

## COUNCIL MINUTES

June 25, 2007

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Special Council Meeting in the upper level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on June 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

### COUNCIL PRESENT

Rex Griswold  
Kyle Jones  
Tom Rawles  
Scott Somers  
Claudia Walters  
Mike Whalen

### COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Keno Hawker

### OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady  
Debbie Spinner  
Barbara Jones

City Attorney Debbie Spinner reported that per State law, the Council is required to enter into a Special Council Meeting for purposes of adopting the budget.

### 1. Take action on the following resolutions:

- a. Approving a budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008 – Resolution No. 9002.

Acting Budget Director Chuck Odom referred to a three-page packet of budget materials and offered a brief analysis of the 2007/08 Tentative Budget as compared to the 2007/08 Proposed Final Budget. He stated that Total "All Funds" Expenditures for the 2007/08 Proposed Final Budget amount to \$1,164,700,000. Mr. Odom noted that this amount is \$64,560,587 less than the 2007/08 Tentative Budget adopted by the Council on June 4, 2007.

It was moved by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Jones, that Resolution No. 9002 be adopted.

Councilmember Rawles commented that he would vote no on this item as he has done throughout his tenure on the Council. He stated that in previous years, he provided a detailed explanation of those items in the budget that he could not support, but would not do so tonight.

Vice Mayor Walters commented that this budget reflects conservation on the part of the City of Mesa with regard to expending funds where it is important to do so. She stated that Mesa's cost per capita to operate the City is approximately \$1,866 and noted that the next closest city in terms of spending per capita is Tempe, at more than \$2,300. Vice Mayor Walters added that the

Council has operated with fiscal restraint and thanked Mayor Hawker and her fellow Councilmembers for their efforts in that regard.

Vice Mayor Walters called for the vote.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Griswold-Jones-Somers-Walters-Whalen  
NAYS - Rawles  
ABSENT - Hawker

Vice Mayor Walters declared the motion carried by majority vote of those present and Resolution No. 9002 adopted.

b. Approving a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years ending 2008-2012 – Resolution No. 9003.

It was moved by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Somers, that Resolution No. 9003 be adopted.

Councilmember Rawles stated that he finds it interesting that the Council just adopted a budget of more than \$1 billion and not a single citizen came forward to comment on the matter.

Vice Mayor Walters called for the vote.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Griswold-Jones-Somers-Walters-Whalen  
NAYS - Rawles  
ABSENT - Hawker

Vice Mayor Walters declared the motion carried by majority vote of those present and Resolution No. 9003 adopted.

City Manager Christopher Brady expressed appreciation to the Budget Office staff for their efforts and hard work with regard to the preparation of this year's budget.

2. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Special Council meeting adjourned at 6:38 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 Special Council meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 25th day of June 2007. 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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