



COUNCIL MINUTES

October 14, 2010

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 14, 2010 at 7:32 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Kyle Jones
Dennis Kavanaugh
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Dave Richins

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

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

1. Review items on the agenda for the October 18, 2010 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: None

Items added to the consent agenda: None

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

2-a Judicial Advisory Board meeting held March 3, 2010

2-b Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held September 7, 2010

It was moved by Councilmember Somers, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

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

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

Councilmember Kavanaugh: Mesa Community College Commission on Excellence in Education meeting

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Friday, October 15, 2010, 7:30 a.m. – “Coffee with Councilmember Kavanaugh” at Fiesta Mall

Saturday, October 16, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – “Rockin’ on Ray Road” Event

Monday, October 18, 2010, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, October 18, 2010, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2010, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Mr. Brady invited Assistant Police Chief John Meza to come forward and introduce Forensic Scientist Supervisor Kim Fiorucci, who was recently named the Mesa Police Department (MPD) Civilian Employee of the Year.

Chief Meza highlighted Ms. Fiorucci's efforts and hard work in the Forensic Services Section, which has resulted in a reduction in the backlog of DNA testing. He explained that MPD's Forensic Services Section, unlike many agencies, performs DNA testing relative to property crimes and said that this was due in part to Ms. Fiorucci's leadership and implementing various changes in the crime lab to make the process run more efficiently.

Chief Meza further cited Ms. Fiorucci's participation in a DNA research project and said that she has been instrumental in the MPD obtaining grant funding. He also noted that the MPD Forensic Services Section is the only law enforcement agency in the country participating in a project with Lockheed Martin to develop a hand-held device that would significantly reduce the time in which a DNA sample could be processed.

Ms. Fiorucci stated that she was honored to be named Civilian Employee of the Year and thanked everyone for their support.

Vice Mayor Jones congratulated Ms. Fiorucci on her award.

5. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Finter, seconded by Councilmember Somers, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 7:41 a.m. and enter into an Executive Session.

Vice Mayor Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and an Executive Session was convened at 7:42 a.m.

5-a Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the City in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City's representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property. (A.R.S. § 38-431.03A (7))

1. Proposed Police Substation

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Executive Session adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

KYLE JONES, VICE 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 14th day of October 2010. 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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