

# COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 1999

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 21, 1999 at 7:30 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown  
Jim Davidson  
Keno Hawker  
Bill Jaffa  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Pat Pomeroy

## COUNCIL ABSENT

John Giles

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Kevin Adam  
Wayne Balmer  
Neal Beets  
Denise Bleyle  
Jamie Brennen  
Candace Cannistraro  
Dennis Compton  
Linda Crocker  
John Geier  
Gerry Gerber  
Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Wayne Korinek  
Dorinda Larsen  
Greg Marek  
Joe Padilla  
Ellen Pence  
Bryan Raines

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Andrea Rasizer  
Tom Remes  
Becky Richardson  
Jenny Sheppard  
Jan Strauss  
Walter Switzer  
Kim West  
Mindy White  
Stacy Damp  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

John Kerr  
Victor Linoff  
Barrett Marson  
Cecil Patterson  
Others

Mayor Brown excused Vice Mayor Giles from the meeting and Councilmember Jaffa from the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Jaffa joined the meeting at 7:40 a.m.

### 1. Discuss and consider a National Register Nomination for the Irving School.

Victor Linoff, a member of the Mesa Historical Committee and Redevelopment Director Greg Marek addressed the Board relative to this agenda item. Mr. Linoff informed the Council that the Irving School has been designated as a local landmark and said that the purpose of appearing before them today is to request that the Council approve efforts to nominate and place the Irving School on the National Register.

Mr. Linoff provided a brief overview of the history of this building, beginning in 1936, and stated the opinion that the National Register designation serves as a means of spreading the word that Mesa is serious about the preservation of its assets and historical preservation program. Mr. Linoff stated that the designation sets a standard and offers encouragement to others to try to achieve this status. Mr. Linoff reported that the Council's approval of this request will be considered in February 2000 and said that the recommendations will then be forwarded on to Washington.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of this request and stressed the importance of pursuing avenues such as this. Councilmember Kavanaugh added that processes such as the designation provide the community with opportunities to recognize and preserve it's history and commended Mr. Linoff for his efforts in this regard.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the Council support the recommendation to nominate the Irving School as a candidate for National Register designation.

Councilmember Hawker expressed concerns relative to the fact that the school is located in the middle of the Centennial Hall master plan area and may inhibit future development. Councilmember Hawker questioned whether the school should be relocated.

Mr. Linoff commented that the control of the building always remains with the property owner, whether or not it is listed on the National Register.

In response to a comment from Councilmember Hawker relative to the fact that significant funds will be required to bring the building's condition up to an acceptable level, Mr. Linoff commented that new construction would be more expensive and stated the opinion that the work is justified and appropriate.

Councilmember Hawker commented that he would support the request if assurances are given that the City of Mesa will not be involved in any way in the upgrading and improvement of the building.

Councilmember Davidson agreed that the work involved in bringing the building up to code will be considerable but expressed the opinion that a broad range of citizens and groups would come together to ensure the success of this project. Councilmember Davidson said he will support the request.

Councilmember Jaffa thanked Mr. Linoff for his efforts and indicated that he had concerns regarding the timing of this issue and the fact that the Council would be rendering a recommendation without benefit of knowing what the total costs would be to renovate the project. Councilmember Jaffa stated the opinion that he will ultimately support the request but stressed the importance of first determining the overall development plans for that area.

Councilmember Pomeroy expressed the opinion that the citizens of Mesa want to preserve this historic building and urged the Council not to add the Irving School to the list of historic buildings that have already been destroyed. Councilmember Pomeroy said that he supports nominating the school for placement on the National Register.

Mayor Brown spoke in support of the request and said that preserving the building is a commitment that should be made. Mayor Brown added that although there will be significant costs associated with renovation of the school, in his opinion the expenses are well worth the long-term benefits of preserving this building.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by a majority of those present.

1.1. Consider a recommendation from the Judicial Advisory Board that the initial appointment term for all City Magistrates be for a period of two years, that the initial reappointment term be for a period of two years and that subsequent reappointment terms be for periods of four years.

City Manager Charles Luster advised that Dr. John Kerr and Judge Cecil Patterson, members of the Judicial Advisory Board, are present in the audience to respond to any questions from the Council relative to the Board's recommendation that the initial appointment term for all City Magistrates be for a period of two years, the initial reappointment term be for a period of two years and that subsequent reappointment terms be for periods of four years.

Boardmember Kerr addressed the Council and stated that following several discussions, the above recommendations represent the unanimous opinion of the Board.

Judge Patterson expressed the opinion that the proposed reappointment terms would provide the Magistrates with a sense of continuity and would benefit the City.

Mayor Brown thanked Boardmembers Kerr and Patterson and the remaining members of the Board and indicated that he concurs with their recommendations. Mayor Brown commended the members of the Judicial Advisory Board for their efforts.

Councilmember Hawker stated the opinion that the proposed reappointment terms would provide the Council with an adequate opportunity to gauge the effectiveness of the Magistrates and added that he agreed that the four-year reappointment would provide the Magistrates with increased job stability.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Jaffa, that the recommendations of the Judicial Advisory Board be approved.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Appointments to boards and committees.

Mayor Brown recommended the following appointments to Boards and Committees:

**CITIZENS BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE 2000**

C. K. Sato  
Judy Adams  
Wilford Anderson  
Robert Brinton  
Nick Carr  
Charlie Deaton  
Ferdie Guerrero, Jr.  
Connie Gullatt-Whiteman  
Jack Gunter  
Eric Jackson  
Pat Langdon  
Carol McCormack  
Pat Mendivil  
Will Moore  
Laurie Nichols  
Beverly Selvage

George Smith  
Lela Steffey  
A representative from Fountain of the Sun  
A representative from Red Mountain Ranch

It was moved by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

- a. Adjustment Board meeting held October 5, 1999.
- b. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held September 28, 1999.

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

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

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, October 21, 1999, 4:00 p.m. – Police Committee Meeting

Monday, October 25, 1999, 5:30 p.m. – Utility Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 1999, 4:00 p.m. – General Development Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 1999, 4:45 p.m. – Joint General Development Committee/Planning and Zoning Board

Thursday, October 28, 1999, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Monday, November 1, 1999, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 3, 1999, 7:30 a.m. – Joint City Council/Mesa School Board Meeting.

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

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

7. Items from citizens present. (Maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown stated that there were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment and Tour of the East Valley Transitional Training and Living Center, 2345 North Country Club Drive.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:29 a.m. and the Council embarked on a tour of the East Valley Transitional Training and Living Center.

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WAYNE BROWN, 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 21st day of October 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1999

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK