

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 16, 2000

The Finance Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 16, 2000 at 10:08 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Bill Jaffa, Chairman
Dennis Kavanaugh
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL PRESENT

Keno Hawker

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones

1. Review and accept the Deloitte and Touche audit of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, including recommendations and management response.

Finance Director Larry Woolf addressed the Finance Committee relative to this agenda item and introduced representatives from Deloitte and Touche. Mr. Woolf commended Controller Kathy Pace for her efforts in the completion of this project.

John Hunter, a partner with Deloitte and Touche, explained that it is the practice of his firm to generate a Management Letter as a means by which to offer operational recommendations to its clients. Mr. Hunter informed the Committee that the audit resulted in no material findings in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Hunter also praised the professionalism of the Finance Division.

Chairman Jaffa said that he previously discussed his prior employment with Deloitte and Touche and was advised by the City Attorney that a conflict of interest does not exist and he may participate in discussion and action on this item.

Committeemember Kavanaugh praised the representatives of Deloitte and Touche and also City staff for the thoroughness of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the issues raised in the Management Letter and staff's responses relative to the technology area. Committeemember Kavanaugh spoke in appreciation of Kathy Pace for her efforts. Committeemember Kavanaugh added that the understandable manner in which the report was written will enable the citizens of Mesa to comprehend the nature of the work which has been accomplished.

It was moved by Committeemember Kavanaugh, seconded by Committeemember Whalen, to recommend to the Council that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, including recommendations and management response, prepared by Deloitte and Touche, be approved.

Committeemember Whalen spoke in appreciation of the comprehensive nature of the report and noted special appreciation for the recommendations regarding virus scanning of e-mail attachments.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson joined all of the members of the Finance Committee in thanking staff for the completion of the project in a timely and efficient manner and also spoke in appreciation of the input received from Deloitte and Touche.

In response to questions from Chairman Jaffa, Mr. Hunter stated that the City of Mesa's impact fees are appropriate and in line with other cities.

Discussion ensued relative to the overall financial condition of the City, the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, contract execution and policies in effect in other cities.

Chairman Jaffa requested that the record reflect the excellent job the City is performing in the management area.

Carried unanimously.

2. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of November 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK