

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 20, 1997

The Finance Committee of the City of Mesa met in the Superstition Room North at the Rendezvous Center, 263 North Center Street, on October 20, 1997 at 4:02 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

John Giles, Chairman
Dennis Kavanaugh
Joan Payne

COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

COUNCIL PRESENT

Jim Stapley

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Don Ayers
Denise Bleyle
Dan Brewer
Mike Hutchinson
Kathy Pace
Debbie Vickman
Jamie Warner
Larry Woolf

OTHERS PRESENT

Craig Isakson

1. Review and consider recommending acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 1996-1997.

Finance Director Don Ayers informed the Committee that the annual audit of the City's financial statements was recently completed. Mr. Ayers stated that there were no reportable conditions or material weaknesses.

In response to questions from Chairman Giles and Committeemember Kavanaugh, Mr. Ayers advised that during the 1996-1997 fiscal year, revenues increased 11.8% and expenditures 13%, creating a decrease in the City's fund balance. Mr. Ayers expressed the opinion that the decrease in the fund balance would not affect the City's bond rating.

Controller Larry Woolf explained the City's current bond rating. Mr. Woolf noted that the cities of Tempe, Phoenix, and Scottsdale have obtained AA bond ratings and that the cities of Chandler and Glendale have obtained bond ratings similar to the City of Mesa.

In response to a question from Chairman Giles, City Manager Charles Luster informed the Committee that staff anticipated and prepared for the reduction in the 1996-1997 fund balance.

Mr. Luster and the Committee expressed appreciation to Mr. Ayers, Mr. Woolf, and Assistant Controller Kathy Pace for their assistance in meeting the deadline and efforts in preparing the report and supporting documents.

It was moved by Committeemember Kavanaugh, seconded by Committeemember Payne, to recommend to Council that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 1996-1997 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Adjournment.

It was moved by Committeemember Kavanaugh, seconded by Committeemember Payne, that the Finance Committee meeting adjourn at 4:07 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 20th day of October, 1997. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of November 1997

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK