



COUNCIL MINUTES

September 23, 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 September 23, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Vice Mayor Kyle Jones
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
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 September 27, 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: 6-a

Items added to the consent agenda: 3-c

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on 2010/2011 Property, Liability and Aviation Insurance.

City Attorney Debbie Spinner stated that staff was seeking direction from the Council relative to the upcoming renewal of Excess Liability, Property and Aviation insurance coverage. She introduced Deputy City Attorney Marc Steadman and noted that Risk Management Claims Analyst Barry Hegrenes and the City's insurance broker were present in the audience to answer any questions the Council might have.

Ms. Spinner displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and provided a brief overview of the City's insurance premium costs between November 2003 and November 2009. (See Page 1 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Spinner reported that the Excess Liability insurance covers the City for any claims of negligence against the City of Mesa or a City employee. She displayed a chart entitled "City of Mesa Excess Liability Insurance History 2004-2010" (See Page 2 of Attachment 1) and stated that the City currently has Excess Liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$35 million above the City's self-insured retention (SIR) amount of \$3 million. Ms. Spinner noted that the City's insurance broker recommends that the City's SIR remain at \$3 million and that staff seek bids for total excess coverage of \$35 million and \$45 million, which would be presented to the Council for consideration.

Ms. Spinner also explained that the City's Property insurance generally covers Mesa's structural assets, vehicles and equipment from loss. She displayed a chart entitled "City of Mesa Property Insurance History 2004-2010" (See Page 3 of Attachment 1) and said that the City currently carries Property insurance with a policy limit of \$300 million per occurrence with a \$50,000 deductible. Ms. Spinner stated that the City's insurance broker recommends seeking bids for the same \$300 million policy limit and also indicated that staff was currently reviewing the value of the City's assets and would continue to do so in the future. She added that the City's broker further recommends that the City seek quotes for deductibles of \$50,000 and \$100,000 to determine if a significant premium cost savings could be achieved.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Somers, Mr. Hegrenes clarified that he was unaware of a single City facility that was worth \$300 million, but noted that if a catastrophic event were to occur, for instance, at the Mesa City Plaza and the Mesa Arts Center at the same time, the loss could reach that amount. He also advised that Mesa's total assets are approaching \$1 billion and said that the City insures approximately one-third of its total asset value.

Ms. Spinner continued with her presentation and reported that Airport Liability insurance covers third party claims of negligence arising from Falcon Field Airport operations. She explained that the current coverage provides \$50 million per occurrence and \$0 deductible. Ms. Spinner stated that last year, the City sought bids for a possible increase in policy limits, resulting in a negligible decrease in the premium. She said staff determined that it was not worthwhile for the City to assume that risk with the deductible, along with staff time in terms of monitoring such claims. Ms. Spinner advised that staff recommends seeking bids for a policy limit of \$50 million per occurrence with no deductible.

Ms. Spinner further indicated that Aircraft Hull insurance covers the City's Police aircraft and the Aircraft Liability covers third party liability claims arising from aircraft operations. She explained that the current Aircraft Liability coverage is \$50 million per occurrence and a \$0 deductible and said the current policy limit for Aircraft Hull insurance is the stated value of the aircraft per occurrence with a deductible of \$25,000 when in motion and \$1,000 when not in motion. Ms. Spinner added that staff recommends requesting quotes for Aircraft Hull coverage based on the current policy limits and for Aircraft Liability at \$50 million with no deductible.

Ms. Spinner commented that pending further input from the Council, the City's insurance broker would proceed with the bid process per the recommended parameters. She also remarked that in early November, staff would present the quotes for the Council's consideration.

Vice Mayor Jones stated that it was the consensus of the Council that the City's insurance broker obtain the above-referenced bids for Mesa's 2010 insurance renewals.

2-b. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on the proposed Nuisance Code changes.

Development & Sustainability Department Deputy Director Tammy Albright stated that the Council was provided an updated packet, including additional proposed changes to the Nuisance Code as a result of staff discussions with Councilmember Richins at the September 9, 2010 Community & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting.

Ms. Albright displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 2**) and reported that in 2009 when Code Compliance merged with the inspections section of the Development and Sustainability Department, one of staff's major goals was to review the Nuisance Code, analyze the intent of each section and evaluate enforcement options. She explained that the purpose for the proposed changes was to clarify existing code language, strengthen the current language to enhance enforcement efforts and add new sections to regulate current issues.

Ms. Albright highlighted a series of proposed changes to the code including modifications to the Purpose Statement and various definition changes. (See Pages 3 through 5 of Attachment 2) She clarified that the Nuisance Code is a maintenance code, as distinguished from the Zoning Code, which is regulatory in nature. Ms. Albright also commented that a major change with regard to the definitions section was that the definition of "responsible party" was expanded to include all parties associated with a property and not just an owner or tenant.

Ms. Albright further reviewed proposed changes to Title 8-6-3 (A), which include adding "unregistered vehicles" to the section. She stated that there was confusion in the past that if a vehicle did not have a current tag, it was inoperable, which was not necessarily true. Ms. Albright also advised that the proposed changes would clarify that car covers cannot be used to screen inoperable vehicles.

Ms. Albright also remarked that at the September 9th Community & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting, discussion occurred on whether to limit the number of vehicles permitted on residential lots. She highlighted two options proposed by staff as follows: 1.) Limit of two inoperable or unregistered vehicles on residential property less than 35,000 square feet and four vehicles on lots over 35,000 square feet, with all inoperable vehicles to be screened; and 2.) Limit of two inoperable or unregistered vehicles regardless of lot size. Ms. Albright displayed a chart illustrating regulations imposed by other communities (See Page 8 of Attachment 2) and said staff was seeking Council direction relative to limiting the number of inoperable vehicles; whether the limit change should be based on lot size; and whether to require that all inoperable vehicles be in an enclosed structure.

Ms. Albright offered an extensive overview of additional proposed changes to the Nuisance Code. (See Pages 10 through 13 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Albright further reported that the Nuisance Code regulates the parking of watercraft and utility trailers on residential lots and said that the current code requires that any vehicle over six feet in height must be stored behind a six foot fence. She explained that at the recent Community & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting, questions were raised concerning the manner in which the height of the vehicle was measured and to what point on a boat (i.e., the windshield, the wake board). Ms. Albright said that staff benchmarked other communities regarding their boat/utility trailer parking regulations and displayed a chart illustrating those findings. (See Page 14 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Albright outlined two options for Council consideration relative to this matter as follows:

Option 1 - Require storage behind the forward most point of the primary residence, including overhangs, regardless of fence location or vehicle height. May choose to exclude overhangs. (See diagrams on Page 16 of Attachment 2)

Option 2 - Add a definition that height is measured to the highest point of the boat or utility trailer (windshield, wake board, tilt-up ramp), excluding antennas.

Ms. Albright stated that staff was seeking direction from the Council with regard to the following items: 1.) Does the City want to limit the types of vehicles required to be screened using vehicle height; and 2.) Does placing vehicles behind the front plane of the home provide adequate screening. (Note: RVs are regulated by the Zoning Code.)

Discussion ensued relative to proposed code changes to 8-6-3 Section (V), which was divided into two sections, with the first part regulating structure stability and the second section (Section W) regulating the maintenance of private streets, drives and yards; and proposed enforcement modifications to Sections 8-6-9 (B) and 8-6-11 (A) and (B). (See Pages 19 and 20 of Attachment 2)

Responding to comments from Councilmember Finter, Ms. Albright clarified that the definition of "commercial vehicle" in the Nuisance Code would duplicate the definition in the Zoning Code, which is currently being updated.

Councilmember Finter stated that because the definition of "responsible party" was being expanded to hold a business owner responsible for displaying a bandit sign, he suggested that staff conduct outreach to the Southeast Valley Realtors Association and property management companies to apprise them of the new requirement.

Councilmember Kavanaugh stated that relative to the issue of inoperable and unregistered vehicles, he preferred the option that was the easiest for the public to understand and for staff to administer. He expressed support for the Chandler/Tempe option, which has a limit of two inoperable or unregistered vehicles per lot screened by a building or fence.

Councilwoman Higgins commented that the reason the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee discussed permitting four vehicles on larger lots was so that the Nuisance Code would be similar to the Livestock Ordinance (i.e., the larger the lot, the more animals allowed).

Councilmember Somers said that although he appreciated those individuals who have the skills to restore antique cars as a hobby, there must be a certain respect for the neighbors, including not operating "a junkyard in your backyard." He noted that he preferred Scottsdale's ordinance, which required that abandoned/junk vehicles or vehicles being repaired or restored be stored in a fully enclosed and non-visible location at all times.

Councilmember Finter stated that he preferred Option 1 and indicated that he would not require that the vehicles be fully enclosed, but that they should not be visible from the front of a residential lot.

Additional discussion ensued relative to the fact that the Nuisance Code does not have grandfathered rights and the proposed changes would apply Citywide; that the word "unregistered" was added to the code language and would apply, for instance, to vehicles owned by individuals who have joined the armed services and do not intend to use their vehicles for a period of time; that currently, an individual can park an operable but unregistered vehicle on the side of a residential lot and is not required to store it behind a six foot fence; and that the proposed language would require that an inoperable or unregistered vehicle be stored behind a six foot fence.

Vice Mayor Jones expressed concern regarding the fact that it would be necessary for an unregistered vehicle to be screened. He stated that a homeowner might not have room to park an unregistered vehicle on the side yard or behind a fence, but would have space in a two-car carport. Vice Mayor Jones also commented that if individuals enter the military and leave their cars at the home of a family member and do not register the vehicles while they are away, the cars would be considered illegally parked even if they were placed in the carport and reasonably maintained.

Vice Mayor Jones further remarked that relative to inoperable vehicles that are being restored, he would prefer that the number be limited to two cars; that the vehicles be screened not only from the front of a residential lot, but also the sides so that the surrounding neighbors are not impacted; and that there be a minimum six foot fence from all sides.

Responding to Vice Mayor Jones' concerns, Ms. Albright clarified that if the word "unregistered" were removed from the section, the issue would still be addressed under Section 2, which indicates that if a vehicle does not have a current plate, the vehicle cannot be parked in the front yard setback, but can be placed in the side yard or the carport.

Councilwoman Higgins questioned why the word "carport" could not be added to the proposed language which, in her opinion, would be an appropriate place to park an unregistered vehicle as outlined in Vice Mayor Jones' scenario. She also commented that she would not support an unregistered vehicle being parked in the side yard for an extended period of time.

Councilmember Kavanaugh concurred with Councilwoman Higgins' comments and said he would support staff adding a carport option for an unregistered vehicle.

In response to a question from Councilmember Somers, Ms. Albright explained that it would be difficult to enforce a time limit on parking an unregistered vehicle in a carport.

Councilmember Somers stated that he could foresee a problem with unregistered vehicles that were parked in a carport for an extended period of time and questioned whether it would be appropriate to add a reasonable timeframe within which the vehicle would be moved. He also suggested that staff develop a database that would track unregistered cars owned by individuals serving in the military.

Vice Mayor Jones noted that in the past, he received complaints from residents who received citations for parking a vehicle with expired tags in a carport for an extended period of time. He stated that he wanted to ensure that the changes to the Nuisance Code include "flexibility for reasonableness."

Ms. Albright responded that staff could include language in the code that would allow an unregistered vehicle to remain in the carport, which could be considered a legal parking space. She added that in conjunction with the various changes to the Nuisance Code, she intends to conduct training with the Code Compliance officers to ensure that they are aware of such changes.

Councilwoman Higgins noted that two Councilmembers were absent and might wish to offer additional input.

Ms. Albright clarified that staff was merely seeking direction today and would bring back a revised Nuisance Code for further Council review.

Councilmember Finter acknowledged the efforts of Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Services in conducting outreach to those residents in failing health or experiencing difficulties who might otherwise have received a citation for being in violation of the Nuisance Code.

Ms. Albright stated that she understood the Council's direction regarding inoperable or unregistered vehicles to include the following: a limit of two vehicles regardless of lot size; unregistered vehicles would only be permitted in a designated parking spot; and inoperable vehicles must be screened.

Vice Mayor Jones commented that relative to the matter of boat and utility trailer parking, if such a vehicle is parked in a side yard, the vehicle should not protrude past the closest plane of the building that it is parked directly adjacent to.

Councilmember Somers concurred with Vice Mayor Jones' comments.

Ms. Albright reiterated that staff was seeking direction from the Council concerning how the six foot height of a boat or utility trailer is measured; whether the vehicle height should be regulated; that if a boat or trailer is over six foot in height, whether it would be necessary to park the vehicle behind a block wall; and if the vehicle would be sufficiently screened if it were parked on the side and rear of a property.

Vice Mayor Jones stated that he preferred the surrounding area in which a boat or utility trailer is stored to be maintained and free of weeds and clutter.

Councilwoman Higgins noted that regarding the storage of a boat or utility trailer, she was comfortable with the vehicle protruding above a six foot fence.

