

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 5, 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 December 5, 1997 at 8:01 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Claudia Walters

COUNCIL ABSENT

Dennis Kavanaugh

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Tom Albright
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Denise Bleyle
Dennis Compton
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Janice Jackson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Jeff Martin
Tom Mattingly

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Becky Richardson
Debbie Vickman

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Brando
Bev Hart
Edward James
Robert Paulsell
Doug Wallis
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Kavanaugh from meeting.

1. Hear and consider a proposal for a pretaped TV program that would follow all City Council meetings on the City Channel.

Bill Brando, 61 South Macdonald, presented a proposal to Council relative to providing an opportunity for citizens to publicly express their opinions on Channel 11 during a program that would immediately follow Regular Council Meetings. Mr. Brando suggested that the speakers be pretaped and required to comply with specific program procedures. Mr. Brando explained that should the citizens not adhere to the procedures, City staff would have the ability to deny airing the presentation.

Mayor Brown questioned whether staff could legally restrict the contents of a citizen's presentation.

Councilmember Payne spoke of the importance of freedom of speech and an individual's right to address Council.

Mayor Brown advised that individuals are encouraged to address Council during the prescheduled portion of the Council meetings and to meet and/or contact Councilmembers on a one-on-one basis.

Councilmember Walters concurred with Councilmember Payne relative to the first amendment rights of an individual but noted that citizens are encouraged to address the Council during the prescheduled portion of the Council meetings. Councilmember Walters stated opposition to the proposal.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated that he would not support the proposal and emphasized that Council access is available to citizens through phone calls, one-on-one meetings, and during Council meetings.

Councilmember Payne reiterated her support of the proposal and expressed the opinion that Mr. Brando provides a valuable service to the citizens of Mesa.

Councilmember Pomeroy indicated support of the proposal and suggested that citizens be provided the opportunity to appear on the program once a year. Councilmember Pomeroy also suggested that the chairmen of the various City of Mesa boards and committees be invited to present an overview of their committees' responsibilities.

Mayor Brown requested that staff research the feasibility of developing a program that would provide public, committee, and staff input.

(Mayor Brown left the meeting at 8:28 a.m.)

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held November 18, 1997
- b. Adjustment Board meeting held November 20, 1997

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Gilbert- Giles-Payne-Pomeroy-Walters
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Brown-Kavanaugh

Vice Mayor Gilbert declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Consider appointments to boards and committees.

Vice Mayor Gilbert stated that the following appointments to boards and committees have been recommended by the Mayor:

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD

Costella Brickhouse - term ending June 30, 1999

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Vince DiBella - term ending June 30, 2000

Shanlyn Newman - term ending June 30, 1999

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Dan Eccles - term ending June 30, 1998

SELF-INSURANCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Councilmember Claudia Walters

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Gilbert- Giles-Payne-Pomeroy-Walters
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Brown-Kavanaugh

Vice Mayor Gilbert declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3.1. Consider a request from Guaymas, Mexico for a retired 1991 Ford one-ton jail van.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that a letter was recently received from Sara Valle, Mayor of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, one of the City of Mesa's Sister Cities, requesting the opportunity to acquire surplus equipment. Mr. Balmer stated that a 1991 Ford one-ton jail van, which could be utilized by the City of Guaymas, is scheduled to be auctioned by the City on Saturday, December 6, 1997. Mr. Balmer reported that refuse trucks and various pieces of equipment have previously been purchased by the City of Guaymas.

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the request from Sara Valle, Mayor of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, to acquire a 1991 Ford one-ton jail van, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Gilbert-Giles-Payne-Pomeroy-Walters
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Brown-Kavanaugh

Vice Mayor Gilbert declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Vice Mayor Gilbert 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, December 8, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Joint meeting with the Mesa School Board

Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 4:00 p.m. - Policy Session (to be followed by a Study Session)

Friday, December 12, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

6. 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.

7. Items from citizens present maximum of three speakers for five minutes per sneaker).

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

8. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the Study Session adjourn at 8:33 a.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 5th day of December 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of December 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK