

# COUNCIL MINUTES

November 5, 1998

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 November 5, 1998 at 4:53 p.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

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

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Wayne Balmer  
Neal Beets  
Linda Crocker  
Mike Hutchinson  
Barbara Jones  
Harry Kent  
Ron Krosting  
Jeff Martin  
Ellen Pence  
Bryan Raines  
Andrea Rasizer  
Tom Remes  
Sharon Seekins  
Jenny Sheppard  
Jan Strauss  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Florence Adams  
Darl Andersen  
Bill Brando  
Luule Brandofino  
Alan Heslop  
Pat Langdon  
Ron McCoy  
MaryJo Whalen  
Others

### 1. Hear a preliminary report on Council districting.

Assistants to the City Manager Jeff Martin and Ellen Pence and District Commission Chairman Pat Langdon addressed the Council relative to this agenda item and introduced Drs. Florence Adams and Alan Heslop, the consultants who have been retained by the City of Mesa to assist in the City's districting efforts.

Drs. Adams and Heslop briefly discussed the contents of the preliminary report and stated that a series of ten public hearings will be scheduled during the months of November and December.

Discussion ensued relative to the importance of obtaining extensive citizen input, the fact that the materials will be available in Spanish as well as English, population statistics, enumeration districts, the Justice Department submission, district residency, district maps and the compilation of data, and a list of scheduled public hearings that will be held throughout the City of Mesa.

Ms. Pence provided the Council with a brief update on direct mailing and marketing issues and noted that a brochure outlining the purpose of the citizen kits and soliciting citizen input will be mailed to 180,000 households/businesses within the City of Mesa.

Mayor Brown thanked staff and Drs. Adams and Heslop for their input.

2. Hear and consider a proposal from Darl Andersen requesting that Council endorse 1999 as The Year of the Golden Rule.

Darl Anderson, 648 North Orange, addressed the Council regarding this agenda item and urged the Council to endorse 1999 as The Year of the Golden Rule in Mesa. Mr. Anderson explained that as a member of the Faith Team, he has undertaken the challenge of spreading the Golden Rule which is "Treat others as we want them to treat us."

Mr. Anderson stated the opinion that the Golden Rule is the basis for all faiths and added that it is also the foundation upon which many service clubs, education institutions, businesses, civic organizations and a number of municipal governments have been built. Mr. Anderson briefly outlined proposed events and activities that will be held to foster 1999 as The Year of the Golden Rule and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Mayor Brown expressed appreciation to Mr. Anderson for his presentation and stated that this item will be discussed among the Council at a future Study Session.

2.1 Hear from Ron McCoy concerning urban planning adjacent to the proposed Arts Center. (Mr. McCoy is Director and Professor, ASU School of Architecture.)

Mayor Brown introduced Mr. Ron McCoy, Director and Professor, ASU School of Architecture to those present at the meeting and advised that Mr. McCoy has been asked to serve as a member of the Architectural Firm Selection Committee for the Arts & Entertainment Facility.

Mayor Brown stated that he and Mr. McCoy have had several conversations regarding the importance of urban planning and he has asked Mr. McCoy to speak at the meeting this morning and to share his views on this critical aspect of urban planning experience in the selection of an architectural firm.

Mr. McCoy provided the Council with a brief synopsis of his experience in the urban planning area and stated the opinion that determining the appropriate criteria to be used to evaluate the quality of an architectural firm is crucial. Mr. Coy emphasized the importance of ensuring that the architectural firm that is selected for the Arts & Entertainment facility either possesses urban planning expertise or is willing to partner with a firm that does possess that knowledge. Mr. McCoy stated that although the urban planning aspect is beyond the scope of the Request for Proposals that was issued, it should not be beyond the scope of the Selection Committee in determining which is the most competent firm to carry out this project.

Mayor Brown thanked Mr. McCoy for his input and stressed the importance of urban planning in developing and constructing the Arts & Entertainment Facility. Mayor Brown expressed appreciation to the members of the Selection Committee for their efforts and said that the proposed project represents a significant undertaking for the City of Mesa.

3. Further discussion and consideration regarding scheduling and televising Council Study Sessions.

Assistant to the City Manager Ellen Pence provided the Council with a brief history of this agenda item and referred to collected data and a staff report outlining the City's current policy regarding citizen input at Council Meetings. Ms. Pence requested Council direction relative to this issue.

Mayor Brown noted that the statistics reflect that early morning meetings do not generate a large number of citizen attendees.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pomeroy, Ms. Pence advised that Council Study Sessions prior to Regular Council Meetings are not televised because of the time required between meetings to set up the camera equipment. Ms. Pence reported that approximately 30 minutes is required to set up the equipment to televise the Regular Council Meeting following a Study Session.

Councilmember Pomeroy stated the opinion that citizens who wish to provide input should have the right to appear on television if that is their desire.

Mayor Brown recommended that the Council consider televising the Study Sessions following the Regular Council Meetings.

Councilmember Kavanaugh expressed concern regarding the fact that citizens wishing to address the Council have to wait until the end of the meetings to do so. Councilmember Kavanaugh indicated that he would prefer to have the citizens provide input at the Study Sessions prior to the Regular Council Meetings and questioned whether arrangements could be made to have those meetings televised in the future.

Discussion ensued relative to implementing a policy whereby citizens would be allowed to appear on a limited rotational basis in order to ensure that the citizen forum is not being abused by repetitive users, the fact that the Mayor has the authority to control the meeting, and a recommendation from Councilmember Jaffa that residents who have accomplished worthwhile projects be recognized at the meetings by the members of the Council.

Councilmember Hawker requested that staff pursue the appropriate technology so that in the future Study Sessions prior to the Regular Council Meetings can be televised and stated that he would prefer scheduling the citizen input agenda items at those Study Sessions.

It was moved by Councilmember Pomeroy, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, that the television cameras remain on during the items from citizens present portion of the meeting agenda.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brown-Davidson-Giles-Jaffa-Kavanaugh-Pomeroy  
NAYS -Hawker

Mayor Brown declared the motion carried by majority vote.

4. Discussion and consideration concerning procedures for placing items on the Council Meeting agendas.

City Manager Charles Luster referred to a copy of Ordinance No. 3212, adopted by the Council in 1996, which relates to the placement of items on Council Meeting agendas and questioned whether the Council wanted to initiate any changes in the process that is currently followed.

Mayor Brown stated the opinion that the current method is appropriate and commented that he was not aware of any problems that have arisen as a result of the current policy. Mayor Brown added the opinion that as the City Manager, Mr. Luster shows discretion and should continue to carry out this responsibility.

Mr. Luster expressed the opinion that the current policy is effective and said that he would prefer to allow the current process to remain in place.

Discussion ensued among the members of the Council and it was determined that the current policy for placing items on the Council Meeting agendas will continue without change.

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

Mayor Brown advised that there were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended to report on at this time.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, November 12, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Council Study Session

Monday, November 16, 1998, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Half Day Council Session

Thursday, November 19, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Half Day Council Session

Friday, November 20, 1998, 7:30 a.m. – Half Day Council Session

7. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

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

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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WAYNE BROWN, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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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 5th day of November 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK