



COUNCIL MINUTES

June 19, 2008

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 June 19, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Kyle Jones
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

1. Review items on the agenda for the June 23, 2008 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: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

Items deleted from the consent agenda: None

Items added to the consent agenda: None

2. Appointments to Council boards and committees.

Mayor Smith thanked Vice Mayor Jones and Councilmember Somers for assisting him with the recommendations and appointments of his fellow Councilmembers to various boards and committees. (See Attachment 1.)

It was moved by Councilmember Somers, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed

Carried unanimously.

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

- a. Library Advisory Board meeting held on March 18, 2008
- b. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held on May 6, 2008
- c. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on May 8, 2008
- d. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held on May 14, 2008

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Somers:	DMB Open House concerning Mesa Proving Ground project
Councilmember Kavanaugh:	Dobson District Community Policing meeting
Councilmember Richins:	Arizona League of Cities' Newly Elected Officials Training; Town Hall meeting regarding renewable energy; Arizona Museum of Youth event
Vice Mayor Jones:	Meeting with DMB representatives relative to Mesa Proving Ground project; Metro Rail Board meeting
Mayor Smith:	Meetings in Washington, D.C. with Arizona Congressional delegation and staff, Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters, and the Deputy Director of the Department of Homeland Security and staff

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Councilmember Kavanaugh announced that a District 3 pancake breakfast would be held on Saturday, June 21, 2008, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., at Mesa Fire Station 207.

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

Monday, June 23, 2008, TBA – Executive Session

Monday, June 23, 2008, TBA – Study Session

Monday, June 23, 2008, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2008, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, June 26, 2008, TBA – Joint Meeting with Planning & Zoning Board

6. Items from citizens present.

Greg Marek, 3060 North Ridgecrest, Unit 182, a member of the LS51 Committee, offered a series of comments regarding the significant efforts undertaken by the residents of Las Sendas to ensure that Parcel 51 was developed with unique and high quality projects as opposed to projects that only met minimum standards. He commented that it should not be such a difficult process for Mesa residents to have quality projects developed in their neighborhoods. Mr. Marek added that if the City would like to have the same type of high quality projects that are being developed in neighboring communities, the Council should provide clear direction to staff in that regard.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

SCOTT SMITH, 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 19th day of June 2008. 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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