Ms. Albright clarified that currently, it was not necessary to store a boat or utility trailer behind a six foot fence if the vehicle was less than six foot in height. She explained that many Mesa residents currently park their vehicles in their side yards and said that the new language would make such storage illegal if the vehicles were not screened behind a six foot fence.

Responding to a question from Councilwoman Higgins, Ms. Albright explained that staff surveyed other cities regarding the storage of boats and utility trailers and said that none of the communities require screening based on the height of the vehicle. (See Page 14 of Attachment 2)

Councilmember Finter also concurred with Vice Mayor Jones' comments and stated that if a resident owns an operable boat or utility trailer that is taken in and out of the side yard on a frequent basis, the area should be well maintained and free of clutter. He noted, however, that if the area is in disarray and becomes a storage yard for an inoperable boat, it should be screened.

Councilmember Somers said that it was important to ensure that when a boat or utility trailer is stored, that the vehicle is placed behind the front plane of the home and that there are no weeds or debris in the area. He also suggested that if the boat or utility trailer were parked on a legal pad or surface, it would not be necessary to store the vehicle behind a fence. Councilmember Somers added that he would not object to a boat or trailer protruding above a six foot fence.

Responding to comments by Councilmember Somers, Ms. Albright clarified that staff would survey other communities regarding the cumulative effect of multiple vehicles being stored on a residential lot.

Vice Mayor Jones thanked Ms. Albright for the presentation.

2-c. Hear a presentation and discuss the Extraordinary Homes Program.

Development and Sustainability Department Deputy Director Tammy Albright displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 3**) and reported that the Extraordinary Homes Program, which was the idea of a Code Compliance officer, was an effort to acknowledge a resident's reinvestment, pride of home ownership and support of a sustainable community effort.

Ms. Albright explained that a committee, which would meet on a quarterly basis to choose the winners, would focus on those homes that exceed the design standards for a particular area of the community. She stated that the winner would be publicly recognized by the Council and added that at the end of the year, a grand prize winner would be selected as part of Mayor Smith's "Building a Better Mesa" award program.

Ms. Albright further advised that the winners, who would be nominated by Code Compliance officers or other residents, would display a laminated poster in their yards for 30 days. She displayed photographs of older homes illustrating various design enhancements. (See Pages 5 and 6 of Attachment 3)

Councilmember Somers expressed support for the program and stated that it could be paired with other City-sponsored projects such as the "Building Strong Neighborhoods" Program. He also suggested that staff consider awarding a number of winners per quarter based on the type of housing (i.e., single family home, duplexes, mobile homes) and possibly expanding the program to free-standing small businesses in the future.

Ms. Albright responded that staff hoped to expand the program to include commercial buildings, as previously suggested by Councilmember Richins.

Vice Mayor Jones thanked Ms. Albright for the presentation.

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

- a. Museum and Cultural Advisory Board meeting held on July 22, 2010.
- b. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held on August 3, 2010.
- c. Community & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting held on August 19, 2010.
- d. Public Safety Committee meeting held on August 23, 2010.
- e. Audit & Finance Committee meeting held on July 6, 2010.

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

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

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

Councilmember Finter:	"Building Strong Neighborhoods" Orientation meeting
Councilwoman Higgins:	Participated in the Marilyn Smith Open LPGA Charity Golf Tournament
Vice Mayor Jones:	Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council meeting

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Saturday, September 25, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – District 4 Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 25, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – Appliances, Computers and Electronics (A.C.E.) Express Recycling Collection Event at East Mesa Service Center

Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – Fire Station 215 (Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mr. Brady also commented that on Monday, September 27, 2010, 11:00 a.m., a major announcement would be made regarding a national competition that the City of Mesa participated in related to education and economic development.

6. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

KYLE JONES, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

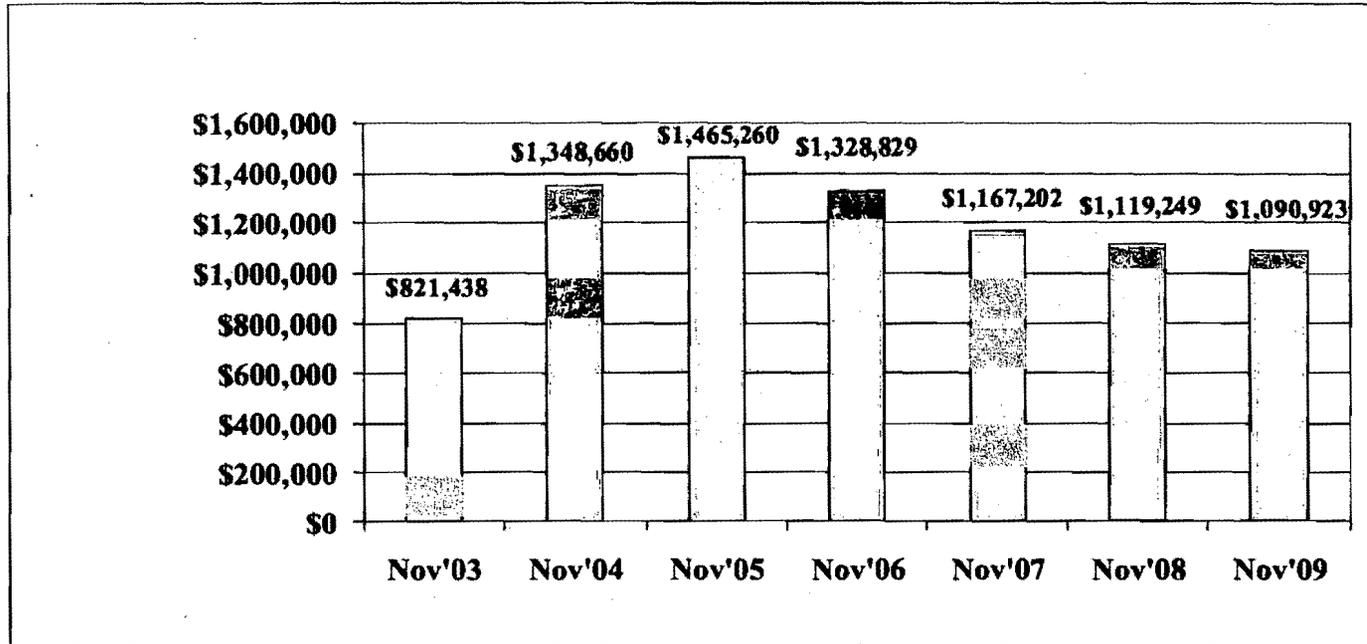
LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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 23rd day of September 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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Insurance Premium Costs



Attachment 1

CITY OF MESA
EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE HISTORY
2004 - 2010

Coverage Period	Coverage Limits (Including SIR)	SIR	Premiums
FY 03/04	\$28M	\$3M	\$340,016
FY 04/05	\$27M	\$2M	\$790,993
FY 05/06	\$27M	\$2M	\$846,237
FY 06/07	\$27M	\$2M	\$755,750
FY 07/08	\$37M	\$2M	\$734,463
FY 08/09	\$37M	\$2M	\$666,363
FY09/10	\$38M	\$3M	\$612,340

CITY OF MESA
PROPERTY INSURANCE HISTORY
2004-2010

Coverage Period	Policy Limits	Deductible	Premiums
FY 03/04	\$100M	\$50K	\$ 262,509
FY 04/05	\$165M	\$50K	\$ 294,303
FY 05/06	\$165M	\$50K	\$ 347,651
FY 06/07	\$200M	\$50K	\$ 254,870
FY 07/08	\$200M	\$50K	\$ 200,000
FY 08/09	\$200M	\$50K	\$ 251,949
FY09/10	\$300M	\$50K	\$ 273,707

CITY OF MESA

AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE HISTORY

2004-2010

Coverage Period	Coverage Limits	Deductible	Premiums
FY 03/04			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$35,852
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$172,124
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	
FY 04/05			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$35,640
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$213,371
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	
FY 05/06			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$28,003
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$189,545
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	
FY 06/07			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$33,204
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$193,921
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	
FY 07/08			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$23,802
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$130,675
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	
FY 08/09			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$15,758
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$107,464
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	
FY 09/10			
Airport Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$15,443
Aircraft Liability	\$50M	\$0	\$109,256
Aircraft Hull (property)	Stated Value	\$25,000 "In motion" \$1,000 "Not in motion"	

Nuisance and Property Maintenance Code

September 23, 2010

Tammy Albright

Development Services Deputy

Director

City Council Study Session



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Purpose for Changes

- To clarify the existing code language
- To strengthen the current language to enhance enforcement efforts
- To add new sections to regulate current issues

Purpose Statement Changes

Enhance the purpose statement to promote health, safety and welfare of citizens by:

