

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 4, 1998

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 4, 1998 at 5:12 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Pat Gilbert
John Giles
Joan Payne
Wayne Pomeroy
Claudia Walters

COUNCIL ABSENT

Dennis Kavanaugh

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Jim Davidson
Keno Hawker
Pat Pomeroy

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Pauline Backer
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Dennis Compton
Linda Crocker
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Peter Knudson
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Dorinda Larsen
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Greg Marek

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Leon Rawlings
Becky Richardson
Sharon Seekins
Jenny Sheppard
John Smoyer
Jan Strauss
Doug Tessoroff
Mindy White
Christine Zielonka
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Vern Payne
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Kavanaugh from the meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the May 4, 1998 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed by Council and staff with no formal action taken.

2. Discuss and consider the formation of a Transportation Advisory Board.

Councilmember Walters requested that the Council consider the formation of a Transportation Advisory Board which would be charged with the responsibility of analyzing and providing the Council with recommendations relative to both current and future transportation issues.

Mayor Brown commented on the fact that a Council staffed Transportation Committee and a citizen staffed Traffic Safety Advisory Board are currently in existence.

Councilmember Walters stated the opinion that the proposed citizen advisory board would serve a different purpose than the Council Transportation Committee and commented on the possibility of both groups working together. Councilmember Walters commented on the possibility of combining the Transportation Advisory Board and the Traffic Safety Advisory Board and requested input relative to the recommendation.

Mayor Brown reported that this issue was previously discussed among the members of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, the East Valley Partnership, the Mesa Action Coalition, the Traffic Safety Committee and appropriate City staff and noted that a majority of the group did not support the recommendation.

In response to a question from Councilmember Giles, Transportation Director Ron Krosting briefly outlined the responsibilities of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board, which include reviewing and providing recommendations relative to speed limits, parking and bicycle issues and speed humps. Mr. Krosting commented that the Board has not been charged with the responsibility of addressing transportation issues but added the opinion that the focus of the Board could be changed to encompass this area.

Councilmember Giles indicated initial support for the merger of the two groups and expressed the opinion that further study should be initiated relative to the feasibility of forming a Transportation/Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

Mayor Brown requested that Councilmember Giles and Councilmember Walters pursue the feasibility of this proposal and provide the Council with recommendations at a future meeting.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of meetings of various boards and committees.

- a. Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics meeting held April 14, 1998.
- b. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held April 23, 1998.

It was moved by Councilmember Giles, seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy, that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Charles Luster advised that the Thursday, May 7, 1998 Policy Session has been canceled and that items from that meeting will be placed on the agenda of the Friday, May 8, 1998 Council Study Session.

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

- a. Hear from Dale Cillian regarding RFP #97085 Homicide Clean-up Services.

Mayor Brown advised that Mr. Cillian was not present at the meeting.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

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 4th day of May 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1998

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK