

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 22, 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 February 22, 2000 at 5:16 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Don Ayers
Joan Baier
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennan
Linda Crocker
Bob DeLeon
Jerry Dillahey
Jack Friedline
Geri Gerber
John Gendron
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Karen Kille
Wayne Holmwood
Rich Lorig
Tom Mattingly
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Ruth Anne Norris

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bill Petrie
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Regan Robbins
Gordon Shaffstall
Jenny Sheppard
Doug Tessendorf
Lois Underdah
Kim West
Mindy White
Mike Woodward
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Betty Beard
Alex Finter
Barrett Marson
Mike Whalen
Others

1. Review items on the agenda for the February 22, 2000 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:

4. Consider the following contracts:

h. 1999-2000 Fog Seal Project. City of Mesa Project No. 00-07

Councilmember Hawker indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest in connection with the matter currently under discussion which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and

because of such conflict, he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

2. Consider appointing Michael T. Hutchinson as Interim City Manager, effective March 1, 2000, and to extend for a term no longer than 30 days.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, that Michael T. Hutchinson be appointed Interim City Manager, effective March 1, 2000, and continuing for a term not to exceed 30 days.

Carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider entering into an agreement with Pro Golf Management (PGM) for a period of four years with the possibility of a one year extension at the City's sole option to provide golf professional services at Dobson Ranch Golf Course.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Director Joe Holmwood and Parks and Recreation Administrator Mark Woodward addressed the Council relative to this agenda item.

Mr. Holmwood explained that under normal circumstances, a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be issued relative to this agreement but said that a special situation exists in that for the next two years portions of Dobson Ranch Golf Course will be involved in construction activities. Mr. Holmwood noted that extensive renovations affecting the entire front end of the course, in addition to the installation of an entirely new sprinkler system, will be occurring during that two-year time period. Mr. Holmwood said that it typically takes two to three years to recover from this type of major construction and added that the irrigation system installation alone will require the closing of nine holes at a time which will drastically affect the operation of the course.

Mr. Holmwood informed the Council that staff has reviewed the existing contract with Pro Golf Management (PGM) that was entered into in 1995 and expires in June 2000 and said that based upon the excellent performance of this provider, combined with the anticipated effects of the proposed construction, staff is recommending that the agreement between the City of Mesa and Pro Golf Management to provide golf professional services at Dobson Ranch Golf Course, be extended for a period of four years with the possibility of a one-year extension at the City's sole option. Mr. Holmwood noted that staff has worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Board regarding this issue and indicated the Board's support of staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Hawker requested clarification relative to the following statement contained in the staff report: "PGM is willing to work with the City and assist during these two major renovation projects and manage the golf professional services under similar terms and conditions as the existing agreement with some adjustment in the current distribution of revenue sources."

Mr. Holmwood commented on the fact that golf rounds and revenues will be down during the construction period and most likely for a period of time following the construction. Mr. Holmwood added that PGM has reviewed their costs and noted that the company has reduced those costs by approximately \$5,000 a month in order to work with the City during this difficult time. Mr. Holmwood said that the proposed contract, if approved by the Council, would commence on July 1, 2000 and confirmed that staff is requesting that the Council make a policy decision on whether, based on the unique set of circumstances that exist, staff be directed to proceed with the extension of the current contract rather than going out to bid.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that previous RFP's have included consistent financial information to enable the firms who are reviewing the numbers to get a better handle on a fair estimate to be submitted, and the fact that the number of "unknowns" surrounding this particular contract makes it impossible to provide that type of information.

Councilmember Pomeroy expressed the opinion that Pro Golf Management does an excellent job and stressed the importance of continuity, particularly during the extended construction period. Councilmember Pomeroy stated the opinion that the proposal is fair and appropriate and concurred with staff's recommendations.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, that staff's recommendation that the agreement between the City of Mesa and Pro Golf Management to provide professional golf services at Dobson Ranch Golf Course be extended for a period of four years with the possibility of a one-year extension at the City's sole option.

Mayor Brown concurred with Councilmember Pomeroy's comments relative to the excellent services provided by PGM and said he supports the motion.

Councilmember Jaffa questioned whether this issue could have been brought to the attention of the Council at an earlier time to allow adequate review and consideration to occur.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hawker, Mr. Holmwood stated that the Council's approval today would authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations and added that the contract would be presented to the Council for their review.

Councilmember Hawker commented on the fact that the current contract expires on June 30, 2000 and said that the automatic renewal precludes other firms from bidding on this work for another five years. Councilmember Hawker added that although he believes PGM would provide the best work on a performance criteria basis and would ultimately be awarded the contract should the RFP be issued, he cannot support the automatic renewal without benefit of a formal bid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES- Brown-Davidson-Giles-Jaffa-Kavanaugh-Pomeroy
NAYS- Hawker

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

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

- a. Downtown Development Committee retreat held February 4, 2000.
- b. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held February 10, 2000.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, to acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the above-listed boards and committees.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, February 25 2000, 9:30 a.m. – Special Council Meeting

Friday, February 25, 2000, 9:31 a.m. – Executive Council Session

Friday, February 25, 2000, 10:30 a.m. – Reconvene Special Council Meeting

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances. (Prescheduled appearances will begin after the preceding scheduled agenda items, which should be about 5:30 p.m. There will be a maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:37 p.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 the 22nd day of February, 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