

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 1996

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Policy Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 2, 1996 at 4:00 P.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Dale Johnson
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Dan Brewer
Fred Conway
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Jeff Martin
Keith Nath
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Darrel Pichoff
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Ross Renner
Sharon Seekins
John Smoyer
Mindy White

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Deaton
Joanie Flatt
Bruce McKendry
Dan Nowicki
Vernon Payne

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Willie Wong

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Mayor-Elect Wayne Brown
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh

Vice Mayor Jensen excused Mayor Wong from the meeting.

1. Consider a request from representatives of MetroRoad that a letter be sent to the Arizona Department of Transportation expressing the City of Mesa's interest in further exploration of toll road alternatives.

Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that plans for toll roads have been presented throughout the Phoenix area for several years. Mr. Hutchinson indicated that staff continues to consider various alternatives to enhance freeway construction in Mesa and has met with

representatives from Metropolitan Roadway Corporation (MetroRoad) to review a proposal to construct and operate a user-fee financed highway project in Maricopa County.

Joanie Flatt, 623 West Southern Avenue, Suite 2, commented that the MetroRoad proposal is designed to accelerate freeway construction via mechanisms including toll roads, funding from the private sector, or a combination of both. Ms. Flatt stated that a letter from involved jurisdictions indicating approval to proceed with the proposal process is required as part of MetroRoad's application but does not obligate such entities to the project. Ms. Flatt referred to a proposed letter for Mesa provided to Council and reported that Tempe has already signed a similar letter. Ms. Flatt said that meetings with remaining jurisdictions are scheduled for the near future.

Bruce McKendry, HDR Project Services Corporation of Arizona, noted that the application to be submitted to the State Transportation Board on behalf of MetroRoad will offer a number of alternatives to Mesa and will allow the City to select options determined to be in the best interest of its citizens. Mr. McKendry outlined the application process and objectives of the project.

Discussion ensued concerning construction of express lanes, user-fee financing, maintenance, and the City's final approval and consent relative to any project element affecting the Red Mountain Freeway within the City's jurisdiction.

In response to a question from Councilmember Gilbert concerning the selection of options by the City, Mr. McKendry stated that MetroRoad does not wish to pursue elements of the proposal that do not have the support of local jurisdictions. Mr. McKendry indicated that a list of alternatives is included to establish the maximum potential scope of the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Gilbert, seconded by Councilmember Stapley, to authorize the City Manager to execute a letter on behalf of HDR Project Services Corporation of Arizona/Metropolitan Roadway Corporation (MetroRoad) as outlined in the material provided to Council.

Vice Mayor Jensen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Further discussion and consideration of proposed changes to the massage therapy regulations.

Tax and Licensing Administrator Larry Lines noted that a revised draft ordinance concerning massage therapy regulations has been provided to Council. Mr. Lines stated that the proposed changes have been distributed to members of the massage therapy industry but staff has received no feedback to date.

Mr. Hutchinson said that the ordinance has been scheduled for introduction at the May 6, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

Vice Mayor Jensen spoke in favor of 500 hours of classroom training, commenting that the purpose in reviewing the regulations was to enhance standards.

Council requested that staff determine the number of classroom hours required by surrounding jurisdictions

3. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the Policy Session adjourn at 4:22 P.m. to convene a Study Session.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Policy Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 2nd day of May, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1996.