

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2007

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 May 7, 2007 at 5:19 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Vice Mayor Claudia Walters
Rex Griswold
Tom Rawles
Scott Somers
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Kyle Jones

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

Vice Mayor Walters excused Mayor Hawker and Councilmember Jones from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the May 7, 2007 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflicts of interest declared: None

Items deleted from the agenda: 8a

Items removed from the consent agenda: 7q

2. Hear a presentation and discuss the timeline for the Waveyard project.

Vice Mayor Walters declared a potential conflict of interest and said she would refrain from discussion/consideration of this agenda item. She yielded the gavel to Councilmember Whalen for action on this agenda item.

Management Assistant II Scot Rigby described the location of the proposed Waveyard project and displayed the timeline (see Attachment 1) for the planning and public hearing process. He highlighted significant dates and noted that the process is moving quickly in order to accomplish certain activities and provide an opportunity for Council discussion within the required timeframe before the Special Election on November 6, 2007.

Mr. Rigby reported that public meetings regarding the replacement of the ball fields would be held later in May. He said that one option under consideration is to upgrade the facilities at Kleinman Park. Mr. Rigby added that June 1, 2007 is the deadline to apply for an Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority grant that could be utilized to address a facilities upgrade at Kleinman Park.

In response to a question from Councilmember Whalen, Mr. Rigby confirmed that the ball fields would be replaced at a different location in West Mesa and that Riverview Park, including the pond and the soccer fields, would remain intact, although some small portions of the park could be reconfigured.

Councilmember Whalen thanked Mr. Rigby for the presentation.

He yielded the gavel back to Vice Mayor Walters.

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

Councilmember Griswold: Mesa Leadership Class Graduation Event.

Councilmember Whalen: Public Safety Breakfast scheduled on May 9, 2007.

Vice Mayor Walters: Welcomed a meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 10, 2007, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Saturday, May 12, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – City Hall at the Mall

Thursday, May 17, 2007, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, May 21, 2007, TBA – Study Session

Monday, May 21, 2007, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2007, TBA – Study Session

Deputy City Manager Jack Friedline introduced the new City Engineer, Beth Huning.

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:35 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 7th day of May 2007. 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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Attachment (1)