

## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 24, 2005

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 October 24, 2005 at 4:47 p.m.

### COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker  
Rex Griswold  
Kyle Jones  
Tom Rawles  
Janie Thom  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

### COUNCIL ABSENT

None

### OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson  
Debbie Spinner  
Barbara Jones

Mayor Hawker excused Councilmember Griswold from the beginning of the meeting. He arrived at 4:50 p.m.

#### 1. Review items on the agenda for the October 24, 2005 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: 5c (Hawker)

Items added to the consent agenda: 6b; 7b

Items removed from the consent agenda: 7i and m

#### 2. Discuss and consider approving the Human Services Funding Guidelines and Funding Areas.

Human Services Coordinator Nichole Ayoola advised that the Human Services Advisory Board reviewed the proposed Funding Guidelines (as outlined in the Council Report) at a recent meeting. She noted that the Guidelines address the funding of programs that contribute to community safety conditions. Ms. Ayoola reported that the allocation process is planned to begin with an information meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> at which time the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be made available.

Mayor Hawker noted that the Council Report identifies Alternative A as staff's recommendation, which reads as follows:

"Adopt these new philosophies and guidelines and areas of funding in support of a Community Safety Support Model."

Mayor Hawker expressed appreciation to Vice Mayor Walters for her recommendation that funding be directed to areas that support public safety, and that non-profit agencies could address the human services needs that do not directly impact Police and Fire calls for service. He stated that he would support Alternative A.

Councilmember Rawles stated opposition to Alternative A, and in particular to Funding Guideline Number 2, which reads as follows: "Support programs and services that encourage independence and self-sufficiency so that residents can fully realize economic and social opportunities." He expressed the opinion that the proposal is "coerced charity." He noted that although this is an improvement to the existing policy, he is unable to support the proposal.

Vice Mayor Walters noted that the Guidelines also apply to "A Better Community" (ABC) funding. She stated the opinion that Alternative A changes the focus of funding in a positive manner that benefits the community.

Councilmember Rawles agreed that the focus is different and improved, but he stated the opinion that the focus would not result in a meaningful difference during Council budget deliberations. He also expressed appreciation for the efforts of Vice Mayor Walters on this issue.

Councilmember Thom requested an explanation of item number 4 of the Funding Guidelines, which reads as follows: "Fund programs that document diverse support and a history of sustainable success."

Ms. Ayoola explained that "diverse support" refers to the fact that the City would not be the sole source of program funding, and that "a history of sustainable success" refers to "a proven track record."

In response to a question from Councilmember Thom, Ms. Ayoola clarified that the requirement for multiple funding sources increases the likelihood that a program could continue if one funding source was terminated.

Mayor Hawker stated that his understanding of the proposal is that the Guidelines provide criteria for evaluating applications, and that the Council would continue to make decisions regarding the funding levels.

Vice Mayor Walters noted that inserting the term "financial" would clarify item number 4 of the Funding Guidelines, and she stated that item 4 should be amended to read as follows: "Fund programs that document diverse financial support and a history of sustainable success."

It was moved by Vice Mayor Walters, seconded by Councilmember Jones, that staff's recommendation for Human Services Funding Guidelines and Funding Areas be approved.

Councilmember Griswold thanked staff for the proposal, and he expressed the opinion that the guidelines provide a stable platform for the Council's decision-making process.

Mayor Hawker called for the vote.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Hawker-Griswold-Jones-Walters-Whalen  
NAYS – Rawles-Thom

Mayor Hawker declared the motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor Hawker thanked staff for the presentation.

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

- a. Board of Adjustment meeting held October 11, 2005.
- b. Fire Committee meeting held October 10, 2005.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Walters, seconded by Councilmember Rawles, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Griswold:	Speaker at Combat Veteran Photographers' Convention.
Vice Mayor Walters:	Virginia G. Piper Repertory Theater dedication ceremony. Dedication of the Lehi Trail Project. Two neighborhood meetings.
Councilmember Jones:	District 4 Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station #1.
Councilmember Thom:	Arizona Department of Transportation dinner hosted by The Town of Gilbert.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 27, 2005, TBA – Special Council Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, November 7, 2005, TBA – Study Session

Monday, November 7, 2005, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, November 17, 2005, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, November 21, 2005, TBA – Study Session

Monday, November 21, 2005, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 24th day of October 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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