

# COUNCIL MINUTES

October 10, 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 October 10, 1997 at 8:10 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

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

## COUNCIL ABSENT

Joan Payne

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Wayne Balmer  
Neal Beets  
Denise Bleyle  
Tanya Collins  
Dennis Compton  
Mike Comstock  
Linda Crocker  
Lauren DeVuyst  
Kim Fallbeck  
Lars Jarvie  
Barbara Jones  
Harry Kent  
Karl Kohlhoff  
Jon Kokanovich  
Jeff Martin  
Beth Miller  
Ruth Ann Norris  
Ellen Pence  
Bryan Raines

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Andrea Rasizer  
Tom Remes  
Becky Richardson  
Doug Tessendorf  
Debbie Vickman  
Mindy White  
Ralph Wisz  
Mark Woodward  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Hector Benitez  
Margie Frost  
Bev Hart  
Richard Manley  
Chris Moeser  
Scott Rhodes  
Marilynn Wennerstrom  
Marilyn Wilson

Mayor Brown excused Joan Payne from the meeting.

1. Discuss and consider recommendations from the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee to review election procedures.

Mayor Brown stated that Agenda Item 1 will be continued to a future Study Session.

1a. Further discussion and consideration concerning a proposed homeless shelter.

Scott Rhodes, Chairman for the Mesa Community Action Network (Mesa CAN) Board, introduced Hector Benitez, Past Chairman of the Mesa CAN Board. Mr. Rhodes spoke of a proposed East Valley Men's Homeless Shelter, the history of Mesa CAN, support of the shelter by the cities of Mesa, Tempe, and Scottsdale, the acquisition of a site, and the

projected opening date. Mr. Rhodes stated that the Mesa CAN Board is committed to seeing the shelter through to fruition. Mr. Rhodes spoke of services to be provided and advised Council that the name of the shelter was recently changed to the East Valley Transitional Training and Living Center. Mr. Rhodes informed Council that the Board recently hired an individual to acquire capital and noted that \$300,000 for capital improvements and \$300,000 for operating funds will be requested through various grant programs.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Gilbert, City Manager Charles Luster provided Council a sketch of the proposed site. Mr. Luster spoke regarding the location and noted that negotiations are underway with the current owner. Mr. Luster informed Council that in addition to funds from the cities of Tempe and Scottsdale, the City of Mesa has set aside \$300,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and noted that additional funds may be transferred from the Pioneer Park funding project to assist in financially acquiring the proposed site. Mr. Luster suggested that funding from the armory winter shelter be diverted to the East Valley Transitional Training and Living Center to assist in providing funds for operating costs.

Vice Mayor Gilbert suggested that the Mesa CAN Board pursue the participation of Maricopa County, the city of Chandler, and town of Gilbert. Vice Mayor Gilbert expressed concern relative to diverting funds from Pioneer Park and stressed the importance of replenishing the funds.

In response to a question from Councilmember Stapley, Mr. Rhodes noted the number of men that the facility will accommodate and informed Council that the facility may be expanded in the future if necessary. Mr. Rhodes stated that individuals demonstrating efforts in self-sufficiency may be granted an extension of time at the shelter, if necessary.

Councilmember Stapley concurred with Vice Mayor Gilbert relative to the importance of the involvement of surrounding cities.

Mr. Rhodes informed Council that Mesa CAN Boardmembers have met with neighboring communities and will continue to pursue their participation.

Councilmember Pomeroy indicated support of the shelter and noted the importance of proceeding.

Councilmember Giles suggested that the Salt River Indian Community be requested to participate in the development of the facility.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Benitez for the presentation.

2. Hear a report on City of Mesa designation of assured water supply.

Assistant Utilities Manager Karl Kohlhoff introduced Water Resources Coordinator Beth Miller. Mr. Kohlhoff provided a brief overview of a recently received Decision and Order from the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Mr. Kohlhoff advised the Arizona Department of Water Resources has approved the City of Mesa's application for a Designation of Assured Water Supply through the year 2010. Mr. Kohlhoff informed Council that to date, that Mesa and Glendale are the only cities that have received the designation.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commended staff for their efforts in obtaining the Assured Water Supply designation from the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

3. Presentation on the Employees Community Spirit program and fund drive.

Public Information Specialist Andrea Rasizer, Chairman for the 1997 Community Spirit Fund Drive, introduced Utility Compliance Coordinator Mike Comstock, Vice Chairman for the 1997 Community Spirit Fund Drive. Ms. Rasizer spoke relative to the results of the numerous fund raising events and commented on their success. Ms. Rasizer advised Council that the City raised over \$195,000, which reflects a 39 percent increase over 1996 results and the largest dollar amount ever raised by the City of Mesa. Ms. Rasizer stated that the Community Spirit Fund Drive will be a year-round program providing staff the opportunity to be involved in various community and fund raising activities. Ms. Rasizer discussed the Community Spirit Fund Drive's mission statement.

Mayor Brown congratulated Ms. Rasizer for her outstanding efforts and leadership.

City Manager Charles Luster commended Ms. Rasizer for her enthusiasm and development of a successful Community Spirit Fund Drive. Ms. Rasizer was presented with a bouquet of roses in appreciation for her efforts.

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

a. Design Review Board meeting held October 1, 1997

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilbert, that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

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

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, October 17, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Monday, October 20, 1997, prior to Study Session - Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, October 20, 1997, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

There were no items from citizens present.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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 10th day of October 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this day of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK