



COUNCIL MINUTES

December 12, 2011

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 December 12, 2011 at 5:03 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Christopher Glover
Dina Higgins
Dennis Kavanaugh

COUNCIL ABSENT

Dave Richins
Scott Somers

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

Mayor Smith excused Vice Mayor Somers and Councilmember Richins from the entire meeting.

1. Review items on the agenda for the December 12, 2011 Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None.

Items removed from the consent agenda: 4-e, 9-a

Extensive discussion ensued in regards to item 8-a (New Beer and Wine Store License for Shell #74, 6807 E. Baseline Road, Carioca Company – Howard Everett Magee, Agent.) This location has a Beer and Wine Store License held by Wolverine Retail LLC that will revert back to the State. **(District 6) – Recommendation for Denial.** The recommendation for denial was based on a tax lien that is against the property from the previous owners.

Councilwoman Higgins expressed her support for moving item 8-a back onto the consent agenda with a recommendation for approval.

Councilmember Kavanaugh indicated that he preferred that item 8-a remain off the consent agenda.

City Manager Chris Brady suggested that this topic go before the Audit, Finance and Enterprise Committee for discussions related to the policies and guidelines used by the City to collect debts incurred by previous property owners.

Mayor Smith advised that Item 8-a would remain off the consent agenda, with the recommendation that the application be forwarded to the State Liquor Board.

2-a. Review and discuss an Amendment to the 2011-2012 Mesa Police Association Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

City Manager Chris Brady reported that the 2% pay reduction will be restored to all employees not covered under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), effective January 1, 2012. He said that staff met with representatives from the Mesa Police Association and the Mesa Firefighters Association to discuss their preferences regarding the allocation of the 2% restoration of pay.

Mr. Brady explained that when the Firefighters' MOU was negotiated verbiage was included that said in the event the 2% pay reduction was restored that Unit Members would also receive the adjustment. He advised that staff received an email indicating that the Firefighters Association has agreed to accept the 2% restoration of pay. He noted that no further action would be necessary as the restoration of pay is covered in the MOU.

Mr. Brady reported that the Mesa Police Association recently indicated that they also supported the 2% restoration of pay as well as a slight increase to the uniform allowance. He stated that in regards to the Mesa Police Association's MOU anything related to compensation must go before the Council.

Mr. Brady said that no further action would be necessary in regards to item 2-b as this issue was addressed in a previous action however, item 2-a is on the Regular Council meeting agenda for approval.

2-b. Review and discuss restoring the 2% pay reduction that occurred in January 2009 to employees covered under the Memorandum of Understanding with the United Mesa Firefighters Association.

See item 2-a.

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh: Building Strong Neighborhoods
Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, January 9, 2011, 5:00 p.m. – Study Session

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, 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 12th day of December 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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