-residence subdivision. Edward Probyn James & Associates, Inc., owner/ applicant. **(REINTRODUCTION.)**
- \*d. **Z98-113** 201 North Hobson. Rezone from R1-6 and R-2 to R1-6-PAD (0.5+/- acres). This case involves the development of a 4-lot single-residence subdivision. Also consider the preliminary plat of "Wheeler Place."
- \*e. **Z98-114** The northeast corner of Southern Avenue and Ellsworth Road. Rezone from AG to C-2 (13+/- acres). This case involves the development of a commercial project consisting of a mini-storage building and 3 pad uses.
- \*f. **Z98-115** Part of the 3300 block of East Main Street - north side. Rezone from C-2 to C-3 (4+/- acres). This case involves the development of an RV sales and repair facility.
- \*g. **Z98-117** Certain properties east and west of Ellsworth Road between McLellan and University. Establish R1-43, R1-15, R1-15-PAD, R1-9, R1-9-PAD, R1-7-PAD, R1-6-PAD, and R-2-PAD zoning districts with exceptions (835+/- acres). This case involves the establishment of City zoning districts on recently annexed land.

6. Consider the following resolutions.

- \*a. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement between Adobe Corners Street Lighting Improvement District and the City of Mesa for the operation and maintenance of street lighting facilities - Resolution No. 7302.
- \*b. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement between The Fountains Street Lighting Improvement District and the City of Mesa for the operation and maintenance of street lighting facilities - Resolution No. 7303.
- \*c. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the State of Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Mesa for construction design, and design for bike rest areas along 8th Street/Adobe Road from Riverview Park to Red Mountain Park.

(This item was included on the consent agenda for the purpose of continuance to the January 19, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.)

- \*d. Vacating a portion of public roadway located in the 8600 block of East Desert Lane - Resolution No. 7304.

The area is being developed and this portion of the roadway is no longer needed.

6.1. Consider the following recommendation from the Utility Committee.

- \*a. Recommend entering into a Fuel Cell Lease Agreement with the Arizona National Guard.

7. Consider the following subdivision plats.

- \*a. "TUSCANY GROVE" - The 1200 block of North 40th Street (west side). 6 R1-35-PAD single-residence lots (5.12 acres). R.G.M Development, L.L.C., developer; Allen Consulting Engineers, Inc., engineer.
- \*b. "SUNCREST AT AUGUSTA RANCH" - The 2000 block of South Lansing (north side). 89 R1-6-PAD-DMP single-residence lots (14.1 acres). Stardust Development, Inc., developer; Tobar Engineering, engineer.
- \*c. "SIERRA HEIGHTS" - The 1500 block of North Ellsworth Road (west side). 191 Maricopa County R1-10-RUPD single-residence lots (58.24 acres). Lennar Communities Development, Inc., developer; Coe & Van Loo Consultants, Inc., engineer.

8. Items from citizens present (maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

There were no items from citizens present at this time.

9. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Jaffa, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

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WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 5th day of January 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK