

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 1, 1996

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 April 1, 1996 at 4:31 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Willie Wong
Jerry Boyd
Pat Gilbert
Dale Johnson
Jim Stapley

COUNCIL ABSENT

T. Farrell Jensen
Joan Payne

STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster
Joan Baier
Neal Beets
Tanya Collins
Mark Coon
Linda Crocker
Geri Hulcher-Gerber
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Lars Jarvie
Sharon Joyce
Harry Kent
Wayne Korinek
Ron Krosting
Larry Lines
Rich Lorig
Jeff Martin
John Oliver
Ellen Pence
Bryan Raines
John Smoyer
Jeff Welker
Mike Whalen
Mindy White
Larry Woolf
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Brando
Dan Duncan
Bev Tittle-Baker
Fred Williams
Others

Mayor Wong excused Vice Mayor Jensen and Councilmember Payne from the meeting.

1. Discuss and consider the two-year review of the Paz de Cristo Council Use Permit.

Special Programs Director Tanya Collins informed the Council that a report distributed for their review provides data relative to the results of an extensive two year collaborative effort expended by Paz de Cristo and adjacent neighborhood residents. Ms. Collins stated that a stipulation contained in Paz de Cristo's Council Use Permit, which was issued in March 1993,

required the City Council to review compatibility and complaints' every two years from the date of the issuance of Paz de Cristo's Certificate of Occupancy at the 424 West Broadway site. Ms. Collins added that City staff has met with representatives from Paz de Cristo and the neighborhood and discussed requested information that was provided by the organization relative to the facility's operating procedures, amount and quality of interaction with neighbors, and complaints/approaches to complaint resolution.

Discussion ensued relative to meetings held to discuss and obtain recommendations relative to Paz de Cristo's Council Use Permit, the results of a Neighborhood Concern Survey administered by the Mesa Police Department, various recommendations received as a result of the survey, and citizen offers to assist in identifying and addressing neighborhood problems in an effort to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution to area concerns.

Ms. Collins informed the Council that Paz de Cristo and neighborhood representatives successfully reached a consensus relative to a future course of action. Ms. Collins pointed out that in an effort to respond to neighborhood and City concerns, Paz de Cristo has either independently initiated or agreed to initiative a variety of procedures which are not currently included in the Council Use Permit stipulations. (See Attachment A.)

Ms. Collins discussed staff's recommendation that the Council consider amending Sections 2-19 and 2-20 of Paz De Cristo's Council Use Permit to add the stipulations contained in the attachment.

Councilmember Gilbert spoke in support of formally commending the participants for their cooperation and participation in a public setting. Councilmember Gilbert recommended that the Council proceed with the introduction of the proposed ordinance amending the Council Use Permit and that the commendations occur when the proposed ordinance is voted upon by the Council.

Councilmember Stapley and Councilmember Boyd concurred that Paz de Cristo has met the expectations of the Council and expended every effort to work with the neighborhood and address citizens concerns.

Discussion ensued relative to neighborhood leaders educating citizens on the results of the survey and meetings, marketing efforts, the importance of distributing copies of the sixteen additional items agreed upon by Paz de Cristo to citizens and businesses in the area, a recommendation to develop and distribute a schedule of anticipated deadlines for the additional items, and the fact that the proposed ordinance will be introduced at the April 15, 1996 Regular Council Meeting, with formal adoption occurring at the May 6, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Wong expressed appreciation to staff and everyone involved for their efforts.

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

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

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, April 4, 1996, 4:00 p.m. - Council Policy Session

Friday, April 5, 1996, 7:30 a.m. - Special Council Meeting to canvass the votes of the March 26, 1996 Primary Election

Friday, April 5, 1996, Council Study Session - Immediately following the Special Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 1996, 4:00 p.m. - Police Committee Meeting

4. Review items on the agenda for the April 1, 1996 Regular Council Meeting.

All of the agenda items were reviewed among the Council and staff, with no formal action taken.

5. Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilmember Stapley, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the meeting adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

WILLIE WONG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

Attachment

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 April 1, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of April 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT A

WHAT PAZ HAS INITIATED, OR AGREED TO DO, BEYOND THE ORIGINAL EXPECTATIONS IN ITS USE PERMIT

Paz de Cristo, in its efforts to be responsive to neighborhood and City concerns, has either independently initiated or agreed to do the following things which are not contained in its Use Permit, but which they perceived to be part of the neighborhood spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation. Some or all of these items may be included in the Use Permit during this current review (finalization of recommendations to City Council is pending consensus among neighbors, Paz and the City).

1. The Paz Executive Director will attend all Kleinman Park neighborhood meetings (begun already).
2. Sixty-seven (67) percent of the paid Paz de Cristo staff is taking the Police Department's Citizens on Patrol training with members of the neighborhood, and is planning to participate actively in the program once training is complete.
3. Paz will provide one or two extra volunteers at meal service time to patrol the frontage area to discourage loiterers and help eliminate illegal crossing of the street (already begun).
4. The rules of the dining facility will be given to clients orally on a nightly basis; written copies of the rules also will be posted conspicuously in the dining area in both English and Spanish.
5. Adopted a needy neighborhood family at Christmas 1995 and is eager and willing to serve in that way at any time of year on an ongoing basis, as resources are available to do so.
6. Paz will ask all those who eat at the facility each night to sign a guest log.
7. Paz will do a monthly client survey and report the results quarterly to the neighbors and the City.
8. Clients at Paz have for the past five weeks been spending two hours per day, five days per week, cleaning up the Broadway corridor from Extension to Robson; it is planned to continue this practice.

9. Paz will distribute its quarterly newsletter "Paz and Reflect" to the neighborhood, and has agreed to invite neighbors to write a neighborhood column each issue which will allow neighbors to share their thoughts with Paz clients/staff/volunteers.
10. Paz has increased staff/volunteer patrols not only along the Paz property frontage, but across Broadway in the Southwest Market/Standard Brands shopping center, to discourage and control loitering and/or suspicious activities.
11. Clients, volunteers and staff at Paz will participate at least quarterly in a neighborhood cleanup or other activity at least quarterly in an area not immediately adjacent to Paz.
12. In the spirit of partnership with the neighborhood, Paz will rotate the site of its mandated quarterly neighborhood meetings, so that neighbors don't always have to come to Paz for that gathering (NOTE: during previous discussions with neighbors, Paz offered to have monthly meetings, but neighbors preferred to maintain the quarterly schedule and have the Paz Director attend their monthly meetings also).
13. An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for Paz clients has been instituted on site, and Paz staff has built a closer working relationship with the local detoxification center so they can more readily access help and services for clients who need them. Additionally, Paz staff recently has undergone an additional eight hours of substance abuse training so as to better address this problem among clients.
14. Paz is issuing a special invitation to neighbors to volunteer at Paz at their convenience, to see first hand behind the scenes how the service is operated and who utilizes it.
15. Paz has met with and made an agreement with Southern Pacific Railroad to clean up along the tracks north of Paz, from Country Club to Extension (a March cleanup currently is being organized). The agreement foresees that Paz will do this approximately every three months. The Railroad, in exchange, has agreed to do a major cleanup once a year along its tracks, in the aforementioned area and in others as well.
16. Paz has recognized and actively acknowledged that it has a "sphere of responsibility" outside of its own boundaries -- that it is not just a facility IN a neighborhood, but a facility which is an integral part of and partner WITH neighborhood residents in keeping the area attractive, safe and livable.