

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 6, 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 June 6, 1997 at 7:34 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh
Wayne Pomeroy
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Joan Payne

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Mark Coon
John Geier
Bill Haney
Jeff Hullbecker
Mike Hutchinson
Sharon Joyce
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Vicki Kerr
Ron Krosting
Pete Knudson
Richard Lorig
Greg Marek

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Jeff Martin
Lee Mendelzon
Keith Nath
Bryan Raines
Becky Richardson
Denise Samuel
Debbie Vickman
Mindy White
Christine Zielonka
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Moeser
Dan Nowicki
Others

Vice Mayor Gilbert excused Mayor Brown from the meeting.

1. Hear a report on Mesa's Storm Water Program (NPDES).

Environmental Engineer Lee Mendelzon provided a brief synopsis relative to Mesa's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and a City wide permit recently received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Mendelzon advised Council relative to the history of the permit. Mr. Mendelzon stated that the City of Mesa manages five General Industrial NPDES permits and one Municipal NPDES permit and added that the City was one of five cities within Arizona to receive a Municipal NPDES permit. Mr. Mendelzon explained that the General permits are managed by individual industries but that the Municipal permit will be managed by Environmental Programs and based on Best Management Practices (BMP). Mr. Mendelzon said that two organizations have suggested that the permit be based on Numerical Limits rather than BMP. Mr. Mendelzon discussed

the differences between Numerical Limits and BMP and said that staff opposes the use of Numerical Limits.

Mr. Mendelzon informed Council that the NPDES Storm Water Program would cost approximately \$3 million annually. Mr. Mendelzon emphasized that a portion of the costs are current expenses to the City and that \$60,000 of the \$3 million would be provided by the Maricopa County Flood Control District.

Discussion ensued relative to recommendations by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Center for Law and Interest in support of the usage of Numerical Limits, the cost to use Numerical Limits, and whether a comparison between Numerical Limits and BMP has been evaluated by City staff.

Vice Mayor Gilbert suggested that a glossary be created for Council's use containing frequently used terms and names of organizations, their abbreviations, and a brief description.

Vice Mayor Gilbert thanked staff for the presentation.

2. Hear and consider a report on the proposed widening of the Dobson Road and Guadalupe Road intersection.

Keith Nath referred to maps of the Dobson Road and Guadalupe Road intersection and provided an overview relative to the proposed improvements. Mr. Nath advised Council that the intersection currently experiences capacity problems during peak hours and added that with the extension of the Price Road Freeway, traffic volumes are expected to increase.

Mr. Nath explained that staff proposes to widen the intersection to provide three thru lanes in each direction with double left turn lanes on all legs. Mr. Nath noted that relocation of some existing utilities and landscaping would be necessary. Mr. Nath reported that the project would cost approximately \$1.7 million and would commence during the summer of 1998 and completed by the end of the year.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Gilbert, Mr. Nath noted that a raised median was not recommended on Dobson Road but could be included if determined appropriate by Council.

Discussion ensued regarding placement of a raised median on Dobson Road, and safety issues relative to placement and nonplacement of a raised median.

Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed support regarding exploring the option of placing a raised median on Dobson Road.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated the opinion that raised medians may decrease the number of accidents and that the nonplacement of a raised median may be inconsistent with past Council action.

Transportation Director Ron Krosting reported that according to studies raised medians do not decrease the number of collisions.

Vice Mayor Gilbert requested that staff research the option of placing a raised median on Dobson Road and its effects on surrounding parking lots and landscaping. Vice Mayor Gilbert asked that staff present the findings at a future Transportation Committee meeting.

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

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

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, June 13, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

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

Vice Mayor Gilbert advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

There were no items from citizens present at this time.

7. Tour of the Electric Department and other City facilities at the 6th Street Service Center.

At 8:33 a.m. the Council departed on a tour of the Electric Department and other City facilities at the 6th Street Service Center.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned without objection at the end of the tour.

PAT GILBERT, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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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 6th day of June 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of July 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK