

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 7, 1996

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Policy Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 7, 1996 at 5:22 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Dale Johnson
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joan Payne

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Tom Albright
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Tanya Collins
John Gendron
Shawn Hineman
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Karen Kurtz
Gino LaScala
Frank Mizner
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Andrea Rasizer
Kathleen Savagian
Mindy White

OTHERS PRESENT

Wayne Brown
Margie Frost
Dan Nowicki
Mary Orton
Ralph Pew
Sue Ringler
Trish Shaffstall
Tony Shumway
Linda Weinberg
Celeste Warner

Mayor Wong excused Councilmember Payne from the meeting.

1. Discuss the Homeless Task Force recommendations.

Special Programs Director Tanya Collins reviewed the ten-step proposed action plan/timeline for implementing the final report developed by the Task Force on Homelessness in Mesa. Ms. Collins noted that the plan represents an integrated approach, includes the adoption of the final report as a policy document, and requests that staff develop a viable package of recommendations concerning the creation of a permanent year-round shelter for single adults.

Ms. Collins stated that Council is being asked to appropriate \$15,000 in contingency funds for the remainder of FY1995-96 for contracted temporary staff assistance, approve \$25,000 in FY1996-97 for a five-month continuation of such expenses, and express intent as part of the FY1996-97 budget (and possibly FY1997-98 budget) to earmark an undetermined amount of

funds (dependent on the level of participation committed by other jurisdictions) for implementation of major report recommendations.

Ms. Collins introduced members of the Task Force present at the meeting. Task Force members commented concerning the proposed recommendations, particularly noting the importance of a permanent shelter, and responded to questions from Council.

Council emphasized the need for accountability and encouraged measures among involved agencies to prevent abuse of services. Discussion ensued relative to steps that can be implemented immediately, siting of the proposed shelter, care of mentally/physically impaired individuals, and the availability of \$15,000 in the current budget.

Mayor Wong thanked Ms. Collins and the Task Force for their efforts.

Members of the Council suggested that this issue be presented for action at the March 18, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Discuss and consider the hearing procedures associated with civil citation issues for nuisance violations.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that this item will be discussed at a future date.

3. Discuss and consider a request from Phoenix Mayor Skip Rimsza concerning a proposed sales tax incentive moratorium.

The Council noted the City's lack of a property tax and reliance on sales tax revenue. Councilmembers stated support of the letter drafted by Mayor Wong indicating that the City is not prepared to participate in a regional moratorium.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Mr. Luster stated that the Study Session for Friday, March 8, 1996, has been canceled.

Mr. Luster outlined anticipated organizational changes relative to the City's mass transit, cable television, air quality, neighborhood/community assistance, housing, and Falcon Field functions. Mr. Luster reported that ordinance requirements will be presented for Council action.

5. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the Policy Session adjourn at 6:25 P.M.

Carried unanimously.

WILLIE WONG, 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 Policy Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of March 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of March 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK