

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 21, 1997

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 March 21, 1997, at 7:37 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Robyn Baker
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Fred Conway
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Sharon Joyce
Harry Kent
Frank Mizner
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Tom Remes
Denise Samuel
Debbie Vickman
Mindy White

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Konaziolka
Janeen Rohovit
Ken Sweigart
Mike Zimmerman

1. Hear a presentation from representatives of Salt River Project concerning a proposed 69Kv utility line in Southeast Mesa.

Janeen Rohovit, a representative from Salt River Project (SRP), presented a brief overview of a proposed 69kV line and distribution substations that would provide a reliable and efficient power supply to the southeast valley. Ms. Rohovit explained that the southeast valley is experiencing tremendous growth which has created the need for additional overhead subtransmission lines to connect electrical distribution facilities. Ms. Rohovit referred to a photograph of the proposed lines and described three optional methods of connecting the lines to the existing and proposed substations. Ms. Rohovit added that the project will be completed by November 1998. Ms. Rohovit advised that open houses will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 1997 and Saturday, April 26, 1997 to obtain public input.

Vice Mayor Gilbert expressed the opinion that option three, which proposes that a 69kV line be installed from Power Road east to Ellsworth Road, may be the best solution based on growth projections. Vice Mayor Gilbert added that this option would provide easy access to future commercial development in the area.

In response to questions from Vice Mayor Gilbert, Mike Zimmerman, Supervisor of the Community Relations Department at SRP, stated that three options were developed to assist SRP in determining the optimum location for the proposed line. Mr. Zimmerman said that SRP is working with the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) regarding road right-of-way issues and future build-out.

Robert Konaziolka., Manager of Transmission Line Design at SRP, informed the Council that proposed transportation corridors were considered when selecting sites for the 69kV lines and added that line placement was analyzed in an effort to avoid future changes.

In response to a question from Councilmember Giles, Ms. Rohovit explained that underground lines are possible but expensive. Mr. Konaziolka stated that it would cost between \$150,000 to \$250,000 per mile to install above ground lines and approximately \$1.5 million per mile to bury the lines.

Public Works Manager Harry Kent explained that SRP provides the City with limited funds to be used in burying power lines and added that the funds are only recommended for use with projects that would provide the greatest benefit to the City.

In response to a question from City Manager Charles Luster, Mr. Konaziolka noted that SRP specifically avoids the placement of lines in freeway interchange areas.

Mayor Brown thanked the representatives from SRP for the report.

2. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences.

There were no meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Mr. Luster advised that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 28, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Thursday, April 3, 1997, 4:00 p.m. - Policy Session

Friday, April 4, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer discussed the City of Mesa's ongoing relationship with Japan and presented Mayor Brown with gifts from delegates from Ibara, Japan, who recently visited the Valley to attend a conference sponsored by the City of Phoenix. Mr. Balmer explained that the City of Ibara has expressed an interest in becoming Mesa's Sister City.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Balmer and stated that a letter of appreciation will be sent to the City of Ibara.

4. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (maximum of three sneakers for five minutes per speaker).

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

There were no items from citizens present at this time.

6. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilbert, that the Study Session adjourn at 7:58 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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 the 21st day of March 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of April 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK