

# COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2001

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 October 8, 2001 at 5:13 p.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Hawker  
Jim Davidson  
Bill Jaffa  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

## COUNCIL ABSENT

Pat Pomeroy

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones

Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Pomeroy from the meeting.

### 1. Review items on the agenda for the October 8, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was specific discussion relative to the following items:

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 5b will be added to the consent agenda and agenda item 7.1a will be removed from the consent agenda.

### 2. Discuss and consider approval of the FY 2001-02 update of the Public Art Master Plan.

Public Art Program Coordinator Kate O'Mara addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. She advised that Resolution No. 7303, which established the Public Art Program for the City of Mesa, requires the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board to oversee the preparation of the Public Art Master Plan for the City and that the Plan, which has a five-year time span, must be updated on an annual basis.

Ms. O'Mara displayed graphics in the Council Chambers and provided an overview of a variety of completed and ongoing public art projects. She emphasized that a proposed 50% reduction in public art funding for FY 2002/2003 will greatly impact the Master Plan through a cutback in the number of new projects and/or a reduction in funding levels for potential new or existing projects.

Ms. O'Mara advised that it is the unanimous recommendation of the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board that Council approve the FY 2001/2002 Public Art Master Plan Update.

In response to a series of questions from Mayor Hawker, Ms. O'Mara clarified that Council's packets only contain a status report of the completed, ongoing and new public art projects and that staff will provide more detailed spreadsheets which address the budgetary aspects of the projects.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Vice Mayor Davidson, that the FY 2001/2002 update of the Public Art Master Plan be approved.

Mayor Hawker expressed opposition to the motion based on the fact he was not provided copies of documentation that specifies exact dollar amounts for the individual public art projects.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Davidson, Ms. O'Mara explained that as a result of limited capital funding, it is entirely possible that some of the City projects that are currently listed on the Public Art Master Plan may not materialize and that they may be substituted by new projects. She stressed that this is a common occurrence in municipal public art programs, and added that staff will apprise the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board and the City Council of any modifications to the Plan.

Councilmember Walters voiced support for the motion and noted that the Public Art Master Plan represents a compilation of input from staff and citizens within the community and that the funding mechanism for the Plan occurs through the City's budget process.

Councilmember Jaffa expressed support for the motion.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Davidson-Jaffa-Kavanaugh-Walters-Whalen  
NAYS - Hawker  
ABSENT - Pomeroy

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried by majority vote of those present.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Council District Commission meeting held August 1, 2001.
- b. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held September 11, 2001.
- c. Human Relations Advisory Board meeting held September 22, 2001.
- d. Library Advisory Board meeting held September 18, 2001.
- e. Police Committee meeting held September 24, 2001.
- f. Transportation Advisory Board meeting held September 18, 2001.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Mayor Hawker declared that the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh stated that he recently hosted the National League of Cities' Information Technology and Communications (ITC) Steering Committee Fall Conference. He explained that the Committee, which helps to develop national policy that represents the interests of municipalities, addressed a wide range of technology issues including communications priorities, privacy regarding modern communications, and protecting the access of public safety emergency communications. Councilmember Kavanaugh also acknowledged Mayor Hawker, staff and Mesa Community College for their assistance.

Councilmember Walters said that she participated in a Partnerships for a Better Community meeting which was comprised of members of the faith community, social service providers and City staff. She noted that the purpose of the meeting was to establish more effective lines of communication among the various entities. Councilmember Walters also thanked Mayor Hawker and staff for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Davidson reported on an event he attended proclaiming October as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Hawker acknowledged Councilmember Kavanaugh for his efforts to bring the ITC Steering Committee to Mesa for its fall conference.

Councilmember Whalen stated that he and Vice Mayor Davidson attended the International Downtown Association Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He commented that he especially appreciated the presentations on urban redevelopment and found them to be very informative.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 9, 2001, 6:00 p.m. – Joint Dinner Meeting with Apache Junction

Thursday, October 11, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, October 18, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, October 22, 2001, TBA – Study Session

Monday, October 22, 2001, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session Cancelled

Assistant Fire Chief Bob DeLeon informed the Council that October 6-13, 2001 is Fire Prevention Week. He also outlined the Fire Department's upcoming schedule of activities regarding this event.

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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