



## COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2012

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 24, 2012 at 5:15 p.m.

### COUNCIL PRESENT

Scott Smith  
Alex Finter  
Christopher Glover  
Dina Higgins  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Dave Richins  
Scott Somers

### COUNCIL ABSENT

None

### OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady  
Debbie Spinner  
Linda Crocker

#### 1. Review items on the agenda for the September 24, 2012 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.

#### 2-a. Appointments to the Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials.

Mayor Smith recommended the following appointments to boards and committees:

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kate Ali'Varius (At Large)

Stacy Holmstedt (Education)

Gary Levine (Business)

Tom Rhodes (At Large)

Dan Wollam (Non Profit)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Kavanaugh, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendation and that the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 1)**

Carried unanimously.

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

3-a. Audit, Finance & Enterprise Committee meeting held September 10, 2012.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Glover, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Smith: Presidents' Luncheon with Mesa City Council,  
Mesa Higher Education Conference and Expo

Mayor Smith reported that the four liberal-arts colleges that are in the process of opening branch campuses in Mesa have announced that they will each offer two full-tuition scholarships to local students. He added that providing these scholarships is a significant contribution to the community and demonstrates their commitment to the City.

5. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – Mayor's Sustainability Forum

Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 7:30 a.m. – Cyber Security Summit

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Friday, September 28, 2012, 7:30 a.m. – Coffee with Councilmember Kavanaugh, District 3

6. Adjournment.

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

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SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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September 24, 2012

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR SCOTT SMITH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Smith", written over the name "MAYOR SCOTT SMITH".

SUBJECT: Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials

Attached are my recommendations for appointments to the Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials:

**Kate Ali'varius (At Large)**

Ms. Ali'varius owns a publishing company. She holds a master's of public administration from George Mason University and is completing her doctoral studies in executive leadership and organizational development. Ms. Ali'varius served with the Mesa Judicial Advisory Board, Mesa Arts Center Foundation, Mesa Leadership Training and Development board, Mesa Public Schools and Women of Faith in Business.

**Stacy Holmstedt (Education)**

Ms. Holmstedt is a senior marketing director at the Arizona State University Foundation, she works to advance her alma mater through philanthropy by day and devotes herself to numerous civic and community causes in her spare time. Stacy presently serves as an officer of the Dobson Ranch HOA Board of Directors and advocates for safety and a high quality of life in West Mesa. She is a graduate of the 2012 Emerge Arizona program and hopes to serve her community in a higher capacity one day.

**Gary Levine (Business)**

Mr. Levine is responsible for directing the food and beverage operations of Quorum Hotel & Resorts managed properties. He is also based at the company's Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa where he serves as the general manager. Mr. Levine serves as chairman of Mesa Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, on the Mesa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Public Policy Committee, and Valley Hotel & Restaurant Association Board of Directors.

### **Tom Rhodes (At Large)**

Mr. Rhodes is in the stock brokerage business with Arque Capital. Tom has served as president, clerk and member of the Governing Board of the Mesa Public Schools. He is a member (and past Big Ho) of the HoHoKams of Mesa. In addition, Tom belongs to the boards of directors of the Mesa Convention and Visitors' Bureau and The John J. Rhodes Rehabilitation Institute at Banner Baywood Hospital. He is a member of the Mesa Rotary Club and the board of directors of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from The University of Arizona and a juris doctorate from The Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in Birmingham.

### **Dan Wollam (Non Profit)**

Mr. Wollam is the President/CEO of Mesa United Way. Dan served Mesa United Way as its vice president for Community Solutions since 2008 and was executive director of River Cities United Way (Mohave and La Paz counties, Arizona) since 2006. Dan's administration of nonprofit services and higher education spans more than 45 years; including service as the executive director of two community action agencies, vice president for administration of a graduate school, and as executive director of a county economic development agency. In addition to his service at Mesa United Way, Mr. Wollam is on the Board of Directors of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Community Roundtable.