

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 9, 1997

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in Palo Verde Rooms 1 and 2 of the Centennial Conference Center, 201 North Center Street, on December 9, 1997 at 5:48 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jennifer Brooks
Dennis Compton
Fred Conway
Luigi Digirolamo
John Geier
John Gendron
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Janice Jackson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Richard Kasper
Harry Kent
Peter Knudson
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Greg Marek
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Ruth Anne Norris
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer

STAFF PRESENT

Jackie Redpath
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Dave Spaur
Jamie Warner
Michael Whalen

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Brinton
Charles Deaton
Joe Farnsworth
Greg Gilstrap
Beverly Hart
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Pat Langdon
Clancy Mullen
Dave Muth
Jerry Petrie
Ralph Pew
Joe Shipley
Marilynn Wennerstrom
Doug Young
Chris Zaharis
Others

Mayor Brown 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.

Vice Mayor Gilbert 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

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.

Mayor Brown passed the gavel to Councilmember Giles for the remainder of the meeting.

1. Discuss and consider the Main Street streetscape project design elements.

Redevelopment Director Greg Marek stated that direction is requested from Council pertaining to the following design elements of the Main Street streetscape project:

- a) Type of Lighting
 - Option 1. Metal Halide
 - Option 2. Metal Halide Area A
 - Option 3. HPS (High-Pressure Sodium) All

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Walters, that Option 1 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Councilmember Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

- b) Height of Pedestrian Pole
 - Option 1. 12 Feet
 - Option 2. 16 Feet

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Payne, that Option 1 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Councilmember Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

- c) Type of Pedestrian Fixture
 - Option a. Historical
 - Option b. Contemporary
 - Option c. Historical with Arm

Mr. Marek provided illustrations and described each of the proposed pedestrian fixtures.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Walters, that Option c be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Councilmember Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

- d) Graphic Element
 - Option 1. Color A
 - Option 2. Color B
 - Option 3. No Element

Mr. Marek provided illustrations and described each of the proposals. Mr. Marek indicated that if approved, the graphic will be integrated into numerous project elements, such as directional signage and banners.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of the utilization of a graphic element. Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed the opinion that such an element will assist in unifying and identifying the downtown area.

In response to a question from Councilmember Walters, Mr. Marek noted the split decision from the Downtown Development Committee and the recommendation from the Redevelopment staff to forego a graphic element at this time. Mr. Marek stated that if a graphic element is to be included, it is more efficient to incorporate the feature at this time.

Councilmember Payne stated support for the concept, commenting that the proposal is simple yet elegant, compatible with the City's motto, and does not detract from the downtown area.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Payne, that Option 1 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Councilmember Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

- e) Entry Monuments
 - Option 1.
 - Option 2.

Councilmember Giles indicated that he does not support the implementation of entry monuments and expressed the opinion that previous entry signage has enhanced shortcomings rather than created an inviting atmosphere.

Councilmember Payne concurred with Councilmember Giles' comments relative to the appearance of existing entry signage. Councilmember Payne added that such monuments may be appropriate in the future but should not be implemented at this time..

Councilmember Walters concurred with Councilmember Payne.

Councilmember Kavanaugh stated the opinion that a graphic element will assist in identifying the downtown area and agreed that an entry feature may be suitable in the future.

- f) Directional Kiosks
 - Option 1.
 - Option 2.

Mr. Marek advised that 6-8 directional kiosks, if approved, will be located at various major intersections and will include a map of the downtown area along with a list of businesses. Mr. Marek said that it is anticipated that the Town Center Corporation will maintain the signs. Mr. Marek commented that the kiosks represent an important element of the Main Street project.

Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed the opinion that kiosks will assist in achieving a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. Councilmember Kavanaugh noted that the kiosks will be located on City property, will include locations of City facilities, and will benefit the citizens of the community.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Payne, that Option 1 be approved.

Councilmember Payne commented that the proposed kiosks are well designed, will assist in welcoming individuals to the downtown area, and are compatible with the additional design elements of the project.

Councilmember Walters concurred with Councilmembers Kavanaugh and Payne. Councilmember Walters stated that the kiosks will provide an added sense of security for citizens in the downtown area. Councilmember Walters said that the kiosks may benefit private businesses but noted the difficulties that will be encountered by such businesses during the Main Street construction.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Councilmember Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

Mr. Marek displayed a computer rendering of the anticipated future appearance of Main Street. Mr. Marek advised that additional graphic boards are available for viewing.

Councilmember Giles thanked Mr. Marek for the presentation.

2. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that a Study Session will be held on Friday, December 12, 1997, at 7:30 a.m.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 6:20 p.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 9th day of December 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of January 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK