



COUNCIL MINUTES

July 8, 2008

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on July 8, 2008 at 5:50 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Kyle Jones
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

Invocation by Pastor David Land, New Life Assembly of God.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Richins.

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. A videotaped presentation was aired that outlined meeting procedures and provided attendees with instructions relative to addressing the Council.

1. Take action on all consent agenda items.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) will be considered as a group by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item. If a citizen wants an item removed from the consent agenda, a blue card must be completed and given to the City Clerk prior to the Council's vote on the consent agenda.

Mayor Smith stated that a citizen requested that item 6d be removed from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Councilmember Somers, seconded by Vice Mayor Jones, that the consent agenda items, as amended, be approved.

Mayor Smith expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work in reaching a settlement with the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD) regarding the Domestic Water Service Agreement (Item 7u). He stated that the proposed settlement would result in millions of dollars worth of savings to the City of Mesa. Mayor Smith also expressed appreciation to the RWCD for its efforts in this regard.

Mayor Smith called for the vote.

Carried unanimously.

*2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings as written.

Minutes from the June 12 and 26, July 1 and 3, 2008 Council Meetings.

3. Conduct a public hearing prior to release of the petition for signatures for the following proposed annexations:

- 3a. **A07-15 (District 5)** Annexing land located north and west of Brown and Ellsworth Roads (0.19 ± ac). Initiated by one of the property owners, Esperanza Canava.

Mayor Smith announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of land located north and west of Brown and Ellsworth Roads.

There being no citizens present wishing to speak on this issue, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

- 3b. **A07-13 (District 5)** Annexing land located east of Sossaman Road south of McDowell Road (0.41 ± ac). Initiated by the property owner, Karen Fleetwood.

Mayor Smith announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of land located east of Sossaman Road south of McDowell Road.

There being no citizens present wishing to speak on this issue, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

- 3c. **A07-17 (District 6)** Annexing land located west of Crismon Road north of Broadway Road (0.14 ± ac). Initiated by the property owner, Gary Clark.

Mayor Smith announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of land located west of Crismon Road north of Broadway Road.

There being no citizens present wishing to speak on this issue, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

- 3d. **A07-26 (District 5)** Annexing land located west of Crismon Road north of Adobe Road (1.07 ± ac). Initiated by John Webster, representing the property owner.

Mayor Smith announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing regarding the proposed annexation of land located west of Crismon Road north of Adobe Road.

Arlene Gracy, 916 North 98th Street, commented that the above-listed property is located in a County island and stated that the surrounding residents enjoy a rural lifestyle that includes raising horses, goats and other animals. She noted that the property is currently vacant and said that the owner has not been involved in the community. Ms. Gracy further indicated that although the residents enjoy receiving Mesa water, they have no interest in obtaining additional City services and would prefer to maintain their current lifestyle. She added that she has obtained signatures from 35 residents requesting that the City decline the application for annexation.

Mayor Smith requested that Ms. Gracy provide City Clerk Linda Crocker with the petitions so that they might be included as part of the record.

There being no further citizens present wishing to speak on this issue, Mayor Smith declared the public hearing closed.

4. Take action on the following liquor license application:

*4a. The Dobson Association

This is a charitable event to be held on August 16, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 2719 South Reyes. **(District 3)**

*4b. Dobson Ranch Woman's Club

This is a charitable event to be held on November 8, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 2719 South Reyes. **(District 3)**

*4c. Carniceria Murrieta's

New Beer & Wine Store License for Carniceria Murrieta's, 1109 East Main Street – Applicant, Fidel Ruiz Magana – Agent. The previous Beer & Wine Store License held at this location by Carniceria Murrieta's will revert back to the State. **(District 4)**

*4d. Mekong Supermarket

New Beer & Wine Store License for Mekong Supermarket, 66 South Dobson Road, Suite 132, Mekong Supermarket LLC – Applicant, Lawrence Edward Elliget – Agent. This is an existing building with no previous liquor license at this location. **(District 3)**

*4e. Shamrock #1706

New Beer & Wine Store License for Shamrock #1706, 415 North Stapley Drive, Diamond Shamrock Arizona Inc. – Applicant, Timothy Lee Holeman – Agent. The previous Beer & Wine License held at this location by Albertsons LLC will revert back to the State. **(District 2)**

*4f. Shamrock #1708

New Beer & Wine License for Shamrock #1708, 461 North Val Vista Drive, Diamond Shamrock Arizona Inc. – Applicant, Timothy Lee Holeman – Agent. The previous Beer &

Wine License held at this location by Albertsons LLC will revert back to the State.
(District 2)

*4g. Shell

New Beer & Wine Store License for Shell, 2816 South Country Club Drive, Country Club Shell LLC – Applicant, Nuhad Naim Jarjis – Agent. The previous Beer & Wine Store License held at this location by Country Club 76 LLC will revert back to the State.
(District 3)

*4h. MyLynn Café

New Restaurant License for MyLynn Café, 66 South Dobson Road, Suite 107, MyLynn Café LLC – Applicant, Truc (Timmy) Minh Dang – Agent. This is an existing building with no previous liquor license at this location. **(District 3)**

5. Take action on the following contracts:

- *5a. Three-Year Supply Contract for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for City Vehicles as requested by the Fleet Services Department. Cooperative Bid with Mesa Unified School District No. 4.

The Procurement Services Department recommends accepting the lowest, responsive and responsible bid from Supreme Oil Company at \$6,187,667.00, including applicable taxes.

- *5b. Dollar Limit Increase to the Service Contract for Irrigation Well Inspection, Maintenance and Repair for the Pinal Water Farms as requested by the Real Estate Department.

The Procurement Services Department recommends increasing the dollar limit of the Mesa contract to Coolidge Engine & Pump, LLC by \$35,000 to \$126,490 and John Hoover Well Service by \$35,000 to \$43,510, for a combined total of \$170,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *5c. Wastewater Manholes Rehabilitation, City of Mesa Project No. 01-476-006. **(Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6)**

This project will rehabilitate forty (40) of the City's most deteriorated manholes.

Recommend award to the low bidder, Sahuaro Pipeline, Inc., in the amount of \$298,885.00 plus an additional \$29,888.50 (10% allowance for change orders) for a total award of \$328,773.50. This project is funded from the approved FY 08/09 Wastewater Capital Bond Program.

- *5d. Install Access Manholes and Fittings for the Val Vista Water Transmission Mains, City of Mesa Project No. 05-055-001. **(Districts 1 and 5)**

This project will install one new large manhole on the Pasadena main north of Brown Road and west of Mesa Drive in a landscaped area and one new large manhole in the northbound lane of Lindsay Road, north of Brown Road.

Recommend award to low bidder, Spire Engineering, in the amount of \$578,000.00 plus an additional \$57,800.00 (10% allowance for change orders) for a total award of \$635,800.00. This project is in the approved FY 08/09 Water Bond Capital program.

- *5e. FY 08/09 Residential Street Overlays – Phase II, City of Mesa Project No. 06-044-006. **(District 3)**

This project includes more than 289,000 square yards of asphalt pavement mill and overlay. The work will also include the installation of the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant sidewalk ramps and other miscellaneous street improvements.

Recommend award to the low bidder, M.R. Tanner Construction, in the amount of \$3,038,500.00, plus an additional \$303,850.00 (10% allowance for change orders) for a total award of \$3,342,350.00. Funding is available from the approved FY 08/09 Transportation Operating budget.

- *5f. Three-Year Supply Contract for printing of Election Publicity Pamphlets for the City Clerk's Office.

The Procurement Services Department recommends awarding the contract to the highest scored proposal from Century Graphics at \$32,549.57, including applicable taxes.

- *5g. Three-Year Supply Contract for Traffic Signal LED Modules for Warehouse Inventory.

The Procurement Services Department recommends awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bid from Brown Wholesale Electric at \$189,911.83 annually, including contingencies and applicable sales tax, based on estimated requirements.

6. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting August 18, 2008, as the date of the public hearing on these ordinances:

- *6a. Amending various sections of the Mesa City Code regarding the following traffic modifications:

Prohibiting Left Turns From Driveways: 10-3-15

On the west side of Sossaman Road with centerline at the Hopi Avenue alignment. (Sossaman Road south of Southern Avenue) **(District 6)**

- *6b. **Z08-31 (District 6)** 5341 South Power Road. Located east of Power Road and south of Ray Road (5± acres). Rezone from R1-43 and C-2 to C-2 PAD and Site Plan Review. This request will allow the development of a retail center. Michael Rose, Across America Real Estate Corp., owner; Scott Lang, SKL Architects, applicant; Julie S. Rayburn, RCC Design Group, L.L.C., engineer.

P&Z Recommendation: Approval with conditions. (Vote: 6-0 with Boardmember Langkilde absent)

- *6c. **Z08-39 (District 6)** 11464 East Germann Road. Located on the west side of the Meridian Road alignment between Pecos Road and Germann Road (229± acres). Site Plan Modification (229.25± acres) and rezone from R1-43 to M-2-BIZ with a Council Use Permit overlay (2.25± acres). This request will allow the construction of a main entry drive to a steel mill on Germann Road. Steven J. Henderson, Commercial Metals Company, owner; Stephen C. Earl, Earl, Curley & Lagarde, P.C., applicant.

P&Z Recommendation: Approval with conditions. (Vote: 6-0 with Boardmember Langkilde absent)

- 6d. **Z08-40 (District 6)** 7415, 7447, and 7509 East Southern Avenue. Located west of Sossaman Road on the south side of Southern Avenue (6± acres). Council Use Permit. This request will allow retail uses in an M-1 zoning district to exceed 10,000 square feet for an individual store and 50,000 square feet in total aggregate area. Grant A. Tayrien – CSS, LLC, owner; Randolph L. Carter – Dream Catchers Planning and Design, LLC, applicant.

P&Z Recommendation: Approval with conditions. (Vote: 3-2 with Boardmembers Esparza and Roberts nay, Boardmember Carter abstaining and Boardmember Langkilde absent)

Sean Wood, 6263 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, representing Fresh and Easy Neighborhood Markets, expressed concern that the language contained in Section 2, Item 1c of the ordinance (Largest retail user shall not be located in the eastern most building) does not capture the spirit or intent of the discussions at the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board meeting. Mr. Wood stated that he wanted to ensure that retail users over 10,000 square feet were limited to the western and middle buildings of the development. He noted that Fresh and Easy's property is the retail-zoned property immediately to the east and said that the company is concerned that if there were a retail use in the office and industrial zoned property, the area could be "over parked." Mr. Wood suggested that the language in Section 2, Item 1c of the ordinance be modified to read: "Retail users over 10,000 square feet shall not be located in the eastern most building."

Planning Director John Wesley stated that Mr. Wood's proposed modification would not be a substantial change in the ordinance's wording and advised that the language as currently stated would accomplish what Mr. Wood wishes to achieve. He noted that if the Council determines that it would be appropriate to modify the wording in order to provide greater clarity, staff could do so at this time before the ordinance is introduced. Mr. Wesley proposed the following clarification to Section 2, Item 1c as follows: "Any retail user over 10,000 square feet shall not be located in the eastern most building."

Councilmember Somers commented that in watching the P&Z meeting on the City's streaming video, he observed that Mr. Wood's major concern with regard to Item 1c was that the development was "under parked" for larger retail uses. He stated that at the Study Session prior to tonight's meeting, the Council was informed that if the site were developed for industrial uses, it would be "over parked" by 40 spaces and if, hypothetically, the property were rezoned to a C-2 use, which would allow retail in the entire 75,000 square foot project, it would be "over parked" by four spaces.

Mr. Wesley concurred with Councilmember Somers' analysis in terms of the overall numbers. He noted that in considering Mr. Wood's perspective, staff would concur that the distribution of parking on the site tends to be more toward the west and somewhat lacking on the east.

In response to a question from Mayor Smith, Mr. Wesley confirmed that the clarification to the language in the ordinance would not change what the Council is voting on.

In response to a question from Councilmember Somers, Mr. Wesley stated that to the best of his knowledge, the applicant was in agreement with the conditions outlined in Section 2 of the ordinance.

It was moved by Councilmember Somers, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that Zoning Case Z08-40 be introduced, that August 18, 2008 be set as the date of the public hearing, and that Section 2, Item 1c be amended to read: "Any retail user over 10,000 square feet shall not be located in the eastern most building."

Carried unanimously.

- *6e. **A07-07 (District 6)** Annexing land located north and west of Southern Avenue and Ellsworth Road (1.12 ± ac). Initiated by the property owner, James Ford.
- *6f. **A07-33 (District 6)** Annexing land located north and west of Southern Avenue and Ellsworth Road (3.36 ± ac). Initiated by the property owners, Stephen J. Hagerman, James T. Winters and James W. McClafferty.

7. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *7a. Granting a Special Warranty Deed, Temporary Construction Easement and a Drainage and Retention Basin Easement to the Town of Gilbert for the Greenfield Road Improvement Project at 19662 South Greenfield Road – Resolution No. 9300. **(No Council District. In the Town of Gilbert's city limits.)**

As landowner, the City of Mesa needs to execute these documents for the Town of Gilbert's Greenfield Road Improvement Project.

- *7b. Extinguishing two Easements and Agreements for Highway Purposes at the southwest corner of 90th Street and Decatur Street – Resolution No. 9301. **(District 5)**

These easements are being extinguished at the request of the property owner to better secure their property. An easement for public utility and ingress-egress for emergency and service type vehicles is being retained.

- *7c. Dedicating right-of-way and two public utility easements at the northwest corner of East McKellips Road and East Falcon Drive at Falcon Field Airport – Resolution No. 9302. **(District 5)**

As landowner, the City of Mesa needs to execute these documents for the "Falcon 7 Executive Hangars and Desert Jet Center" project being built at Falcon Field Airport.

- *7d. Vacating a portion of the old Power Road alignment, south of Williams Field Road – Resolution No. 9303. **(District 6)**

Since the realignment of Power Road in 1989, this portion of the old Power Road alignment is no longer needed.

- *7e. Granting a Power Distribution Easement to Salt River Project on City-owned property at Falcon Field Airport – Resolution No. 9304. **(District 5)**

This easement is necessary to provide electrical facilities and power to the Echo Ramp Expansion Project.

- *7f. Granting an Easement to Salt River Project on City-owned property along Signal Butte Road at the northeast corner of Signal Butte Road and Elliot Road – Resolution No. 9305. **(District 6)**

This easement is necessary for SRP to provide electrical facilities and power to the area south of the SRP Browning Substation.

- *7g. Granting a Power Distribution Easement to Salt River Project on City-owned property along the Western Canal, west of Dobson Road – Resolution No. 9306. **(District 3)**

This easement is necessary for Salt River Project to upgrade their electrical facilities and power lines in this area.

- *7h. Granting two Power Distribution Easements to Salt River Project on City-owned property at 1804 West Main Street – Resolution No. 9307. **(District 3)**

These easements are necessary to provide electrical facilities and power to the Light Rail Project's Tracking Power Substation.

- *7i. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Department of Public Safety to share radio communications sites – Resolution No. 9308.

- *7j. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to secure grant funds in the amount of \$10,085 for expenses related to a detective assigned to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force – Resolution No. 9309.

- *7k. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Subgrant Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Department of Public Safety to secure grant funds in the amount of \$162,927 for the salaries of two Victim Services Specialists and one Domestic Violence Intervention Specialist – Resolution No. 9310.

- *7l. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority to secure grant funds in the amount of \$22,581 to provide overtime and equipment and repairs to vehicles in the Bait Car Program – Resolution No. 9311.

- *7m. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Grant Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority to secure grant funds in the amount of \$18,477 to purchase equipment and fund overtime for auto theft prevention and education – Resolution No. 9312.
- *7n. Restore fees and charges inadvertently deleted in the Adopted 08/09 Fees and Charges Schedule for HoHoKam Stadium, Mesa Amphitheatre and Mesa Cemetery for the Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department – Resolution No. 9313.
- *7o. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mesa and the City of Tempe to administer the activities of the Water – Use It Wisely™ regional campaign – Resolution No. 9314.
- 7p. Adopting Findings of Fact related to the Retail Development Tax Incentive Agreement (Pre-Annexation Development Agreement) between the City of Mesa and Empire Southwest, LLC, the John Whiteman Trust A, and BCH Management, LLC for the annexation and development of property – Resolution No. 9319. **(2/3 vote required)**

Mayor Smith stated that 7p and 7q would be discussed at the same time, but the Council would vote on each item separately.

Chris Zaharis, 1725 South Country Club Drive, Executive Vice President of Empire Southwest, addressed the Council relative to this item. He explained that although the company's headquarters have been located in a County island adjacent to the City of Mesa for almost 40 years, Empire has embraced Mesa as its home and been an integral part of the community. Mr. Zaharis commented that the proposal tonight indicates Empire's willingness to finalize such a commitment.

Mr. Zaharis provided a brief historical overview of Empire Southwest, the nation's third largest Caterpillar tractor dealer, and reported that the company has over 20 locations throughout its territory. He explained that of its 1,800 employees, approximately 1,000 work at the local headquarters and more than a third of those employees are Mesa residents. Mr. Zaharis also stated that Empire has a longstanding commitment to community/charitable giving and added that the company is "a prime employer of choice," with many employees working at Empire for their entire careers.

Mr. Zaharis further commented that the reason for Empire's proposal to annex into the City is due to the fact that the company has run out of room at its current site and wishes to grow in the City. (Note: Empire's headquarters comprise approximately 55 acres, of which 11 acres are located within Mesa's City limits. Empire is requesting that the remaining 44 acres be considered for annexation into the City.) He indicated that such expansion would include the construction of training and distribution facilities, a parts warehouse and other areas of the campus. Mr. Zaharis added that the expansion would enable Empire "to call Mesa home for a very long time."

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that it is anticipated that Empire's expansion efforts, at a cost of \$25 million, would be completed within two years; that in any given year, if Empire failed to generate \$75 million of taxable revenue, it would not be eligible to receive any economic incentives for that year; and the fact that the average compensation at Empire's headquarters is more than \$75,000 and more than 10% of these employees earn more than \$100,000 annually.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Zaharis for his comments.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Vice Mayor Jones, that Resolution No. 9319 be adopted.

Councilmember Somers offered a series of remarks with regard to items 7p and 7q. His comments included, but were not limited to, the following: fire protection/emergency medical services; that Empire, which generates approximately \$75 million in taxable revenue annually, has requested that its remaining 44 acres be considered for annexation into the City; that the City would receive new sales tax revenues generated by Empire's operations that Mesa would not receive if the company remained outside of Mesa; and, by way of illustration, if Empire generated \$1.75 in sales tax revenue (based on the City of Mesa's 1.75% actual transaction privilege tax), Empire would receive \$0.60 and Mesa would receive \$1.15 of that amount.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commended City staff and Empire representatives for their efforts and hard work in drafting one of the most outstanding development agreements he has seen since his service on the Council. He stated that the end result is one that will clearly be a benefit to the private sector and the community. Councilmember Kavanaugh also acknowledged that Empire has long been known as one of the corporate leaders in Arizona and added that Mesa has benefited not only from Empire's charitable contributions, but also from the generosity of its employees who have volunteered their time in the community.

Mayor Smith called for the vote.

Carried unanimously.

- 7q. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Pre-Annexation Development Agreement (Retail Development Tax Incentive Agreement) between the City of Mesa and Empire Southwest, LLC, the John Whiteman Trust A, and BCH Management, LLC for the annexation and development of +/- 43.6 acres plus the development of +/- 11 acres, generally located south of the U.S. 60 Freeway and east of Country Club Drive – Resolution No. 9320. **(2/3 vote required)**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that Resolution No. 9320 be adopted.

Mayor Smith concurred with the comments of Councilmembers Somers and Kavanaugh. He noted that this is one of those rare situations in which the City of Mesa has the opportunity to welcome an entity into the City that has been a part of the community for over four decades. Mayor Smith stated that when one considers Mesa's ability to collect an estimated \$1 million per year in new revenue from a company that is already established locally and the cost to the City is negligible at worst, "you jump at that opportunity," especially when it solidifies a relationship with a company such as Empire. He also remarked that the commitments Empire has made in terms of investments, maintaining its headquarters in Mesa, and continuing to be a viable member of the community are important and essential. Mayor Smith said that from a financial standpoint, Mesa "would almost be negligent" if it did not take this opportunity. He added that although the Council has not yet voted on this item, he would like to welcome Empire to the City of Mesa.

Mayor Smith called for the vote.

Carried unanimously.

- *7r. Vacating an alley located east of Lazona Drive, between East 3rd Place and East 3rd Street – Resolution No. 9315. **(District 2)**

This alley is being vacated at the request of the adjacent property owners to better secure the area. A Public Utility and Facilities Easement will be retained for access by the utility companies.

- *7s. Approving and supporting the submittal of two grant applications to the Gila River Indian Community – Resolution No. 9316.

These applications are submitted for the Mesa Police Department (\$82,000 to purchase equipment for the Traffic Control Unit and technology upgrades for recordkeeping) and Neighborhood Services (\$145,000 for Alston House improvements, VITA (tax preparation) program, Building Strong Neighborhoods Youth Initiative and Diversity Now program).

- *7t. Approving and supporting the submittal of seven grant applications for non-profit organizations to the Gila River Indian Community – Resolution No. 9317.

These applications are submitted for the Child Crisis Center (\$50,000 for Operation Family Support), Bridging AZ Furniture Bank, Inc. (\$42,000 for a new delivery truck and operational support), Creative Innovations (\$50,000 for family preservation services), Banner Children's Hospital (\$1,000,000 towards their capital campaign), the United Food Bank (\$35,000 to enhance their Emergency & Supplemental Food Assistance Program), Mesa United Way (\$60,000 on behalf of the Valencia Neighborhood Association to provide improvements at the retention basin in their neighborhood) and Native American Fatherhood and Family Association (\$100,000 to train social service providers in serving low-income fathers and provide healthy marriages).

- *7u. Adopting, approving, ratifying and accepting the terms of the Settlement Memorandum dated June 25, 2008 between the City of Mesa and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District and authorizing the conveyance of an easement – Resolution No. 9318.

8. Discuss, receive public comment, and take action on the ordinances introduced at a prior Council meeting. Any citizen who wants to provide comment should submit a blue card to the Clerk before the item is voted on. If a citizen wants to comment on an item listed with an asterisk (*), a blue card must be given to the Clerk before Council votes on the consent agenda.

- *8a. **A07-14 (District 5)** Annexing land located south and east of McDowell Road and Sossaman Road (2.09 ± ac). Initiated by one of the property owners, William Black – Ordinance No. 4867.

9. Items from citizens present.

David A. Douthit, 623 South Winthrop, expressed a series of concerns relative to the nation's economy, including increasing energy costs, the declining housing market, rising food prices and the credit crisis.

Mayor Smith announced that tomorrow morning, Boeing's AH-64D Apache Block III helicopter would make its maiden flight. He stated that the construction of the aircraft would ensure another 20 years of production at the Mesa plant.

Mayor Smith further commented that while the City of Mesa "keeps an eye out for the storm clouds," it is also important to celebrate its successes.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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 8th day of July 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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