

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 1996

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session following the Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on April 15, 1996 at 6:28 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
T. Farrell Jensen
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

Dale Johnson
Joan Payne

OFFICERS PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Neal Beets
Barbara Jones

POLICE OFFICER PRESENT

Sam Jeppsen

1. Prescheduled Public opinion appearances. (Maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker.)

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

2. Items from citizens present. (Maximum of three speakers for five minutes per speaker.)

Gene Duhon, 9627A Metro Parkway West, owner of a smoke shop, requested an exemption to the provisions of Proposition 200, which was approved by voters at the March 26, 1996 Primary/Special Election. Mr. Duhon indicated that under Proposition 200, employees and customers will be unable to test samples and smell the aroma of products. Mr. Duhon distributed written documentation to members of the Council and expressed the opinion that misinformation was provided to voters.

City Attorney advised that staff has had discussions with various individuals and organizations during past weeks. Mr. Beets outlined the City's implementation plan for Proposition 200, which involves a description of the impact of the measure rather than any attempt to create exemptions.

Mayor Wong requested that Mr. Duhon meet with Mr. Beets following the meeting to further discuss the matter.

John Deshetler, owner of Main Street Billiards, 1749 West Main Street, stated that he has a Series 7 license and may lose his business, given the provisions of Proposition 200. Mr. Deshetler indicated that his business has a separate ventilation system. Mr. Deshetler requested assistance from Council in relation to the requirements of Proposition 200.

Mayor Wong asked that Mr. Deshetler additionally meet with Mr. Beets.

Councilmember Gilbert noted that Proposition 200 was a citizen-generated initiative. Councilmember Gilbert commented that action by Council at this point may be inappropriate since the measure was approved by voters, not implemented by Council. Councilmember Gilbert indicated that a willingness to listen to the concerns of citizens to perhaps make adjustments in the future.

Steve Kennison, 441 North Hibbert, reiterated his concerns expressed at the April 1, 1996 Study Session regarding what he believes is an excessive natural gas utility bill.

Discussion ensued concerning actions by staff and mechanical operation of the unit at the Kennison home. Councilmember Boyd stated that he would speak directly with Mr. Kennison at the close of the meeting.

Marilyn Wennerstrom, 1112 North Center, spoke concerning a warrant for her arrest that she recently received by mail in relation to a dog at large. Ms. Wennerstrom expressed concern that the warrant appears to contain information from her driver's license and she has never been cited by the Police Department. Ms. Wennerstrom stated that she will keep Council apprised concerning the matter.

3. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, that the Study Session adjourn at 7:07 P.M.

Carried unanimously.

WILLIE WONG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session following the Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 15th day of April, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6TH day of May 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK