

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 3, 2002

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 October 3, 2002 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Vice Mayor Dennis Kavanaugh
Rex Griswold
Kyle Jones
Janie Thom
Claudia Walters
Mike Whalen

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Keno Hawker

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Debbie Spinner
Barbara Jones

(Vice Mayor Kavanaugh excused Mayor Hawker from the meeting.)

1. Review items on the agenda for the October 7, 2002 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:

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that agenda item 3c (Liquor License for Anzio's Landing Restaurant) would be removed from the agenda.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh stated that agenda item 5a (Prohibiting parking, increasing speed limits, reducing speed limits and adding stop signs at various locations) would be separated into two separate agenda items and that both items would be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Walters declared a potential conflict of interest on agenda item 6a (Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mesa and Mesa Unified School District #4 for the funding of the Safe Schools Program) and said she would refrain from discussion/participation in this item.

2. Hear a presentation, discuss and consider the design proposal for the public art passenger shelter at Broadway and Macdonald.

Public Art Coordinator Kate O'Mara and Dr. Kent Layton, Chair of the Artist Selection Panel of the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board, addressed the Council regarding this agenda item. Ms. O'Mara stated that staff is seeking Council approval of the design proposal from artists Damian Charette and Martin Moreno for the bus passenger shelter to be located near the

intersection of Broadway Road and Macdonald. She reported that the shelter was designed in collaboration with the Xicanindio Cultural Arts and Youth Development program at the East Valley Boys and Girls Club (Grant Woods' Branch in Mesa). She further reported that the design has been reviewed and approved by City Engineering and Transportation staff and also unanimously recommended for approval by the Museum and Cultural Advisory Board. Ms. O'Mara introduced Mr. Charette and Mr. Moreno to the Council.

Mr. Layton discussed the artist selection process and the fact that the design process has included extensive community input. He voiced the opinion that the proposed design reflects the cultural heritage of this area of the City.

Mr. Moreno displayed a model of the proposed design and described the various features of the model. He stated that the design concept is desert flora and natural settings and that the shelter's four columns will contain shallow reliefs in ceramic tile that will feature hummingbirds, cacti and butterflies. He said that the bench will be surfaced with ceramic tile in a mosaic pattern. He also commented on the material that will be used to construct the shade covering over the shelter.

Mr. Moreno discussed the fact that local youth participating in the art program at the Boys and Girls Club will help to create the tile that will be used for the project.

In response to a question from Councilmember Griswold, Mr. Moreno explained that the open lattice roof is designed to provide shade but is not rainproof. He added that there is a significant transient population in this area of the City, which precludes a design that would encourage loitering.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the cost of a standard bus shelter is \$27,000; that the cost of the proposed shelter is \$34,000; and that the additional \$7,000 cost will be funded from Public Art funds.

Councilmember Walters stated support for the design and the fact that the design will not encourage sleeping on the bench, which in other shelters precludes bus riders from using the shelter.

Mr. Moreno commented that the "snake-like" design of the bench addresses the transient issue and will also help prevent skate boarders from utilizing the bench.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh voiced support for the design and commented on the fact that he is familiar with the work of Mr. Moreno and Mr. Charette by virtue of his participation on the Arizona Commission of the Arts Board. He said that Mr. Moreno and Mr. Charette are well-known artists on a Statewide basis, particularly for their efforts to reflect the culture and heritage of local communities and to involve communities in their projects.

It was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Thom, that the design proposal for the public art passenger shelter at Broadway and Macdonald, be approved.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of boards and committees.

- a. Building Board of Appeals meeting held September 10, 2002.
- b. Design Review Board meeting held September 4, 2002.
- c. Housing and Human Services Advisory Board meeting held July 24, 2002.
- d. Parks and Recreation Board meeting held September 12, 2002.
- e. Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee meetings held August 8, 2002, August 21, 2002, August 28, 2002 and September 12, 2002.

It was moved by Councilmember Walters, seconded by Councilmember Jones, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh discussed his attendance at the annual Valley Forward awards event. He reported that Mesa's Water Conservation staff won numerous awards including first and second place.

Councilmember Walters also commented on her attendance at the Valley Forward event and the success of the City's "Water – Use it Wisely" campaign.

Councilmember Whalen reported on his recent attendance at the International Downtown Association's annual conference in Boston. He noted that he conducted a presentation at the conference relative to the impacts of multipurpose sports facilities on neighborhoods and added that other cities also struggle with this issue.

Councilmember Jones also commented on his attendance with Councilmember Whalen at the International Downtown Association's conference.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 3, 2002 – Transportation Committee Meeting immediate following Study Session

Monday October 7, 2002, 4:00 p.m. – Executive Session

Monday, October 7, 2002, TBA – Study Session

Monday, October 7, 2002, 5:45 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, October 10, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – Utility Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2002, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, October 17, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – Finance Committee Meeting

6. Prescheduled public opinion appearances.

There were no prescheduled public opinion appearances.

7. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

DENNIS KAVANAUGH, 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 3rd day of October 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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