- Protecting neighborhoods
- Establishing minimum maintenance standards
- Providing regulations for conducting interior inspections

Definition Changes

- Blight – added “Damaged”
- Building – New
- Commercial Vehicle – New
- Driveway – New
- Eutrophic – New

Definition Changes

- Graffiti – Added the word “Object”
- Responsible party – expanded to include more than owner / tenant
- Slum Property – match state code
- Removed all Animal definitions

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- (A) Inoperable or unregistered vehicle section - changed to:
 - ✓ Added unregistered vehicle to section
 - ✓ Note that car covers cannot be used to screen inoperable vehicles
 - ✓ Limit the number of vehicles permitted on residential lots

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- Two Options:
 - ✓ Limit of two inoperable or unregistered vehicles on residential property less than 35,000 sq ft – 4 on lots over 35,000 sq ft – all inoperable vehicles to be screened
 - ✓ Limit of two inoperable or unregistered vehicles regardless of property size

Inoperable / unregistered vehicles

Chandler / Tempe	Scottsdale	Gilbert
Limits of 2 inoperable or unregistered vehicles per lot and screened by building or fence	Any abandoned/junk vehicle or a vehicle being repaired or restored is required to be stored in a fully enclosed and non-visible location at all times	Inoperable vehicles must be stored in a fenced area or a fully enclosed building – fence is not required to be solid

Requesting Direction 8-6-3 (A)

- Does the City want to limit the number of inoperable vehicles on lots?
- Should that limit change based on the size of the lot?
- Does the City want to require that all inoperable vehicles be in an enclosed structure?

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- (G) Added language to strengthen enforcement against stagnate bodies of water
- (H) Expanding graffiti removal to all objects on the property

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- (K) Property maintenance
 - ✓ Adding “Damaged” to property maintenance sections to deal with burned buildings
 - ✓ Changed language to require maintenance visible from any ROW and not just adjacent ROW
 - ✓ Added statement to clarify the intent of this section of code

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- (M) Changing language to hold the business owner displayed on a bandit sign responsible
- (N) Added requirement for securing partially destroyed or constructed buildings
- (Q) Add regulation to match new state law regulating illegal dumping of trash

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- (U) Changing language for storage of boats and trailers – leave regulation of RVs in Zoning code
- Concerns related to how the 6' height of vehicle is measured or should the vehicle height be regulated

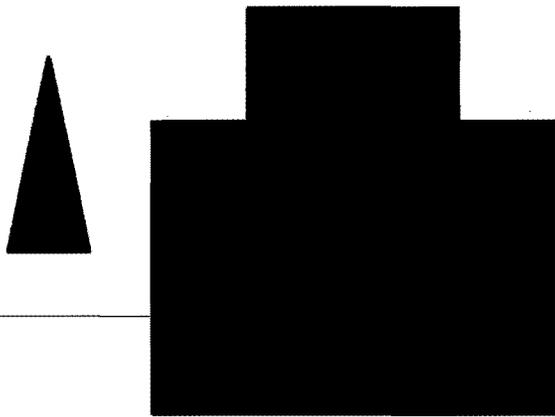
Boat and Utility Trailer Parking

Chandler	Scottsdale / Gilbert	Tempe
Requires parking on side or rear but does not require screening	Does not require screening on residential lots but does regulate the location on the lot vehicles can be stored	Requires vehicles to be fully screened

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- Option one:
 - ✓ Require storage behind the forward most point of the primary home (including overhangs) regardless of fence location or vehicle height
 - ✓ May choose to exclude overhangs

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3



Rear Yard
Forward most point
including overhangs



Rear Yard
Forward most point
excluding overhangs

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- Option two:
 - ✓ Add definition that height is measured to the highest point of the boat or utility trailer (windshield, wake board, tilt-up ramp, etc), excluding antennas

Requesting Direction 8-6-3 (U)

- Does the City want to limit the types of vehicles required to be screened using vehicle height?
- Does placing vehicles behind front point of home provide adequate screening
- Does not include regulations on RVs

Proposed Code Changes 8-6-3

- (V) Split into two sections with first part regulating structure stability and second part (W)
- (W) Adding language to regulate the maintenance of private streets and drives and yards

Enforcement Modifications

- 8-6-9 (B) Modify Civil Hearing Officers' to add flexibility in fines
- 8-6-11 (A) Change the Habitual Offender requirements of 24 months to 36 months
- 8-6-11 (B) Modifying the City Courts' authority to reduce fines if compliance is achieved

Direction Requested

- Approval to prepare a draft ordinance to be presented to the City Council
- Will also need to modify fee schedule
- Outstanding issues: garage sales, palm tree trimming and clothes lines

Questions?

Mesa's Extraordinary Homes

September 23, 2010

Tammy Albright

Development Services Deputy

Director

Mesa City Council Study

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Program Purpose

- Acknowledge resident's reinvestment, pride of ownership and support sustainable community effort
- Winners will be publicly recognized by Council Members
- Grand winners at end of year with Mayor's "Better Mesa" award program

Program Outline

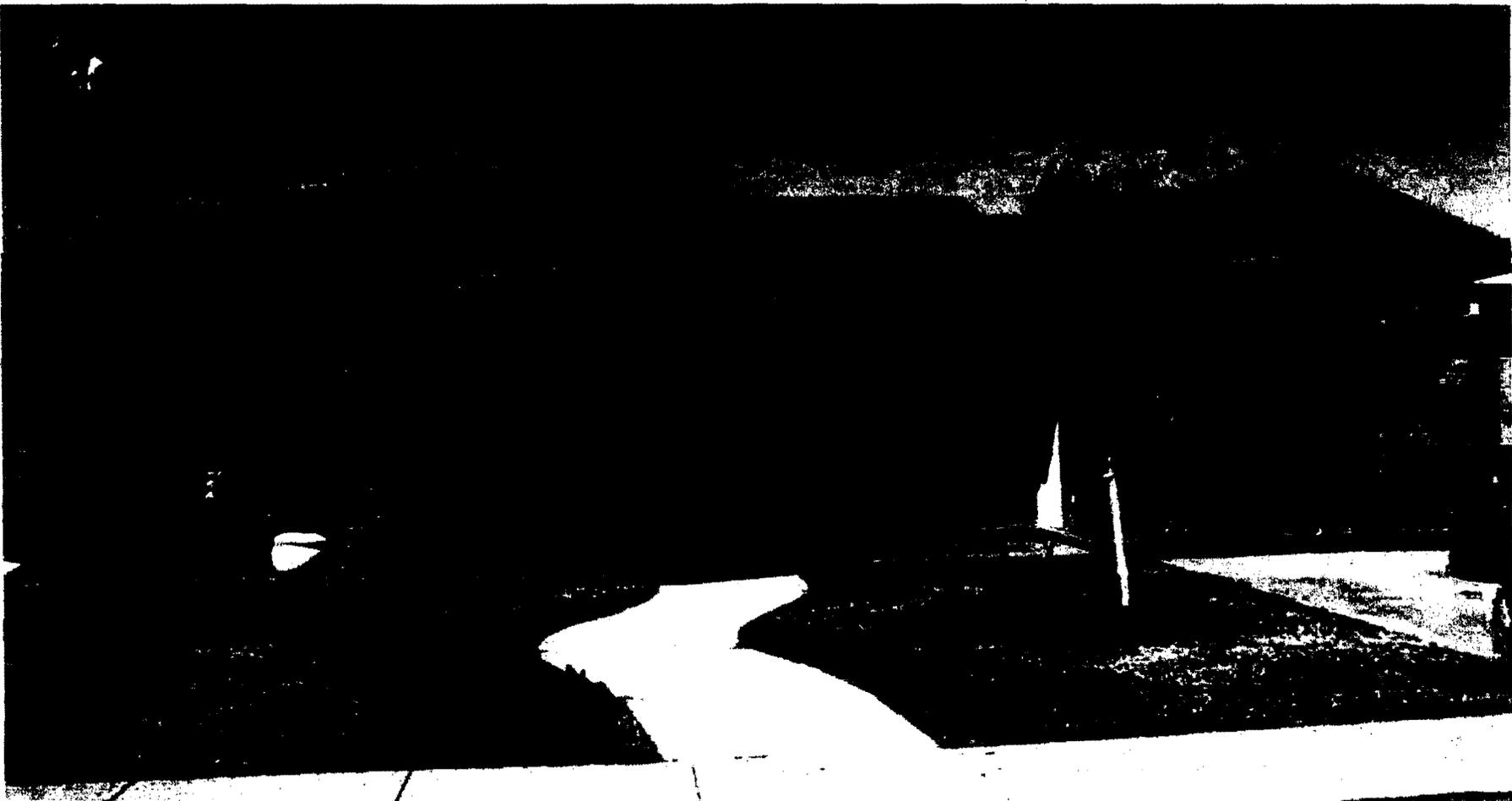
- Committee to meet quarterly to choose winners
- Focus on homes that exceed the design standards for the area
- Providing certificates for quality homes both nominated and awarded
- Laminated certificate to post in yard
- Announce homes in E-newsletters
- Place home on web site for that year

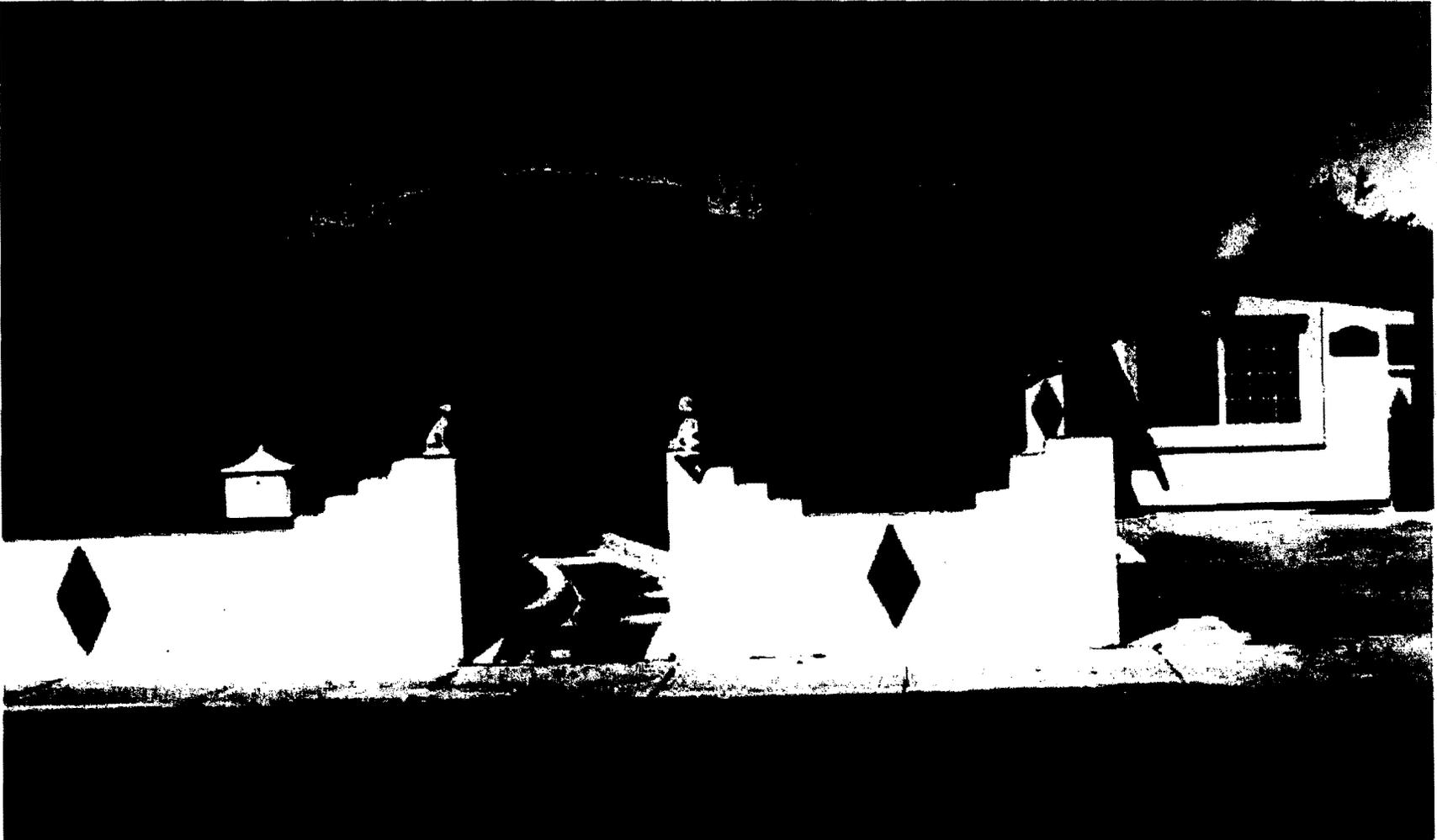


City Council Strategic Initiatives for Quality of Life

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Mayor's "Better Mesa" Award Program





Questions ?