

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 18, 1998

The Finance Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on June 18, 1998 at 8:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
John Giles, Chairman Jim Davidson Bill Jaffa	C.K. Luster Dan Brewer Linda Crocker Jack Friedline Mike Hutchinson Barbara Jones Kari Kent Dennis Kavanaugh	None
COMMITTEE ABSENT	Karl Kohlhoff Bryan Raines Tom Remes Ursula Strephans	
None		
COUNCIL PRESENT		
Keno Hawker		

1. Discuss and consider adjusting fees associated with fire hydrant water meters.

Assistant Utilities Manager Karl Kohlhoff addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item. Mr. Kohlhoff informed the Committee that the City's current hydrant meter fees do not cover the repair and replacement costs incurred by the Utility Services Department for lost and/or damaged meters. Mr. Kohlhoff briefly outlined staff's recommendations and noted that the increased fees will assist the City in recovering the cost of repairing and/or replacing hydrant meters that are damaged when returned. Mr. Kohlhoff added that the proposal would shift the cost of repairing and replacing hydrant meters from the City of Mesa to individual contractors and developers and requested that the Committee approve staff's recommendations.

In response to a question from Committeemember Jaffa, Mr. Kohlhoff advised that the recommended fee increases are comparable to what is currently charged by other cities.

It was moved by Committeemember Davidson, seconded by Committeemember Jaffa, to recommend to the Council that staff's recommendations relative to proposed hydrant meter fees be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider adjusting solid waste fees.

Solid Waste and Facilities Director Jack Friedline addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item. Mr. Friedline briefly outlined staff's recommendations relative to solid waste rate changes to be effective September 1, 1998. Mr. Friedline advised that the proposed adjustments represent a more equitable waste management fee structure and said that residents who require additional solid waste collection and/or disposal services over and beyond the once a week garbage/recycling barrel service will pay for the costs associated with providing the added services.

Mr. Friedline noted that staff is recommending that the City's bulk item collection rate be increased from \$5.00 per load to \$7.50 per load; that the City's appliance collection rate be increased from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for the first appliance and \$5.00 for each additional appliance collected up to 4 appliances per service call monthly, and that the City establish a rate type for duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes receiving bin service and allow complexes greater than 12 units to utilize a specific rate.

Discussion ensued relative to bulk rate charges in other communities, the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day which is held every March, and the importance of providing quality services to the citizens of Mesa.

It was moved by Committeemember Jaffa, seconded by Committeemember Hawker, to recommend to the Council that staff's recommendations relative to solid waste rate adjustments effective September 1, 1998 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment.

It was moved by Committeemember Jaffa, seconded by Committeemember Davidson, that the Finance Committee meeting adjourn at 9:08 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 18th day of June, 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