

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 14, 1999

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 January 14, 1999 at 7:45 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Wayne Brown
Jim Davidson
John Giles
Keno Hawker
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Joan Baier
Wayne Balmer
Neal Beets
Denise Bleyle
Jamie Brennen
Steve Burg
Dennis Compton
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Dorinda Larsen
Rich Lorig
Greg Marek
Jeff Martin
Frank Mizner
Keith Nath
Ellen Pence
Andrea Rasizer

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

Tom Remes
Becky Richardson
Jenny Sheppard
Jan Strauss
Ursula Strephans
Doug Tessendorf
Mindy White
Paul Wilson
Christine Zielonka
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Florence Adams
Wilford Andersen
Linda Bailey
Teresa Brice-Heames
Alan Heslop
Pat Langdon
Robbie Sherwood
Marilyn Wennerstrom
Mary Jo Whalen
Others

Mayor Brown excused Councilmember Jaffa from the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Jaffa joined the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

1. Review items on the agenda for the January 19, 1999 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:

3. Conduct a public hearing for the following proposed annexations:
 - a. A98-9 The northeast corner of Warner and Power Roads.

- b. A98-14 Area extending from the southeast corner of South Mountain Road and East Elliott Road.

In response to a request from Councilmember Pomeroy, Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer provided the Council with a brief overview of the two above listed annexation cases.

5. Consider the following contracts:

- *e. Police Department Addition and Police/Court Parking Garage.

In response to a request from Councilmember Davidson, Public Works Manager Harry Kent advised that staff will present an overview of this project at the Regular Council Meeting.

- f. Fluoride Feed systems at the CAP Water Treatment Plant and three Booster Pump Stations.

In response to a request for input regarding this agenda item, Councilmember Jaffa advised that he has thoroughly researched this issue and said that credible information exists to support both the positive and negative aspects of fluoride. Councilmember Jaffa stated that he had encouraged the anti-fluoride group to file an initiative petition on this issue and indicated that if same was filed by January 18, 1999, he would vote to delay action on the purchase of the equipment. Councilmember Jaffa said that in the absence of the initiative being filed, he has decided to vote in support of the installation of the equipment.

Vice Mayor Giles pointed out that the fluoride issue was voted upon by the Council eight months ago and stated the opinion that opposition should have surfaced at that time. Vice Mayor Giles spoke in support of approving the contract.

Councilmember Kavanaugh concurred with Vice Mayor Giles' remarks and said that this issue was the topic of a Council Policy Session.

6. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting February 1, 1999 as the date for the public hearing on these ordinances.

- *a. HP98-0001 Historic Preservation Overlay District for the Evergreen District

Vice Mayor Giles indicated that he had a potential conflict of interest regarding this matter which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and because of such conflict, he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in connection with same.

Mayor Brown advised that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

7. Consider the following resolutions:

- *a. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the State of Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Mesa for construction design, and design for bike rest areas along 8th Street/Adobe Road from Riverview Park to Red Mountain Park.
CONTINUED FROM THE JANUARY 5 COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilmember Davidson commented that he had requested the continuance and added that since that time he has received information on this item and he supports the adoption of the resolution.

- *b. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Flood Control District of Maricopa County and the City of Mesa for Cost Sharing the Design and Rights-of-Way Acquisition of the Elliot Road Detention Basin and Outfall Channel from Crismon Road to Ellsworth Road.

In response to a request from Councilmember Pomeroy, Mayor Brown advised that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- *e. Adopting an Ethics Code and Handbook for elected Officials and Advisory Board Members.

In response to a request from Councilmember Hawker, Mayor Brown advised that this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

City Manager Charles Luster indicated that staff will highlight a brief presentation at the Regular Council Meeting regarding this agenda item.

- *g. Granting an irrigation easement to Salt River Project for the Baseline Road and Stapley Drive widening project.
- *h. Granting an underground power easement to Salt River Project at the City of Mesa County Line Reservoir.

Councilmember Davidson indicated that he had potential conflicts of interest relative to both items g and h which he wanted reflected in the minutes of the meeting and that because of such conflicts of interest, he would refrain from discussing and/or participating in any manner in same.

Mayor Brown advised that agenda items 7 g and h will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- 11. Consider the following cases from the Planning and Zoning Board and possible adoption of the corresponding ordinances:
 - a. Z98-84 South and east of the southeast corner of Lindsay and McKellips Roads.

Community Development Manager Wayne Balmer advised that a letter has been received from the applicant requesting that this case be continued to the February 16, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Brown advised that this item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the purpose of continuing the case to the February 16, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Discuss and consider the final recommended Council district boundaries.

District Commission Chairman Pat Langdon and Commission Members Wilford Anderson, Lynda Bailey, Teresa Brice-Heames, and Mary Jo Whalen, addressed the Council regarding this agenda item. Drs. Florence Adams and Alan Heslop, consultants with the firm National Demographics, Inc., also joined in the presentation.

Chairman Langdon referred to overheads displayed in the Council Chambers and presented the Committee's recommendations regarding the final recommended district boundaries for Mesa. Chairman Langdon commented that the Commission Members extended every effort to reach out to the community to encourage their involvement in the process and extended his appreciation to the Committee for their efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria that was established to develop the plan, the Hispanic area of influence, positive deviations, the fact that neighborhoods have been protected in the proposed plan, the fact that County islands that may be annexed into the City in the future will retain their integrity, the fact that the ten public hearings generated productive input but were lacking attendance, the distribution of the citizen kits, population statistics and future projections, and the fact that the proposed recommendations received the unanimous support of the Committee.

Members of the Council posed various questions to the members of the Committee regarding the recommended districts and expressed their appreciation to Chairman Langdon and the members of the Committee for their extensive efforts.

Councilmember Jaffa expressed concern regarding future redistricting efforts that will occur in 2002.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Giles, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that staff be directed to prepare a resolution regarding this issue for consideration by the Council at the Tuesday, January 19, 1999 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

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

- a. Library Advisory Board meeting held January 5, 1999.
- b. Utility Committee meeting held December 21, 1998.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Vice Mayor Giles, that receipt of the above listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Charles Luster stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 19, 1999, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 1999, 7:45 a.m. – Council Study Session

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances (maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown advised that there were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present (maximum of three speakers for three minutes per speaker).

Mayor Brown advised that there were no items from citizens present at this time.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

WAYNE BROWN, 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 14th day of January 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK