

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 29, 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 June 29, 1998 at 4:17 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
Pauline Backer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Dennis Compton
Fred Conway
Gil Damiani
Bob DeLeon
Carl Geis
Joe Holmwood
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Karen Kurtz
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Ruth Anne Norris
Ellen Pence

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Cliff Puckett
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Jackie Redpath
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Jenny Sheppard
Dave Spaur
Jan Strauss
Ursula Strehphans
Walter Switzer
Jamie Warner
Mindy White
Paul Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Robbie Sherwood
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the June 29, 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:

5. Consider the following contracts:

- b. Val Vista Drive and Main Street Waterline and Arterial Overlay and Reconstruction, Main Street, Val Vista Drive to Power Road.

Councilmember Hawker indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter now under discussion which he wanted recorded in the minutes of the meeting, and because of such conflict of interest, he would refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner in connection with same.

- d. Sossaman and Ray Roads, Phase I, Paving and Storm Drain Project.

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7. Consider the following resolutions:

- e. Vacating a portion of a roadway located in The Commons at Country Green.

This portion of the roadway is no longer needed.

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- f. Extinguishing easements for public utilities and a one-foot, nonvehicular access easement and a temporary retention easement located in The Commons at Country Green.

Area is to be redeveloped and the easement is no longer needed.

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- *j. Supporting Federal legislation amending the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Councilmember Hawker requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda.

Vice Mayor Giles suggested that the proposed resolution be read at the Regular Council Meeting for the benefit of the audience.

2. Hear a presentation and discuss the Fire Department's 5-Year Plan.

Fire Chief Dennis Compton introduced members of the Fire Department present at the meeting.

Chief Compton advised that a copy of the Fire Department's 5-Year Plan (1998-2003) has been distributed to Council. Chief Compton expressed the opinion that the plan is challenging and innovative and stated that it is the intent of staff to update the plan approximately every 18 months. Chief Compton noted input provided by the public and staff and expressed appreciation to the individuals who assisted in developing the plan.

Chief Compton provided an overview of the plan, noting that a strategic planning process (guiding the next ten years) was conducted and that long-term infrastructure needs have been addressed. Chief Compton indicated that monies have not been affiliated with the plan but that portions of the recently approved sales tax package have been included.

Chief Compton presented statistical data comparing the Mesa Fire Department to various Fire Departments throughout the nation in relation to average response time and firefighters per 1,000 population. Chief Compton advised that Mesa currently has an average Citywide emergency response time of 3 minutes and 21 seconds and has established a goal to respond to calls in less than 3 minutes 80 percent of the time (present response rate is 49 percent). Chief Compton noted that Mesa currently has .82 firefighters per 1,000 population.

Chief Compton outlined planning assumptions utilized in preparing the 5-Year Plan and highlighted issues/strategies in the areas of a) prevention and public education (inspections, built-in fire protection systems [i.e., sprinklers], high-tech industry, and investigations), b) emergency services (special operations and associated teams, emergency medical services [EMS] transportation, dispatch services, adaptive response units, emergency response times, and airports), c) facilities and equipment (new technology, fire stations, and fire administration offices), internal support and development of members (personnel fitness program and video/on-line communications and training system), and regional coordination and interaction (fire service accreditation).

Chief Compton spoke concerning the number of calls received per year and intervention time, including alarm notification, dispatch, and travel time. Chief Compton added that a Mesa Fire Department Performance Guarantee and a glossary of terms have been included in the 5-Year Plan.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commended Chief Compton and staff for their efforts.

Chief Compton responded to questions from Council concerning possible factors affecting response times in various communities, potential short- and long-term solutions relative to fire administration offices, cross-training/interaction between Fire and Police Department personnel, high-tech industry training, and sprinkler requirements as adopted by the City of Scottsdale.

Councilmember Hawker requested data pertaining to the impact/benefit of installing sprinklers in residential as well as commercial buildings.

Councilmember Davidson expressed appreciation to Chief Compton and staff for their work. In response to a question from Councilmember Davidson, Chief Compton noted difficulties in defining statistics but indicated that costs corresponding to components of the 5-Year Plan will be presented to Council and/or the Fire Committee in the future.

Mayor Brown thanked Chief Compton for the presentation.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held June 11, 1998.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, to acknowledge the receipt of the minutes of the Historic Preservation Committee meeting held June 11, 1998.

Carried unanimously.

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

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

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, July 6, 1998, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting (preceded by a Study Session)

Thursday, July 9, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Study/Policy Session

Thursday, July 23, 1998, 8:00 a.m. – Council Retreat at Williams Gateway Airport

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

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:17 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 29th day of June 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