

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 6, 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 July 6, 1998 at 4:57 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Jim Davidson
John Giles
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh

COUNCIL ABSENT

Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Tanya Collins
Dennis Compton
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Jack Friedline
Joe Holmwood
Barbara Jones
Karolyn Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines
Greg Marek
Jeff Martin
Keith Nath

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
Doug Tessendorf
Mike Whalen
Bob White
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Joanie Flatt
Joe Guinn
Julie Pace
Michael Rushman
Robbie Sherwood
Dave Udall
Marilynn Wennerstrom
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Pomeroy from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the July 6, 1998 Regular Council meeting.

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

3. Conduct the following public hearings:

- b. Concerning the renewal of the Council Use Permit for Paz de Cristo.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, regarding the fact that an additional item pertaining to Paz de Cristo is also included on the agenda, City Manager Charles Luster stated that it was his intention to request that agenda 6i, which involves considering changes to the Paz de Cristo Council Use Permit, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Brown advised that agenda item 6i will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

2. Discuss the possible creation of a Multipurpose Facilities District.

- a. Review and consider a proposed action plan for a Multipurpose Facilities District.

Julie Pace, an attorney and resident of Mesa, informed the Council that she is present to discuss the proposed creation of a Multipurpose Facilities District. Ms. Pace noted that her involvement is voluntary in nature and stated the opinion that the proposed District represents an excellent and unique opportunity for the City of Mesa and surrounding communities. Ms. Pace urged the Council to vote in support of the creation of the Multipurpose Facilities District, appoint two District appointees and allow the citizens to decide at the upcoming November 3, 1998 General Election whether the District should proceed. Ms. Pace discussed her intention to highlight a brief presentation at the Regular Council Meeting immediately following the Study Session.

Michael Rushman addressed the Council on this issue and noted that the firm KPMG Pete Marwick has been retained to prepare an in-depth study on the proposed operational costs for the Arizona Exposition and Convention Center as well as the open space and recreational project components. Mr. Rushman referred to a chart displayed in the Council Chambers and briefly reviewed operational statistics that had been gathered pertaining to two comparable facilities located in Indianapolis and St. Louis. Mr. Rushman emphasized that extensive studies and analyses remain to be conducted.

Discussion ensued relative to convention center shortfalls, the fact that the Arizona Cardinals have expressed interest in becoming an anchor tenant and are willing to commit to a period of 25-years, and proposed amenities to be included in the project.

Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Pace and Mr. Rushman for their comments.

3. Discuss and consider a request for proposals for a consultant to assist in developing Council district boundaries; discuss a marketing program for involving the public in developing the district boundaries.

Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Martin referred to a Request for Proposals which was distributed to the Council regarding the selection of a consultant to assist the City of Mesa with the Council districting process. Mr. Martin referred to a proposed planning schedule and noted that an aggressive timetable is necessary in order to accomplish all of the districting process goals and legal requirements. Mr. Martin also referred to a proposed public outreach program that has been prepared by the Public Information Office.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, that the recommendation of staff be approved.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Mr. Martin briefly commented on proposed 'citizen kits' which will be distributed to City of Mesa residents requesting their input and recommendations relative to the districting process. Mr. Martin emphasized that extensive citizen involvement is a targeted priority.

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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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:

Thursday, July 9, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Council Study Session/Policy Session

Thursday, July 16, 1998, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Monday, July 20, 1998, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 1998, 8:00 a.m. – Study/Retreat, Williams Gateway Airport

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

a. Hear a presentation on youth programs from Teresa Gonzales, Mesa Parent-Youth Programs.

Mayor Brown advised that a number of citizens have expressed an interest in speaking on this issue and said that they will be provided an opportunity to address the Council regarding this matter at the July 16, 1998 Council Study Session.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

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 6th day of July 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK