

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 1998

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 June 1, 1998 at 4:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Jim Davidson
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Vince Anderson
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Dennis Compton
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Geri Gerber
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Karen Kille
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Jeff Martin

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Regan Robbins
Donna Salemi
Jenny Sheppard
Jan Strauss
Ursula Strephans
Walter Switzer
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Brando
Luule Brandofino
Jan Hibbard
Vern Payne
Robbie Sherwood
Marilynn Wennerstrom
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the June 1, 1998 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed by Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was specific discussion relative to the following agenda items:

5.1 Approval of minutes of previous meetings as written.

Mayor Brown advised that this agenda item will be considered as agenda item number 2 at the Regular Council meeting to allow the outgoing Councilmembers to vote on the approval of the minutes.

8. Consider the following contracts:

- *o. One-year renewal of annual supply contracts for Network cables and cabling supplies as requested by the Information Services Division.

Councilmember-Elect Hawker noted that this is the first of two one-year renewals and recommended that the Purchasing staff monitor this type of product in other cities prior to approving the second automatic renewal.

11. Consider the following ordinances:

- *c. Relating to neighborhood preservation and a housing code.

Mayor Brown stated that he has reviewed this issue and expressed the opinion that insufficient support and justification exists to support the placement of this issue on the ballot of a Special Election. Mayor Brown noted that the Council denied a request by the citizens to repeal the smoking ban to place this issue on the ballot of a Special Election, due to the significant costs involved and the fact that the matter did not warrant acceleration. Mayor Brown stated the opinion that the issue does not constitute an emergency and does not justify the expense of calling a Special Election.

In response to a question from Councilmember Kavanaugh, City Attorney Neal Beets advised that should the Council approve the adoption of the ordinance at the Regular Council Meeting and not initiate any action regarding the placement of the issue on a Special Election ballot, the matter would appear on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled City election.

In response to a request from Councilmember-Elect Hawker, Mayor Brown advised that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

12. Consider the following recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Board:

- *c. Adopting proposed golf cart fee increases to be effective November 1, 1998.

In response to a question from Councilmember-Elect Pomeroy, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Director Joe Holmwood advised that fee increases have not occurred since 1994. Mr. Holmwood discussed increased expenses and costs associated with overseeing the operation of the golf course and stated the opinion that the increased fees are necessary to offset expenses.

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

- a. Crime Prevention Advisory Board meeting held May 29, 1998.
- b. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held April 23, 1998.
- c. Traffic Safety Committee meeting held May 26, 1998.

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

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried unanimously by those present. (Councilmember Payne had temporarily left the meeting.)

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, June 4, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

(Mr. Luster advised that the June 4, 1998 Policy Session has been cancelled and that the items from that meeting will be included on the agenda of the June 4, 1998 Study Session.)

Monday, June 15, 1998, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Monday, June 29, 1998, 5:45 p.m. – Special Council Meeting for the purpose of adopting the budget

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

Mary Simmons, a resident of Mesa and President of the Valley Business Owners and Concerns Citizens organization (VBO), expressed appreciation to the outgoing Councilmembers for their efforts. Ms. Simmons stated that the VBO wished to extend a special note of appreciation to Councilmember Payne for her continued efforts to assist the citizens of Mesa. Ms. Simmons noted that Councilmember Payne was significantly involved in the recent successful districting initiative and presented Councilmember Payne with a copy of the Constitution, a life-time membership in the VBO, and a bouquet of flowers.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:12 p.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 the 1st day of June 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK