

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 12, 2000

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Council Briefing/Tour of the Mesa City Court and Mesa Police Department on July 12, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Dennis Kavanaugh
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Jim Davidson
Bill Jaffa
Pat Pomeroy

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson

Mayor Hawker excused Vice Mayor Davidson and Councilmembers Jaffa and Pomeroy from the Briefing Session.

1. Tour of the Mesa City Court.

Presiding City Magistrate Walter Switzer welcomed the Council to the Mesa City Court and presented a brief overview of the Division's responsibilities. Magistrate Switzer discussed expansion of the City Court facility, the necessity for additional prosecutors to handle the increased caseload, the ability to conduct arraignments and plea agreements via video linkups with Maricopa County, the potential benefits of night court, court collections, photo radar, an increase in DWI arrests, and the newly completed parking garage.

City Prosecutor Lowell Hamilton guided the members of the Council and staff on a tour of the Mesa City Court facilities.

2. Presentation by the Mesa Police Department.

Chief of Police Jan Strauss and members of her staff provided the Council with a brief synopsis of the Police Department's achievements and goals. Chief Strauss explained that the Department receives approximately 1000 calls for service per day, with a four-minute average response time for emergency calls.

Additional discussion ensued relative to Mesa's crime rate, personnel status overview, budget and strategic planning, accreditation, rank structure, an organizational breakdown, special programs, hiring and training process and community-oriented policing.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Council Briefing/Tour of the Mesa City Court and Mesa Police Department adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council Briefing/Tour of the Mesa City Court and the Mesa Police Department held on the 12th day of July, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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