

# COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 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 January 17, 1997, at 7:30 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown  
Pat Gilbert  
John Giles  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Joan Payne  
Wayne Pomeroy  
Jim Stapley

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Lin Adams  
Pauline Backer  
Wayne Balmer  
Kathy Barrett  
Cindy Barris  
Neal Beets  
Tanya Collins  
Fred Conway  
Jo Ferguson  
John Geier  
Laurie Goggin  
Joe Holmwood  
Lars Jarvie  
Sharon Joyce  
Harry Kent  
Karl Kohlhoff  
Ron Krosting  
Larry Lines  
Jeff Martin  
Ruth Anne Norris

## STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

John Oliver  
Ellen Pence  
Bryan Raines  
Tom Remes  
Denise Samuel  
John Smoyer  
Debbie Vickman  
Jeff Welker  
Mindy White  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Moeser  
Dan Nowicki  
Ralph Pew  
Robbie Sherwood  
Mary Lynn Vela  
Others

### 1. Hear and consider a request from Judge Reeb for an additional City Magistrate for the City Court.

Presiding City Magistrate Harold Reeb spoke regarding the renovation of the City Court building and the need for an additional judge in one of the two new courtrooms. Judge Reeb reported that case loads have increased by approximately 40 percent since the appointment of Judge Rebecca Standage in December 1993. Judge Reeb advised that the Court processes an estimated 9,000 cases a month and stated that the workload is anticipated to double due to the inception of the photo radar system.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that the request for an additional City Magistrate for the City Court be approved.

Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed concern that the request has been presented on an ad hoc basis rather than within the annual budgeting process. Councilmember Kavanaugh stated that he will not support the request.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a hearing officer in addition to a judge, responsibilities of judges and hearing officers, and an expected increase in Police Department personnel.

Court Administrator Kathy Barrett spoke concerning training required by the Arizona Supreme Court before an individual may be appointed as a hearing officer and the impact of an increased workload on staff.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

2. Discuss and consider a proposed street addressing policy.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that in response to recent requests from developers, staff has proposed a street addressing policy to allow public street names and standard street addresses in single-family residential developments with private streets.

Mr. Balmer related staff's recommended standards for approval, including providing street signs in a different color to distinguish private streets from the City's public street, placing the words "private street" on such signs, and utilizing street naming/house numbering patterns that are consistent with those used for public streets. Mr. Balmer stated that existing subdivisions would be allowed to change current addresses subject to various conditions. Including the stipulation that written consent and agreement to change be submitted from 100 percent of all affected property owners. Mr. Balmer added that staff does not recommend extending the new street addressing policy to condominiums, mobile home/RV subdivisions, or other "non single-family" subdivisions.

Mr. Balmer expressed the opinion that the proposed change is reasonable and supported by the development community. Mr. Balmer noted that the policy revision would require an amendment to a resolution adopted by Council in 1979 and an amendment to the existing subdivision ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed \$75/sign installation fee and \$75/lot administrative fee (existing subdivisions), sign colors, emergency vehicle access, limitation to single-family residences, and difficulties associated with achieving 100 percent participation among homeowners.

Members of Council indicated support for the concept but expressed concern regarding the proposed appearance/color of private street signs, placing the words "private street" on signs, and the requirement to obtain consent from 100 percent of all affected property owners in relation to existing subdivisions.

Mayor Brown requested that the proposed street addressing policy be re-evaluated by staff and presented for reconsideration at a future Council meeting.

3. Review City's youth and at-risk programs and discuss community school program.

Neighborhood and Community Assistance Director Tanya Collins presented a brief overview of various City-sponsored youth programs. Ms. Collies stated that many of the programs have been implemented in response to recommendations from Mesa's Gang Prevention Steering Committee.

Special Projects Coordinator Laurie Goggin provided a summary of current City-sponsored programs which address youth and their families, noting targeted population and goals. Ms. Goggin indicated that during the last four years services have been expanded to manage new emerging issues.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of reviewing the programs and resources, obtaining input from participants (such as graduates and drop-outs from the DARE program), and evaluating results to ensure the appropriateness of continuing programs.

Ms. Goggin explained the concept of community schools and presented an update concerning Powell Community School. Ms. Goggin introduced Mary Lynn Vela, Supervisor from Powell Community School.

Council spoke regarding functions and responsibilities of the City versus those of the Mesa Public School system. Vice Mayor Gilbert suggested further discussion of the matter at Council's upcoming annual meeting with the Mesa Public School Board.

Mayor Brown expressed appreciation to Ms. Collies and Ms. Goggin for their efforts.

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

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting - January 7, 1997.
- b. Design Review Board meeting - January 8, 1997.
- c. Downtown Development Committee meeting - January 9, 1997.
- d. Library Advisory Board meeting - January 7, 1997.

- e. Parks and Recreation Board meeting - January 9, 1997

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that receipt of the minutes of various boards and committees be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

There were no reports at this time on meetings and/or conferences attended.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Tuesday, January 21, 1997, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Friday, January 24, 1997, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

7. Review items on the agenda for the January 21, 1997 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the agenda items were reviewed among the Council and staff, with no formal action taken. There was particular discussion with regard to the following agenda items:

4. Consider the following contracts:

- \*e. Traffic signal poles and arms for a special project to construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of Pepper Street and Center and modify the intersection at 1st Street and Center as requested by the Transportation Division.

The purchasing Division recommends awarding a partial order to the low bidder as follows:

Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 from Ameron Pole Products at \$13,996.00 plus 7.05% sales tax of \$986.71 for a total award of \$14,982.71.

In response to a question from Councilmember Kavanaugh, Mr. Luster stated that a large number of City employees are required to park in the Pepper Street garage, which necessitates crossing Pepper Street and Center. Traffic and Streets Director Ron Krosting commented that the number of citizens required to cross Pepper Street and Center is expected to increase in the near future, supporting the need for a traffic signal at the intersection.

Councilmember Kavanaugh noted the proximity of the proposed traffic signal to existing signals. Councilmember Kavanaugh requested additional information pertaining to pedestrian traffic volume and asked that this item be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Luster and members of Council expressed concern that the lack of a stoplight may present a potentially hazardous situation. Mr. Luster stated that a traffic signal is proposed as a preventative measure.

\*f. McKellips Road residential wall improvements, Country Club Drive to Gilbert Road.

This project will install a new 8'-high masonry wall along the residential areas of McKellips Road between North Country Club Drive and North Gilbert Road and along North Gilbert Road between East Jensen Street and East Lockwood Street. The wall will provide a buffer between the roadway and adjoining residential areas during construction of the McKellips Road widening project and roadway traffic after the widening has been completed.

Recommend award to low bidder, The Achen-Gardner Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,716,824.18.

Public Works Manager Harry Kent advised that the original estimate for the McKellips Road residential wall did not include costs for landscaping nodes and planters.

In response to a question from Councilmember Giles, Mr. Luster stated that staff is researching the placement of entrance signs to the City and will present recommendations at a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Giles requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda to allow staff an opportunity to highlight the project.

\*h. Decorative streetlight improvements and luminaries for Main Street.

This project will procure decorative street light poles and luminaries that will be installed (via separate contract) in the raised median along Main Street between North Country Club Drive and North Hobson Street. The improvements will enhance the lighting along Main Street and match the style of the poles and luminaries that have been selected for the downtown area.

Recommend award to low bidder, Arizona Electric Supply, in the amount of \$346,260.84.

Councilmember Pomeroy requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda to allow staff an opportunity to promote the project.

9. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances:

- a. **Z96-64** The southwest corner of Brown Road and Greenfield Road. Rezone from AG to, R1-15 (17± acres). This involves a proposed 23 lot single residence subdivision. US Development, owner; Ralph Pew, application. **A 3/4 VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST. THIS CASE WAS DENIED AT THE DECEMBER 16, 1996 COUNCIL MEETING. THE APPLICANT HAS ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT.**

Councilmember Pomeroy indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter now under discussion which he wanted recorded in the minutes of the meeting, and because of such conflict of interest, he would refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner in connection with same.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that the legal protest has not been withdrawn and a 3/4 vote is therefore required.

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

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

There were no items from citizens present.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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 17th day of January, 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of January 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK