



# COUNCIL MINUTES

April 1, 2003

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Joint Meeting with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at Casino Arizona, Loop 101 and McKellips on April 1, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

MESA COUNCIL PRESENT	MESA STAFF PRESENT	SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENT	SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY STAFF PRESENT
Mayor Keno Hawker Rex Griswold Kyle Jones Dennis Kavanaugh Janie Thom Claudia Walters Mike Whalen	Mike Hutchinson Jim Huling Barbara Jones Eric Norenberg Ellen Pence Julie Rice Paul Wenbert	Joni Ramos, President Diane Enos Selena Espinoza Verland French Grinelda Gates Dixie Padilla Leonard Rivers	William Allison Marilyn Ethelbah Charleen Greer Janet Johnson Michael Lalonde Larry Landry Phil Matthews Jacob Moore Bryan Meyer
OTHERS PRESENT	STAFF ABSENT	COUNCIL ABSENT	STAFF ABSENT
Dean Clarkson Adam Klawonn Kay Ruston	Debra Dollar	Lynn Myore Ricardo Leonard	Todd Auger Hans Klose

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

## 1. Welcome and Introductions.

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) President thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and announced that following Councilmember Diane Enos' invocation a buffet dinner will be provided to those in attendance and the agenda items for tonight's meeting will be discussed after dinner.

(The meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.)

SRPMIC President Ramos requested that Mayor Hawker begin the meeting with a few comments. Mayor Hawker spoke of the positive relationship SRPMIC and the City of Mesa have had for many years and commented on the success of working together on various joint projects.

After his introduction by President Ramos, SRPMIC Intergovernmental Affairs Jacob Moore requested that individuals in attendance introduce themselves.

Mr. Moore stated that since it had been a long time since the Councils had met and given the fact that there are several new Councilmembers, the meeting would primarily serve as an opportunity to get acquainted and briefly discuss mutual issues of interest.

Mr. Moore requested that everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

## 2. Gilbert Road/Red Mountain Freeway Update.

SRPMIC staff person, Phil Matthews, stated that he works with Engineering/Construction Services and commented that one of his primary responsibilities is to oversee the design construction projects by the County. Mr. Matthews reported that Gilbert Road is project to be a three-lane highway with a raised median and stated that landscaping and decorative walls are components of this project. Mr. Matthews informed those present that the County has committed to utilizing rubberized asphalt as part of this project and stated that these plans are currently being circulated throughout the Indian Community for input. Mr. Matthews said that the County's current schedule provides for a bidding process to begin in July or August and a construction timeframe of mid-September. Mr. Matthews commented on the fact that there are right-of-way issues and transferring of lands that will take place in the upcoming months.

Discussion ensued regarding the construction period and the traffic issues associated with the construction of this project.

## 3. Va Shly'ay Akimel Restoration Project Update.

Intergovernmental Affairs Moore pointed out that Acting Department Director Bobby Ramirez was unable to attend this meeting; therefore, Cultural & Environmental Services Marilyn Ethelbah will be presenting this agenda item in his absence.

Ms. Ethelbah reported that this project, which involves the Indian Community, the City of Mesa and the Army Corp of Engineers and commented that it, has been a two-year process. Ms. Ethelbah referred to the displays located in the meeting room and stated that the maps illustrate various habitats, different levels of water use, varieties of plant types and conceptual plans relative to the restoration of the river. Ms. Esthelbah spoke of the numerous studies and research that have taken place to date and the many Community meetings and discussions with the Tribal Council that have transpired since the inception of this project.

In response to an inquiry by President Ramos, Mayor Hawker stated that the Army Corp of Engineers provided an update of the Mesa City Council as recently as a month ago. Mayor Hawker emphasized that this project belongs to the Indian Community and although Mesa shares a common border the Community has the control and Mesa will continue to serve as a partner. Mayor Hawker spoke of the cooperative lobbying efforts to recoup tax dollars (federal money) back to Arizona for this beneficial project.

Intergovernmental Affairs Moore reported that the feasibility study for this project will be completed sometime in mid-summer and commented that the study will contain alternative plans that will require further input from the Councils. Mr. Moore commented that efforts will continue relative to securing congressional dollars in order to complete the feasibility study.

4. McKellips Corridor Development Plans Presentation.

Economic Development Analyst William Allison announced that he is presenting this agenda item on behalf of the Community Development Department and explained that Economic Development is just one of four branches under the auspice of Community Development. Mr. Allison outlined the functions of the Community's Economic Development Department, which included the processing of any proposals for commercial development, working with developers, and dealing with Federal leasing statutes and Community ordinances.

Mr. Allison in utilizing the Land Use Plan Map (derived from the 1988 General Plan) displayed in the meeting room, outlined current and projected land uses including areas for Class A commercial projects, Class B office space, open space, the Pima Corridor, industrial sites and the McKellips Corridor. Mr. Allison informed those present that currently there are no plans for the McKellips Corridor and stated that although the area is zoned for commercial it remains industrial. Mr. Allison commented that efforts have been expended regarding the Pima Corridor in lieu of the McKellips Corridor.

Intergovernmental Affairs Jacob Moore pointed out that Mr. Allison was his replacement as the Economic Development Analyst and commented on the input received by the Community during the 1988 General Plan process regarding future land uses. Mr. Moore stated that a common response expressed by the Community was the importance of maintaining a rural environment with agricultural areas and open space. Additionally, Mr. Allison spoke of the Community's philosophy relative to areas that have been designated as sacred land and the importance of protecting those areas for the future.

Mayor Hawker provided closing remarks which included a comment regarding the beneficial discussions that took place this evening.

President Ramos thanked everyone for attending this meeting and specifically stated her appreciation to the staff responsible for this evening's productive meeting.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 Joint Meeting of the City Council of Mesa and the City Council of Tempe held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2003. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2003

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK