



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 2002

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Special Council Meeting in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 20, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keno Hawker
Jim Davidson
Bill Jaffa
Dennis Kavanaugh
Pat Pomeroy
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

1. Convene an executive session.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council enter into an Executive Session.

Carried unanimously.

2. Executive Session.

The Council entered into an Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

3. Reconvene Special Session.

The Special Council Meeting reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

4. Consider approval of the Multipurpose Facility "best and final" proposal to the Tourism and Sports Authority.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson informed the Council that the Tourism and Sports Authority's March 21st board meeting has been cancelled and is in the process of being rescheduled. He further informed the Council that the deadline for the submittal of a "best and final" proposal has been extended to March 27, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Whalen reported that he had spoken with Tempe Councilmembers Arredondo and Hallman and they have indicated that they would be willing to have members of both Councils meet to discuss issues relative to a joint site.

In response to questions posed by Mayor Hawker, City Attorney Debbie Spinner stated the opinion that an informal meeting with Councilmembers from Tempe is appropriate if no formal action is taken. She added that should an agreement be reached, it would impact the Memorandum of Understanding.

Councilmember Kavanaugh spoke in support of continuing discussions with Tempe and stated the opinion that a majority of the Tempe City Council would be willing to review options for partnering with Mesa in terms of this proposal. He added that the delay provided by the Tourism and Sports Authority affords Mesa and Tempe the opportunity to continue to explore those options.

Mayor Hawker requested that Councilmembers Whalen and Kavanaugh represent Mesa in partnership discussions with representatives from the Tempe City Council.

Mayor Hawker stressed the importance of continuing on a parallel track of both sites as the "best and final" proposal and the Memorandum of Understanding are finalized in the event a partnership with Tempe does not come to fruition.

5. Discuss and consider approving a memorandum of understanding with the Tourism and Sports Authority regarding the Multipurpose Facility.

Mayor Hawker advised that, due to the extended timeframe, action on this matter will be delayed. He requested that the City Attorney provide an update on the process as well as when the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would need to be approved.

City Attorney Debbie Spinner reported that negotiations are ongoing with the Tourism and Sports Authority and are expected to continue through Sunday. She added that when an agreement is reached, Staff will come back to Council for any final adjustments. Ms. Spinner recommended that at that time the Council go into session to discuss and consider the MOU.

Mayor Hawker called upon citizens in the audience to present their remarks. Seeing no citizen wanting to speak, Mayor Hawker entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Special Council Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

KENO HAWKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 20th day of March 2002. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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