

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 27, 2002

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 27, 2002 at 10:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Rex Griswold
Kyle Jones
Janie Thom
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Dennis Kavanaugh
Claudia Walters

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

(Mayor Hawker excused Vice Mayor Kavanaugh and Councilmember Walters from the meeting.)

1. Review items on the agenda for the July 1, 2002 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 stated that agenda item 9d, Z02-20 (6600 to 6700 block of S. Mountain Road. (east side), to rezone from AG to M-2 and Council Use Permit), will be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Hawker excused himself from the remainder of the meeting and passed the gavel to Councilmember Whalen.

2. Discuss and consider proposed flight arrival and departure routes for Williams Gateway Airport.

Williams Gateway Regional Economic Activity Area (WGREAA) Project Manager Wayne Balmer addressed the Council relative to this agenda item. He reported that City staff, in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and America West Airlines, is currently in the process of developing new approach and departure procedures for Williams Gateway Airport (WGA). Mr. Balmer explained that military approach and departure procedures have been utilized at WGA for a number of years, but in anticipation of passenger and cargo aircraft, which will utilize the facility in the future, it was deemed necessary to develop civilian approach and departure procedures.

Mr. Balmer displayed a series of graphics in the Council Chambers and provided a brief overview of the current existing routes utilized by pilots flying into WGA and also the Projected Flight Track Concentration Area. (See Attachments 1, 2 and 3)

Mr. Balmer advised that the FAA is currently in the process of reviewing the proposed flight arrival and departure routes for WGA, and if approved, the new procedures will be implemented at the airport in approximately one year.

Councilmember Whalen thanked Mr. Balmer for his presentation.

3. Hear an update on the Police Chief recruitment process.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson reported that due to the fact that Police Chief Jan Strauss has recently submitted her resignation, staff is currently conducting a nationwide recruitment for her replacement. He provided a brief overview of the recruitment and selection process for Police Chief.

4. Hear, discuss and consider the League Resolution process for 2003.

Assistant to the City Manager Jim Huling addressed the Council relative to this agenda item and provided an overview of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns' Resolution process for 2003. He reported that each year, the League adopts a Municipal Policy Statement that outlines the League agenda and priorities for the upcoming legislative session. He noted that the Statement includes League Resolutions passed by a voting majority of the member communities at the League Resolutions Committee meeting. Mr. Huling stated that this year, the Annual League Conference will be held August 26th through 29th at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and announced that Mayor Hawker, who serves as Mesa's representative, will vote on behalf of the City.

Mr. Huling briefly outlined the following City-sponsored resolutions:

Urban Park Liability. This resolution would broaden the State recreational immunity statute to expand the definition of "premises" and "recreation user." The Community Services Department believes that this is important to the City as it allows the City to defend personal injury lawsuits involving parks and recreation facilities and to minimize potential liability.

Heritage Fund Protection. This resolution would urge the Legislature to maintain the original funding levels of the State Lottery dedicated to the Heritage Fund. The Community Services Department believes that this issue is important to the City since this money has been used in the past to fund City priorities such as the development of public recreation facilities, preservation of open space and historic preservation. Since 1992, the City has received approximately \$1.7 million from the Fund for projects such as park improvements at a variety of parks throughout Mesa.

Discussion ensued relative to the procedure that a Councilmember would follow to submit a proposed resolution prior to the Annual League Conference in August.

Councilmember Whalen thanked Mr. Huling for his presentation.

5. Discuss and consider the creation of and appointments to the Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee.

Deputy City Manager Paul Wenbert addressed the Council relative to this agenda item and reported that at the June 24, 2002 Regular Council meeting, the Council adopted the 2025 Mesa Transportation Plan (MTP) developed by the Joint Master Planning Committee (JMPC). He explained that given the importance of transportation to the future of the community, the City Council is establishing a citizen advisory committee to make recommendations on the best manner in which to proceed with the implementation of the MTP.

Councilmember Whalen expressed support for the fact that Jim Davidson and Craig Ahlstrom have been appointed to serve as Co-Chairmen of the Committee.

In response to a question from Councilmember Thom relative to the opportunity for other citizens to apply to serve on the Committee, Mr. Wenbert explained that given the short-term nature of the Committee, he would encourage individuals who are interested in serving on the Committee to contact staff and a schedule of meetings will be provided to those individuals who wish to attend.

Mayor Hawker recommended the following appointments to Boards and Committees:

TRANSPORTATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim Davidson

Craig Ahlstrom

Dr. Brant Baker

Paul Campbell

Tom Culp

Don Grant

Rebecca Holmes

Cynthia Jennings

Chandra Jennings

Phil Lowry

Vern Mathern

Brad Miller

John Morehouse

Jim Nesbitt

Robert Payne

Ken Salas

Beverly Selvage

Lela Steffey

Dan Taylor

Bev Tittle-Baker

Michael Trueblood

Darrell Truitt

Joseph Udall

Carlos Vallejo

It was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, that the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments to the Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee, be confirmed.

Councilmember Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held June 11, 2002.

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

Councilmember Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

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

8. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Deputy City Manager Debbie Dollar stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 1, 2002, 3:00 p.m. – Police Committee Meeting

Monday, July 1, 2002. TBA – Study Session

Monday, July 1, 2002, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, July 4, 2002 – Study Session Cancelled

Monday, July 8, 2002, 3:00 p.m. – General Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, July 15, 2002, 3:00 p.m. – Utility Committee Meeting

Monday, July 15, 2002, TBA – Study Session

Monday, July 15, 2002, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

9. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

10. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 11:15 a.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 27th day of June 2002. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK