

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 17, 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 December 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Kyle Jones
Tom Rawles
Scott Somers
Darrell Truitt
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

1. Review items on the agenda for the December 17, 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: 7e (Whalen); 7i (Truitt)

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

Items added to the consent agenda: None

2. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on the projects included in the anticipated November 2008 bond election, including street light projects.

Mayor Hawker stated that Council direction regarding this item was postponed from a prior Study Session so that Councilmember Whalen could participate in the discussion and offer input.

Vice Mayor Walters noted that after considering the inclusion of street light projects in the anticipated November 2008 bond election, she requested that the Council not move this item forward. She explained that although she believes street light projects are critically important in Mesa, she would prefer to not have a split vote of the Council in this regard.

City Attorney Debbie Spinner advised that with regard to agenda item 7i (Calling of the November 4, 2008 Special Election), the Council has three options to consider as follows: Exhibit A-1, which does not include street light projects in either the Public Safety or Street

Bonds; Exhibit A-2, which includes street light projects in the Transportation Bonds; and Exhibit A-3, which includes street light projects in the Public Safety Bonds.

Deputy City Manager Bryan Raines clarified that under Exhibit A-1, Question 2, Street Bonds, the amount should be amended to read “.. to issue and sell **\$230,600,000** general obligation bonds ..”

Ms. Spinner said that if the Council approves Exhibit A-1 at the Regular Council meeting, the amended amount cited by Mr. Raines would be included within that option.

Mr. Raines further advised that with regard to Exhibit A-1, Question 1, the \$178,200,000 in Public Safety bonds also includes funding for an additional fire station (as discussed by the Council at the December 6, 2007 Study Session) and an additional \$500,000 for 12 lead cardiac monitor programs.

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

- a. Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 24, 2007
- b. Housing Advisory Board meeting held on November 1, 2007
- c. Audit & Finance Committee meeting held on December 3, 2007

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Somers:	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Board of Directors meeting
Vice Mayor Walters:	“Jim Henson’s Fantastic World” exhibit at the Arizona Museum for Youth
Mayor Hawker:	Transportation seminar

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, December 20, 2007, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, January 3, 2008, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, 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 17th day of December 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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