



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 13, 2023

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 February 13, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Francisco Heredia
Jennifer Duff
Mark Freeman
Alicia Goforth
Scott Somers
Julie Spilsbury

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

(Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Somers from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 5:20 p.m.)

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the February 13, 2023, 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: 9-a and 9-b

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury regarding Item 9-a, **(ZON21-00129 “Sweetwater” (District 1) Within the 2200 to 2400 blocks of East McDowell Road (south side))**, and Item 9-b, **(A resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement relating to the development project commonly known as “Sweetwater” or “Homestead at Lehi Crossing” that will be located on approximately nine acres within the 2200 to 2400 blocks of East McDowell Road. (District 1))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Transportation Department Director RJ Zeder explained that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in support of including a roundabout and the entrance/exit to the proposed apartment project is within ADOT’s right-of-way. He emphasized ADOT has the approval authority for the plans and access.

In response to multiple questions posed by Councilmembers, Mr. Zeder stated that he has no concerns that the existing infrastructure cannot handle the traffic and anticipates a roundabout will reduce crashes at McDowell Road. Discussion ensued related to a traffic study and capacity on McDowell Road.

In response to multiple questions from Councilmember Spilsbury, Assistant Planning Director Rachel Nettles explained the process followed for citizen notifications of the project, as required by Mesa's code and the State Statute.

In response to a question from Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Guderian stated that crash records for the previous five years have been reviewed and no excessive claims have been made for the section of McDowell Road between Gilbert Road and 32nd Street. He explained the interchange location that is in question tonight has the highest number of crashes per year, the majority of which are left turn crashes onto the freeway, which will be mitigated by a roundabout.

City Attorney Jim Smith provided an update regarding Item 7-a, **(ZON22-00916 "Boomerang Headquarters" (District 2) Within the 2500 to 2600 blocks of East Southern Avenue (north side). Located west of Lindsay Road on the north side of Southern Avenue (1± acre). Rezone from Single Residence-43 (RS-43) to Office Commercial with a Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay (OC-BIZ) and Site Plan Review. This request will allow for an office development. Dane Astle, EDIFICE Architecture, applicant; Boomerang Southern, LLC, Boomerang Capital Partners, owner.)**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda. He stated that the proposed development is adjacent to another event center and the City added two stipulations prior to introduction. He reported that as a result of the stipulations, the proposed development cannot be used as an event center and a Development Agreement (DA) is required

2-a. Appointments to the Judicial Advisory Board and Library Advisory Board.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 1)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Heredia–Duff–Freeman–Goforth–Somers–Spilsbury

NAYS – None

Carried Unanimously.

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

3-a. Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meeting held on December 6, 2022.

3-b. Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meeting held on December 7, 2022.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Duff, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Heredia–Duff–Freeman–Goforth–Somers–Spilsbury

NAYS – None

Carried Unanimously.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Mesa Police Academy Class #53 graduation Mesa Public Schools Academy for Gifted Children
Vice Mayor Duff –	Mesa Police Academy Class #53 graduation Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum spring reception
Councilmember Freeman –	Verizon Frontline Command Center – Phoenix Night of Hope event
Councilmember Spilsbury –	Verizon Frontline Command Center - Phoenix

Mayor Giles reported a majority of the Council met with Dr. Jill Biden, who recognized Mesa's Community College Promise program.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, February 23, 2023, 7:30 a.m. – Study

Monday, February 27, 2023, 4:45 p.m. – Study

Monday, February 27, 2023, 5:45 p.m. – Regular

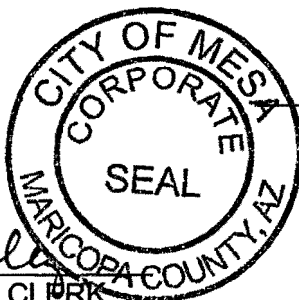
6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK





JOHN GILES, MAYOR

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 13th day of February 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachment – 1)

February 13, 2023

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for appointments to City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board including new appointments

Alisha Ward, District 6. Ms. Ward is a Senior Sales Enablement and Manager Training Specialist at DHL Express US. She was named Employee of the Year by DHL Express and a Top Woman in Sales. She earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Arizona State University. Her partial term expires June 30, 2024.

James Martherus, District 6. Dr. Martherus is a research scientist at Morning Consult in Mesa. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT and both a master's degree and PhD in political science from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. His partial term expires June 30, 2025.

Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, District 1. Dr. Ricklefs-Johnson is Director of Nutrition Science at GenoPalate. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from University of Northern Iowa, master's degree in exercise and wellness from Kansas State University and PhD in physical activity, nutrition and wellness from Arizona State University. Her partial term expires June 30, 2025.

Judicial Advisory Board – Seven-member board including new appointments

Sonia Martinez, District 3. Ms. Martinez owns and operates Sonia Martinez Law. She was recommended by the State Bar of Arizona to be a member of the Judicial Advisory Board. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science/pre-law from California State University in Long Beach, CA and a Juris Doctor from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, CA. Her partial term expires June 30, 2025.