

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 16, 2001

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 July 16, 2001 at 4:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Jim Davidson
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones

1. Review items on the agenda for the July 16, 2001 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Mayor Hawker declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda items 4f (Two-year renewal of the supply contract to asphalt materials and crack sealant as requested by the Transportation Division) and 4g (1998/1999 Arterial and Collector Overlays Project, Phase II. City of Mesa Project No. 99-56.1) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation on these items.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 7b will be removed from the consent agenda.

2. Hear a presentation on the Spook Hill Area Drainage Master Plan Study.

Jeff Kramer, representing the firm Engineering Design, addressed the Council relative to this agenda item and provided brief historical background with regard to the Spook Hill Area Drainage Master Plan (ADMS). He explained that in 1987, the Maricopa County Flood Control District prepared the initial Spook Hill ADMS in an effort to identify flooding problems in the watershed and develop solutions. He advised that following the 1987 study, development in the watershed area increased dramatically and the study was no longer feasible. Mr. Kramer commented that in 1998, as a result of continued flooding problems in the watershed, the City of Mesa requested that the Flood Control District update the Spook Hill ADMS. He stated that the study is currently underway and the Flood Control District is proposing six drainage channel alternatives.

Afshin Ahouraiyan, Project Manager for the Flood Control District, referred to graphics displayed in the Council Chambers and provided a brief overview of the subject area. He commented that the primary goals of the study include the identification of the regional flooding problems; incorporating existing drainage structures into the hydrologic watershed model, and developing alternative solutions to the flooding problems for the contributing watershed. Mr. Ahouraiyan spoke regarding the collection of data; the completion of the hydrologic watershed model; brainstorming sessions with various public agencies, and ongoing analysis of the proposed alternatives. He also discussed the Flood Control District's timeline regarding public hearings and the completion of Level I and Level II analyses.

Mr. Ahouraiyan highlighted the Flood Control District's proposed drainage channel alternatives and spoke regarding cost estimates for design, construction, and rights-of-way. (See Attachment 1) The alternatives are as follows: Alternative 1 – Non-Jurisdictional with Pass Mountain; Alternative 2 – Non-Jurisdictional without Pass Mountain; Alternative 3 – Jurisdictional with Pass Mountain; Alternative 4 – Jurisdictional without Pass Mountain; and Alternative 5 – Jurisdictional with Modified Pass Mountain, and Alternative 6 – Do-Nothing Alternative.

Mr. Ahouraiyan stated that the six alternatives will be presented at a public meeting on August 16, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Mountain Multigenerational Center. He commented that citizens will be afforded the opportunity to offer suggestions and input relative to the project.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that currently existing flood-control structures are utilized to prevent flooding downstream of the proposed project; the utilization of natural drainage versus concrete drainage; the fact that Maricopa County is incurring the cost for the project's planning phase, and the fact that if the project receives City Council and Flood Control District approval, Mesa would be required to share the costs for the implementation of the drainage channels.

Vice Mayor Davidson voiced concerns relative to the Spook Hill ADMS. Vice Mayor Davidson also stated the opinion that although Alternative 1 would provide flood protection for the entire area, it would require a cut through Uesry Mountain and would diminish the Mountain Recreation Area.

Councilmember Jaffa expressed a variety of concerns regarding the Spook Hill ADMS and said that it is imperative that the entire area be protected.

Councilmember Pomeroy emphasized the importance of the public hearing process and suggested that Mesa Channel 11 air a Public Service Announcement to apprise citizens of the upcoming August 16th meeting.

Councilmember Walters spoke in appreciation of the County's efforts to offer a public venue for citizen comments relative to this issue.

Mayor Hawker advised that the Flood Control Tax, which is assessed to residents and businesses, is utilized for the purpose of funding County flood control projects.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Davidson, Mr. Kramer clarified that the impetus for the completion of the Spook Hill ADMS is to remain in compliance with the Flood Control

District's legislative mandate to identify and assess flood hazards in Maricopa County and also commented that the City requested that the study be updated.

Mayor Hawker thanked everyone for the presentation.

3. Hear a presentation on an alternative program to replace the current DARE program.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson reported that during the recent Budget Review process, it was his recommendation that staff be permitted to develop a cost-effective alternative program to replace the Mesa Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. Mr. Hutchinson clarified that staff is not currently presenting recommendations to the Council, but is merely requesting input regarding this matter.

Assistant to the City Manager Ellen Pence addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. Ms. Pence explained that subsequent to the Spring 2001 budget hearings, City staff, D.A.R.E. officers and a team of teachers, counselors and staff from Mesa Public Schools met to discuss and formulate the key components of a successful drug resistance education program. Ms. Pence commented that as a result of such discussions, the curriculum and schedule were developed for a program entitled **Positive Choices: Drug Resistance Training for Youth**. Ms. Pence noted that the fiscal year 2001/02 budget contains \$200,000 which could be earmarked to fund such a program.

Dr. David Shuff, Director of Guidance and Counseling for Mesa Public Schools, provided the Council with a brief overview of the **Positive Choices** proposed curriculum. (See Attachment 2) Dr. Shuff stated that the **Positive Choices** program includes the key components of an effective drug and gang prevention program for elementary school students.

Dr. Olaf Jorgenson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Mesa Public Schools, outlined the Key Concepts and Objectives for Grades 3, 5 and 6. (See Attachment 3) Dr. Jorgenson explained that the multi-level curriculum achieves optimal results with the initial introduction of the basic concepts and continued reinforcement throughout the program. Dr. Jorgenson commented that the **Positive Choices** classes would be taught by "special presenters," individuals who are prepared and trained by Mesa Public Schools' curriculum specialists, retired D.A.R.E. officers and volunteers.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in appreciation of the cooperative efforts of staff and the representatives of Mesa Public Schools regarding this matter. Councilmember Kavanaugh voiced support for proceeding forward with the **Positive Choices** program and added that it is critical that the program should be offered to younger students who are younger than D.A.R.E.'s current target audience.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that for the D.A.R.E. program consists of 17 hours of instruction; the fact that the special presenter model has proven to be an effective teaching tool; the fact that the special presenters would be compensated for facilitating the classes; the fact that retired D.A.R.E. officers would be invited to participate in the program, and the fact that the **Positive Choices** program would lack the "uniformed" police officers who were a visible part of the D.A.R.E. program.

Councilmember Pomeroy expressed concerns regarding the potential success of the **Positive Choices** program if the special presenters are not adequately trained.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pomeroy, Mr. Hutchinson clarified that the City's estimated cost for the **Positive Choices** program is approximately \$200,000. Mr. Hutchinson added that an additional \$50,000 would be contributed by Mesa Public Schools to provide compensation to the special presenters, retired D.A.R.E. officers and other volunteers.

Councilmember Walters stated that she is familiar with the special presenter model and that it has proven to be a successful teaching tool. Councilmember Walters also noted that it was never her intention to eliminate police officers from the drug prevention program and urged staff to include CAT officers as a component of such a program.

Mr. Hutchinson advised that this matter will be brought back to the Council for final action at the August 6, 2001 Regular Council meeting and said that further Council input will be solicited during the preceding Study Session. Mr. Hutchinson added that staff will pursue the integration of CAT officers into the **Positive Choices** program.

Councilmember Whalen expressed the opinion that in order for the **Positive Choices** program to be a success, a transition period must occur wherein the current D.A.R.E. officers participate in conjunction with the special presenters. Councilmember Whalen also suggested that recovering addicts be invited to offer presentations (subject to School District Policy) and stated the opinion that their remarks would have a significant impact on the students and help deter their involvement with drugs.

Mayor Hawker thanked everyone for their input.

4. Hear a status report on Sky Harbor flight path issues.

Mayor Hawker announced that a letter dated July 16, 2001, signed by the entire Council, will be forwarded to Senator John McCain requesting his assistance with regard to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Draft Environmental Assessment of the Northwest 2000 Plan. Mayor Hawker explained that the deadline for public comment is currently slated for July 25, 2001. Mayor Hawker advised that additional correspondence to the FAA is currently being drafted which will detail the concerns of the East Valley mayors relative to this issue. Mayor Hawker commented that the letter discusses new Alternative 3, which was developed by the FAA, and which will significantly increase the number of flights over Mesa. The letter also states that the FAA discouraged the scheduling of public hearings in Mesa and indicated that the proposed flight path changes would not adversely impact the City. Mayor Hawker added that he telephoned Senator McCain this morning to discuss this matter and noted that the Senator is willing to intercede on the City's behalf.

Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Martin reported that staff is in the process of hiring consultants to assist the City with regard to airspace analyses and legal/lobbying matters.

Mayor Hawker emphasized that the focus of the Northwest 2000 study concerns the flight paths north of Sky Harbor Airport and that at a future date, the FAA will conduct a separate study to address such travel to the south. Mayor Hawker noted that at the present time, Mesa is subjected to nearly 100% of the overflights to the south.

In response to a question from Councilmember Jaffa, City Manager Mike Hutchinson clarified that the technical consultants retained by the City will address the feasibility of Williams Gateway Airport (WGA) as an alternative cargo/passenger facility to Sky Harbor Airport.

Councilmember Walters stated the opinion that although the public may not have the technical expertise to address complex aviation issues, they do have the ability to share their sentiments regarding fairness and equity. Councilmember Walters expressed concern that the July 25 deadline may not provide Mesa residents with sufficient time in which to submit their comments to the FAA. Councilmember Walters also commended Mayor Hawker for his efforts regarding this important matter.

Vice Mayor Davidson requested that staff obtain an appropriate e-mail address for the FAA so that the Council can forward citizen comments and suggestions relative to this matter to their attention.

5. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held July 10, 2001.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Pomeroy announced that the Mesa Fire Department recently completed its national accreditation process and is part of an elite group of approximately 40 fire departments nationwide who have received this prestigious honor.

7. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 19, 2001 – Study Session (Cancelled)

Thursday, July 26, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, August 2, 2001, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 6, 2001, TBA – Study Session

Monday, August 6, 2001, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

8. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:45 p.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 Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 16th day of July 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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Attachments

Discussion

In January 2000, the Flood Control District conducted its first public meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of the project and solicit input. In January 2001, the District completed a Level I Analysis Report. This preliminary report provides conceptual descriptions of the project's purpose and need, the characteristics of the area and preliminary options for each drainage alternative. The findings of the report were presented to the public in an April 2001 public meeting.

The Flood Control District is currently working towards a Level II analysis. This draft report will provide preliminary pros and cons of each alternative and preliminary cost estimates for design, construction, and rights-of-way. The District anticipates presenting the results of the Level II report in a proposed August public meeting and incorporating the public's comments into the final report.

Alternatives

Currently there are six alternatives. Each alternative consists of combinations of various components. The alternatives are as follows:

NON-JURISDICTIONAL WITH PASS MOUNTAIN -ALTERNATIVE 1

This alternative proposes to improve the Spook Hill Floodway and construct a series of channels/storm drains, berms and detention basins along McKellips Road, McDowell Road and Usery Park. The berms/channels in the park will reduce the size and cost of downstream improvements. See attached exhibit labeled Plate 1.

NON-JURISDICTIONAL WITHOUT PASS MOUNTAIN - ALTERNATIVE 2

This alternative also proposes to improve the Spook Hill Floodway and construct a series of channels/storm drains and detention basins along McKellips Road and McDowell Road. The systems on McKellips and McDowell will be larger than Alternative 1 and a large detention basin will be required in Red Mountain Park adjacent to the Spook Hill Flood Retarding Structure. See attached exhibit labeled Plate 2.

JURISDICTIONAL WITH PASS MOUNTAIN - ALTERNATIVE 3

This alternative is similar to Alternative 1, with the exception of improvements to the Spook Hill Floodway. See attached exhibit labeled Plate 3.

JURISDICTIONAL WITHOUT PASS MOUNTAIN - ALTERNATIVE 4

This alternative is similar to Alternative 2, with the exception of improvements to the Spook Hill Floodway. See attached exhibit labeled Plate 4.

JURISDICTIONAL WITH MODIFIED PASS MOUNTAIN - ALTERNATIVE 5

This alternative proposes to utilize the existing channels in Usery Park and minimize the improvements within the park. The system would require a series of large open channels and basins along McDowell Road and storm drains and basins on McKellips Road. See attached exhibit labeled Plate 5.

DO-NOTHING ALTERNATIVE - ALTERNATIVE 6

A "Do-nothing" alternative will not improve the existing drainage conditions.

At this time a preferred alternative has not been selected. The analysis is ongoing and the alternatives will be refined as more detailed analysis is completed and public comments are incorporated.

Fiscal Impact

At this level of the analysis, costs are not available for the various alternatives. The Flood Control District anticipates having project costs by August 2001.

Concurrence

No other City Departments are affected by this project.

Anna Leyva-Easton, Staff Originator

Keith Nath, Division Director

Jack Friedline, Department Manager

Paul Wenbert, Deputy City Manager

Mike Hutchinson, City Manager

PROPOSED MODEL FOR:
**Positive Choices: Drug Resistance
Training for Youth**
MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TARGET AUDIENCE: Grades 3, 5 and 6

PROGRAM FORMAT: Grade 3 ----2 presentations
Grade 5 ----3 presentations
Grade 6-----3 presentations

PRESENTATION PERIOD: 2 1/2 hours

PRESENTATION FORMAT: Individual presentations will be structured to incorporate cooperative groups, and whole group/individual activities. They will be short, active, and varied.

PROGRAM DELIVERY FORMAT: Utilization of existing Special Presenters, retired Mesa Police officers, and other volunteers.

Positive Choices: Drug Resistance Training for Youth Grade 3

Key Concepts and Objectives

Session One "Developing Your Potential"

Students will recognize differences in individuals and demonstrate acceptance techniques.

- Identify various ways people are different(culture, religion, family beliefs, etc.).
- Identify influences (media, friends, family, stress, etc) on their lives and how they affect decisions.
- Develop decision-making strategies and recognize the relationship of consequences to decisions.
- Recognize that consequences can be positive and negative.

Session Two: Conflict Resolution

Students will find out ways to support themselves and others to make healthy choices.

- Identify ways to say "NO," and ways to be assertive.
- Identify problem-solving strategies for conflict resolution, including anger and bullying.
- Students will role play conflict resolution.
- Develop a position statement regarding a healthy lifestyle.
- Communicate their beliefs and new learning to the school community.

CULMINATING ACTIVITY

- Drug awareness week at every school

Positive Choices: Drug Resistance Training for Youth Grade 5

Key Concepts and Objectives

Session One: "The Problem with Drugs"

- Students analyze the harmful effects of legal (alcohol, tobacco, caffeine, over-the-counter/prescription medications and illegal substances
- Identify drug vocabulary and gateway drugs.
- Examine the physical and psychological risks of substance use.
- Determine consequences of substance abuse (use):
- Identify normative beliefs (substance abuse is NOT normal).

Session Two: "Influences and Persuaders"

Students examine the influence of media, advertising & society on decision making.

- Identify factors influencing decision-making (peers, stress, family, media).
- Identify decision-making process.
- Evaluate situations using the decision-making process.
- Review risks and consequences of tobacco use.
- Analyze cigarette ads.
- Analyze media influences.
- Identify common techniques used in advertising and media.
- Rewrite and act out tobacco advertisements to include facts.

Session Three: "Drugs and Goals Don't Mix"

Students find out ways to support self & others to be drug free.

- Identify effects of positive and negative self-esteem:
- Identify stressful situations and strategies to overcome them.
- Identify and practice refusal skills.
- Identify positive alternatives to drug use.
- Identify personal beliefs and set goals:
- Develop public service announcements regarding substance abuse.
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CULMINATING ACTIVITY

Drug awareness week at every school

Film selected student-created public service announcements for Channel 99 (English and Spanish) regarding substance abuse.

Positive Choices: Drug Resistance Training for Youth Grade 6

Key Concepts and Objectives

Session One: "Getting to Know You"

Students examine cultural awareness and acceptance.

- Define culture and prejudice.
- Identify that differences make people special.
- Determine that non-acceptance can lead to prejudice.
- Explore ways to create cultural harmony.
- Explore ways to improve peer relationships.

Session Two: "Stop the Violence"

Students explore violence and gang issues.

- Identify basic survival and social needs.
- Examine anger and steps to reduce it.
- Explore conflict resolution steps.
- Determine what a gang is and is not.
- Explore positive alternatives to violence and gangs (via clubs, places, and people...)

Session Three – "Looking to Junior High School: The Challenges Ahead"

Students set goals for junior high years by exploring refusal skills for obstacles that may block attainment of their goals.

- Interact with positive role model guests/video (HS students) .
- Students develop and share a personal commitment/goal "shield".
- Identify potential roadblocks to goal attainment (tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, peer pressure, stress...).
- Identify and practice refusal skills.
- Develop public announcements regarding cultural acceptance, violence and gangs.

CULMINATING ACTIVITY

- Healthy Living Celebration (concert)
- Film selected student-created public service announcements for Channel 99 (English and Spanish) regarding cultural diversity and violence.
- Drug awareness week at every school