

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 1996

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session following the Policy Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 2, 1996 at 4:22 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Dale Johnson
Joan Payne
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Willie Wong

COUNCIL-ELECT PRESENT

Mayor-Elect Wayne Brown
John Giles
Dennis Kavanaugh

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Wayne Balmer
Cindy Barris
Neal Beets
Dan Brewer
Fred Conway
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Lars Jarvie
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Jeff Martin
Keith Nath
Ruth Anne Norris
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Darrel Pichoff
Bryan Raines
Andrea Rasizer
Ross Renner
Sharon Seekins
John Smoyer
Mindy White

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Deaton
Joanie Flatt
Bruce McKendry
Dan Nowicki
Vernon Payne

Vice Mayor Jensen excused Mayor Wong from the meeting.

1 Hear a status report concerning sound walls and landscaping for the proposed McKellips Road improvement project (Country Club Drive to Gilbert Road).

Public Works Manager Harry Kent provided background information concerning the widening of McKellips Road in anticipation of the extension of the Red Mountain Freeway.

(At 4:25 p.m. Vice Mayor Jensen left the meeting to attend another appointment. Vice Mayor Jensen yielded the gavel to Councilmember Boyd.)

Senior Civil Engineer Ross Renner presented schematics/renderings of proposed sound walls and landscaping for the McKellips Road improvement project based on designs implemented on Pima and Rural Roads. Mr. Renner advised that the project will include trees and planters.

Discussion ensued regarding streetlights, continuation of the sound walls/landscaping as future residential development occurs along McKellips Road, the potential integration of bus stops and landscaping, and the time frame for the project. Deputy City Engineer Keith Nath stated that it is anticipated that the sound walls will be completed prior to the commencement of road construction in March 1997.

Councilmember Boyd encouraged staff to provide sufficient notice concerning construction.

2. Review items on the agenda for the May 6, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the agenda items were reviewed among the Council and staff, with no formal action taken. There was particular discussion with regard to the following agenda items:

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order but for purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

- 2.1 Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a resolution approving the Mesa General Plan Update as proposed by the General Plan Advisory Committee and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer noted that both the public hearing and resolution will be considered under the same agenda item. Mr. Balmer advised that a letter has been received from Coventry Homes indicating that they will not be appearing on May 6 to discuss a land use change for their property at the northwest corner of Thomas and Recker Roads. Mr. Balmer stated that a copy of the letter has been forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes and meetings of various boards and committees and consider action where appropriate.

*f. Redevelopment Committee Meeting held May 2, 1996.

Council and staff spoke concerning whether issues reviewed at the Redevelopment Committee Meeting will be considered under Item 3f or under Item 6 pertaining to the introduction of ordinances. Councilmember Boyd recommended that citizens be advised if discussion will occur at the May 6 or May 20 Regular Council Meeting.

5. Consider the following contracts:

- j. Nonemergency towing services contract as requested by the Police Department, Fleet Support Services, and Building Inspections Division. This contract will provide for towing of abandoned vehicles and disabled City vehicles.

The Purchasing Division recommends accepting the low bid by Cactus Towing for a two-year contract with annual expenditures of \$25,000 based on estimated requirements.

In response to a question from Councilmember Boyd, Purchasing Administrator Sharon Seekins advised that the City currently has four towing contracts: two for emergency response, one for removing abandoned vehicles, and one for towing disabled City vehicles. Ms. Seekins indicated that this bid combines the City's two nonemergency contracts into a single contract. Ms. Seekins noted that presently Cactus Towing has both emergency contracts and Tri-City Towing has both nonemergency contracts. Ms. Seekins commented that while both Cactus Towing and Tri-City Towing are capable of fulfilling the new contract for nonemergency towing services, Cactus Towing offered the lowest price in all categories.

Councilmember Boyd questioned the need to combine the two current contracts for nonemergency towing service into a single contract. Ms. Seekins noted the limited volume of each contract individually and stated that a combined contract appears more economical.

Councilmember Boyd expressed concern with awarding all City towing services to a single contractor and commented that he will likely vote in opposition to the recommended award.

Councilmember Stapley spoke regarding the satisfactory response of Cactus Towing in fulfilling the contracts for emergency towing services and stated the opinion that the company will be able to additionally respond to nonemergency requests.

Councilmember Boyd requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda for the May 6 Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Boyd said that he would have preferred that the new contract remain as two separate contracts.

8. Consider adopting a Notice of Intention to consider adjusting water utility rates, rate components, fees, or service charges and setting June 17, 1996 as the date of the public hearing on the proposed adjustments.

City Manager Charles Luster said that legal requirements necessitate that a Notice of Intention be adopted in the event Council decides to adjust utility rates for the 1996/97 fiscal year.

3. Scheduling of meetings and General information.

Mr. Luster stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Friday, May 3, 1996, 7:30 a.m. to Noon - Budget Review Session

Monday, May 6, 1996, 7:30 a.m. to Noon - Budget Review Session
Monday, May 6, 1996, 5:30 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 1996, 7:30 a.m. to Noon - Budget Review Session

Friday, May 10, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Study Session

Saturday, May 11, 1996 - Mesa Speaks

Wednesday, May 15, 1996, 4:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 1996, 3:30 p.m. - Joint Utility/Finance Committee Meeting

(Vice Mayor Jensen returned to the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Councilmember Boyd yielded the gavel to Vice Mayor Jensen.)

Councilmember Johnson spoke in favor of amending Proposition 200, an initiative approved by voters at the March 26, 1996 Primary/Special Election. Councilmember Johnson recommended revisions relative to hotel/convention rooms, billiard rooms, smoke shops, and sports bars.

Council requested that this issue be scheduled for review at the May 10, 1996 Study Session. Councilmember Payne suggested that discussion include public housing.

Mr. Luster advised that a presentation concerning the purchase of a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for the Police/Fire Departments is scheduled for the May 10 Study Session.

4. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Study Session adjourn at 5:07 P.M.

Carried unanimously.

T. FARRELL JENSEN, VICE 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 2nd day of May, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of May 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK