

# COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 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 October 15, 1998 at 7:30 a.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  
Joan Baier  
Wayne Balmer  
Neal Beets  
Denise Bleyle  
Jack Caroline  
Dennis Compton  
Fred Conway  
Linda Crocker  
Bob DeLeon  
Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Harry Kent  
Wayne Korinek  
Ron Krosting  
Dorinda Larsen  
Larry Lines  
Rich Lorig  
Jeff Martin  
Frank Mizner  
Keith Nath  
Terri Palmberg  
Ellen Pence  
David Plumb  
Bryan Raines  
Andrea Rasizer

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT)

Tom Remes  
Becky Richardson  
Kathleen Savagian  
Sharon Seekins  
Jenny Sheppard  
Jan Strauss  
Ursula Strephans  
Doug Tessendorf  
Mindy White  
Paul Wilson  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Florence Adams  
Charlie Deaton  
Gary Finlinson  
Alan Heslop  
Patricia Huerta  
Lou Lentz  
Jason Morris  
Richard Morrison  
Malcolm Ross  
Robbie Sherwood  
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Jaffa from the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Jaffa joined the meeting at 7:38 a.m.

### 1. Review items on the agenda for the October 19, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

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

9. Consider the following recommendations from the Finance Committee.

- \*a. Adoption of Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 (unanimous) and amendments 5, 6, and 7 to the Schedule of Fees and Charges be approved.

Councilmember Davidson indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter currently under discussion which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and because of such conflict he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

Mayor Brown advised that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- 10. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances.

- b. Z98-52 The southeast corner of Signal Butte and Adobe.

Councilmember Jaffa indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter currently under discussion which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and because of such conflict he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

- \*e. Z98-74 The southwest corner of Broadway and Sossaman.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that the applicant has requested that this case be withdrawn.

- \*f. Z98-76 North of the northeast corner of Power Road and Broadway.

Mr. Balmer advised that the applicant has requested that this case be withdrawn.

Mayor Brown advised that Zoning Cases Z98-74 and Z98-76 will remain on the Consent Agenda for withdrawal by the applicant.

- i. Z98-80 The northwest corner of Val Vista and Hermosa Vista Drives.

Mr. Balmer informed the Council that a legal protest has been filed and the case requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Council for approval.

2. Hear from representatives of Mercy Housing of Arizona concerning a project to be constructed in Mesa.

Anna Houth, representing the Mercy Housing of Arizona Community Development Office, addressed the Council regarding this agenda item and provided a brief update on a project that is just breaking ground on the corner of 6th Street and Mesa Drive. Ms. Houth thanked the Council for their continued support and cooperation. Ms. Houth introduced additional staff members present at the meeting and provided a brief history of the Mercy Housing organization and the group's achievements and future goals.

Discussion ensued relative to the need for affordable housing projects, Mercy Housing projects that have been constructed in Arizona, the formation of local advisory boards to ensure that the organization's projects meet the needs of the community, proposed rents for the current project at 6th Street and Mesa Drive, anticipated construction schedules, City of Mesa HOME funding, rental amounts based on resident incomes, and the importance of meeting the needs of the citizens within our community.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Houth and her staff for their presentation, commended them on their worthwhile projects, and wished them good luck in their future ventures.

2.1. Consider a proposed agreement between the City of Mesa and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD) for Water Transportation, Hydroelectric Generation, and Joint Utilization of Facilities.

Utilities Manager David Plumb addressed the Council relative to this agenda item and outlined the contents of a report which described a comprehensive agreement between the City of Mesa and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD) for water transportation, hydroelectric generation and the joint utilization of facilities. Mr. Plumb noted that the agreement consists of two components, water and power, and spoke in strong support of approving the proposed agreement.

Discussion ensued relative to the location of the RWCD canal, the fact that the RWCD system provides the ability to transport water supplies within the eastern portion of the City's water system, the fact that the agreement also provides for the joint use of RWCD wells for recovery of Mesa's stored water credits, the fact that the RWCD will construct and deed over to Mesa a low-head hydroelectric plant with a generating capacity of 860 kW, the fact that the agreement states that in exchange for RWCD's granting Mesa capacity in its water delivery system and transferring the hydro plant to Mesa, mesa agrees to deliver a total of 525,000 acre-feet of water to RWCD over the next 15 years, the fact that for each acre-foot of water delivered RWCD agrees to reduce its groundwater pumping by one acre-foot, and the fact that Mesa will receive recharge credits based upon the reduced groundwater pumping levels.

Mr. Plumb expounded on the positive benefits of the proposed agreement and requested that the Council place the proposed resolution relative to this issue on the agenda of the October 19, 1998 Regular Council Meeting for Council action.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. Plumb for his input and stated that this item will be placed on the agenda of the October 19, 1998 Regular Council Meeting.

3. Further consideration concerning the paint color for the barrier walls on south Gilbert Road.

In response to a request for input from Mayor Brown, City Manager Charles Luster recommended that the proposed paint colors for the barrier walls on south Gilbert Road, which are the same colors that were used on the barrier walls along McKellips Road, remain unchanged.

Vice Mayor Giles stated the opinion that a compromise may be reached utilizing two neutral colors rather than the proposed colors which were used along McKellips Road.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commented that the previous decision to change the colors of the wall along Gilbert Road did not involve sufficient citizen/neighbor participation. Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed the opinion that the original plan that was submitted to the residents, proposing that the walls along Gilbert Road be painted the same color as the walls along McKellips Road, be implemented.

Vice Mayor Giles expressed the opinion that the colors used on the walls along McKellips Road are harsh and reiterated that he would prefer the use of neutral colors.

Councilmember Pomeroy concurred with Vice Mayor Giles' comments but added that he would support the neighbors' preference that the walls be painted the same colors as the walls along McKellips Road.

Gary Finlinson, 4010 East McLellan, addressed the Council regarding this agenda item and spoke in opposition to utilizing the same paint colors that were used on the walls along McKellips Road.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh that the original recommendation of staff and the Transportation Committee, relative to painting the barrier walls along Gilbert Road the same colors that were used on the walls along McKellips Road, be approved.

Mayor Brown stated that the motion dies for lack of a second.

Additional discussion ensued relative to this agenda item.

Councilmember Pomeroy stated that in the interest of proceeding on this matter, he will propose the same motion that was made by Councilmember Kavanaugh.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the original recommendation of staff and the Transportation Committee, relative to painting the barrier walls along Gilbert Road the same colors that were used on the walls along McKellips Road, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed;

AYES - Brown-Davidson-Kavanaugh-Pomeroy  
NAYS - Giles-Hawker-Jaffa

Councilmember Hawker stated that although he does not object to the original colors being used on the barrier walls, in his opinion this issue should be presented to the citizens/neighbors for additional consideration and input prior to Council approval.

Councilmember Jaffa concurred with Councilmember Hawker's comments.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

4. Hear an update on Council districting.

Assistants to the City Manager Jeff Martin and Ellen Pence addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Mr. Martin introduced Drs. Florence Adams and Alan Heslop of National Demographics Corporation, the consulting firm that was hired to assist the City in its districting efforts, to the members of the Council.

Dr. Heslop provided the Council with brief background information on his firm and stated that he and Dr. Adams possess over 20 years of experience in the districting/redistricting area. Dr. Heslop presented a brief overview of the districting process and emphasized the importance of ensuring that extensive citizen participation is solicited from every facet of the community.

Discussion ensued relative to the scheduled ten public hearings, areas of influence, the fact that all districting materials will be printed in English and Spanish, the importance of encouraging community leaders and other interested parties to attend and participate in the process, the fact that City staff is preparing a direct mailing on the districting process to be sent to all Mesa households, the Justice Department submission, and the actual development of district boundaries.

Dr. Adams provided the Council with a brief overview of the draft Citizen Kits which were presented at the meeting and encouraged the members of the Council to participate in the process and encourage neighbors, family and citizens to also become involved. Dr. Adams highlighted a list of districting criteria that was developed and commented on Constitutional issues of equality and fairness, community of interest, access recognition and geography, the importance of citizen input, and population and growth statistics.

Ms. Pence discussed marketing/direct mailing activities and noted that the services of a Spanish translator have been obtained to assist the City in its efforts.

Mayor Brown thanked staff and Drs. Heslop and Adams for their efforts and presentation.

5. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

- a. Design Review Board meeting held October 7, 1998.
- b. Fire Committee meeting held September 17, 1998

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

7. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, October 19, 1998, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Luster advised that the Thursday, October 22, 1998 Council Study Session has been cancelled.

Thursday, October 29, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session.

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

Hear from Moses Long concerning the Broadway Recreation Center.

Mayor Brown advised that Mr. Long is not present to present his remarks to the Council.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no items from citizens present at this time.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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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 15th day of October 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK