

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19, 2002

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 September 19, 2002 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Dennis Kavanaugh
Rex Griswold
Kyle Jones
Janie Thom
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

1. Review items on the agenda for the September 23, 2002 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff with no formal action taken. There was specific discussion relative to the following items:

Mayor Hawker declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda item 4i (Country Life Subdivision Water Line Replacement and Pavement Reconstruction. City of Mesa Project No. 02-06) and said he would refrain from discussion/participation in this item.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda items 4j, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b and 8c will be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Hawker stated that agenda item 5a will be deleted from the consent agenda and the matter returned to the General Development Committee for further consideration.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held July 9, 2002 and Ad Hoc Committee meeting held August 5, 2002.
- b. Historic Preservation Committee meeting held July 11, 2002.
- c. Police Committee meeting held July 1, 2002.
- d. Transportation Committee meeting held August 28, 2002.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh reported on his recent attendance at the third meeting of the National Task Force for Interoperability, a committee focusing on public safety communications. He explained that the Task Force is currently finalizing a series of recommendations and guidelines relative to interoperable communications which will be presented in a formal report to the nation in January 2003.

Councilmember Walters advised that she had the pleasure of attending a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Arizona Jobs Center. She expressed appreciation to the surrounding residents for their efforts and hard work to ensure the attractive design of the facility. Councilmember Walters also reported that she and several other Councilmembers participated in the "Planning Mesa's Future: Diversity Counts" conference. She added that she also attended the Mesa United Way kickoff meeting and that this year's goal is to raise \$4.5 million.

Mayor Hawker stated that he recently attended a gathering with representatives from the Kingdom of Tonga. He also commented that he attended the Embrace Diversity Memorial service honoring individuals killed in the aftermath of September 11th, 2001, including east Mesa gas station owner Balbir Singh Sodhi.

Mayor Hawker added that this weekend, he will attend a retreat for the 25-member Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) Transportation Subcommittee, which has been established to examine various transportation issues including the extension of the half-cent sales tax.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, September 23, 2002, 9:00 a.m. – Ad Hoc Land Development Committee

Monday, September 23, 2002, TBA, Study Session

Monday, September 23, 2002, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2002, 8:00 a.m. – Briefing and Tour of General Services Department

Thursday, September 26, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, October 3, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, October 3, 2002, 9:00 a.m. – Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2002, TBA, Study Session

Monday, October 7, 2002, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Councilmember Whalen advised that he will be out of town between September 23rd and September 26th and requested that he be excused from attending the scheduled Council meetings.

5. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

6. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:43 a.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 19th day of September 2002. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK