

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 13, 2000

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 April 13, 2000 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Jim Davidson
John Giles
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Wayne Brown

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Ed Archibald
Wayne Balmer
Dan Brewer
Jack Caroline
Dennis Compton
Linda Crocker
Bob DeLeon
Jack Friedline
Michele Gormley
Pat Granillo
Joe Holmwood
Karen Kille
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Jeff Martin

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Dick Mulligan
Keith Nath
Joe Padilla
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Kit Savagian
Jenny Sheppard
Jan Strauss
Kim West
Mindy White
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Betty Beard
Kathy Tolman
Others

Vice Mayor Giles excused Mayor Brown from the meeting and Councilmember Jaffa from the beginning of the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 17, 2000 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:

6. Consider the following contracts:

- *c. Two-year supply contract for precast electric vaults for the Electric Department.

Councilmember Davidson indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter now under discussion which he wanted reported 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 Giles stated that this item will be removed from the consent agenda.

- *k. Gas Line Replacement at Country Mini Farms. City of Mesa Project No. 99-110.
- *l. Sossaman Road, Phase II. City of Mesa Project No. 99-82.

Councilmember Hawker indicated that he had potential conflicts of interest with the above two agenda items which he wanted reported in the minutes of the meeting, and because of such conflicts of interest, he would refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner in connection with same.

Vice Mayor Giles stated that agenda items *k. and *l. will be removed from the consent agenda.

(Councilmember Jaffa joined the meeting at 7:45 a.m.)

10. Consider the following case from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinance:
 - *a. Z00-5 - 619 and 621 West Southern Avenue. Rezone from R-4 to C-1 (1.6+ acres). This case involves the development of an Urgent Care facility. Hugh Dana, owner; Eugene Johnson, applicant.

Planning Director Frank Mizner informed the Council that at the request of the applicant, this item has been continued to the May 15, 2000 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Discuss and consider recommendations regarding implementation of the property maintenance standards recently approved at the March 14, 2000 election.

Neighborhood Services Manager Wayne Balmer and Code Compliance Director Bill Petrie provided the Council with a brief overview of this agenda item.

Mr. Petrie explained that Proposition 400, which related to property maintenance, was approved by citizen vote on March 14, 2000 and that it would become effective April 23. Mr. Petrie remarked that in addition to assisting residents in distressed areas of the City, the new standards will also be utilized as a tool to prevent other neighborhood areas from falling into disrepair.

Mr. Petrie added that the budget proposal provides funds for staffing, community education programs, enforcement and City-sponsored programs and services. Mr. Petrie stated that the focus of the educational process will include conducting neighborhood group meetings, the dissemination of written materials to the public, homeowner association meetings and the utilization of Channel 11.

Mr. Petrie commented that relative to City enforcement, staff will focus on citizen-reported complaints coupled with proactive staff-initiated enforcement on distressed multi-family and commercial properties. Mr. Petrie noted that it is also the intention of staff to be actively involved in the enforcement process within the City's revitalization areas.

Mr. Balmer stated that staff is recommending that \$100,000 of existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation funding be utilized for enforcement-generated

repairs administered by the Housing Authority and that if required, the existing CDBG emergency repair funds administered by the Housing Authority be utilized as an additional source of funding.

In response to a question from Councilmember Kavanaugh, Mr. Balmer remarked that the CDBG Housing program was established to improve geographic areas that meet income criteria under the 1990 Census and also homeowners who fall within the criteria regardless of their location in the City.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Mr. Balmer commented that all of the funds being utilized for housing rehabilitation, staff and administrative costs are derived from the CDBG program. Mr. Balmer also noted that to qualify for CDBG funding, the properties must be owner operated.

Councilmembers Jaffa and Davidson expressed their appreciation to staff as well as the many citizens of the community for their great dedication in this regard.

Vice Mayor Giles expressed gratitude to Stephanie Wright for her unwavering dedication which resulted in this initiative being placed on the ballot. Vice Mayor Giles also thanked staff for their endeavors in this matter.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Jaffa, that staff's recommendations regarding implementation of the property maintenance standards be approved.

Vice Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Hear an update on cable television and telecommunication issues.

Management Services Manager Dan Brewer provided the Council with a brief synopsis relative to staff's efforts to ensure that the City and the community will eventually acquire the necessary electronic infrastructure required to enable City government to serve the community and for the community to participate in a global economy.

Discussion ensued relative to the City's formation of a Telecommunication Review Committee whose primary focus is on regulatory, information/service provider and infrastructure issues; the creation of a Telecommunication Ordinance which deals with licensing telephone and data service providers; a study conducted by Columbia Telecommunications Corporation which determined the City's need for a fiber optic network; and the City's request of US West to assist the City in constructing a fiber optic infrastructure as part of the Cable Television Franchise agreement with the City.

Mr. Brewer remarked that it is the objective of staff to establish industrial areas that are fiber optic ready; to construct a state-of-the-art electronic infrastructure that would allow residents and businesses to communicate effectively with the City; and to design an electronic infrastructure for internal communications within the City.

Following a request for an opinion, City Attorney Neal Beats stated that Councilmember Davidson has 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, he would refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in any manner in connection with same.

Mr. Brewer stated that the City is preparing to enlist the services of a consulting firm whose responsibilities would entail inventorying and mapping existing infrastructure and identifying the City's current and future demands for electronic communication. Mr. Brewer added that the consultant's recommendations would subsequently be reviewed by a committee comprised of City and community members who would make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council. Mr. Brewer stated the opinion that a final report would be submitted to the Council by early November, 2000.

Councilmembers Kavanaugh, Jaffa and Hawker expressed appreciation to staff for the concise and informative presentation. Councilmember Jaffa added that in addition to researching underground wiring, staff should also consider the alternative of utilizing wireless technology.

Vice Mayor Giles expressed gratitude to City Manager Mike Hutchinson for his recognition of the extreme importance of this issue and its future impact on the City.

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

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended at this time.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, April 13, 2000, 2:00 p.m. - Mesa Community College (MCC) Groundbreaking Ceremony

Monday, April 17, 2000, 4:30 p.m. - Special to convene an Executive Session

Monday, April 17, 2000, 5:45 p.m. - Regular City Council Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2000, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Thursday, April 20, 2000, Police Committee Meeting (immediately following Study Session)

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present. (Maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

There were no citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:55 a.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 13th day of April, 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