



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2022

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 3, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Jennifer Duff
Mark Freeman
Francisco Heredia
David Luna
Julie Spilsbury
Kevin Thompson

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the February 7, 2022, 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

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Duff regarding Item 4-h, **(Replacement Well Drilling Project (Districts 1, 4, 5, and 6))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, City Manager Christopher Brady explained the City's water portfolio includes wells located across the city. He mentioned this item is part of the regular maintenance of the wells. He commented the wells feed into the City's water system for an additional source of water.

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

2-a. Museum & Cultural Advisory Board meeting held on November 18, 2021.

2-b. Community & Cultural Development Committee meeting held on January 10, 2022.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Duff-Freeman-Heredia-Luna-Spilsbury-Thompson
NAYS – None

Carried Unanimously.

3. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 7:32 a.m. and enter into an Executive Session.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Duff-Freeman-Heredia-Luna-Spilsbury-Thompson
NAYS – None

Carried Unanimously.

3-a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (3)) Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, salaries, discipline, dismissal, or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A(1)).

1. Interviews of the following City Magistrate candidates:

- a) David Allen
- b) Umayok Novell
- c) Laurel Workman

4. Reconvene the public meeting and provide direction on the candidate to be nominated for the position of City Magistrate.

(At 8:57 a.m., the Executive Session adjourned, and the Study Session reconvened.)

Mayor Giles acknowledged and thanked each of the three candidates. He commented on the difficulty in choosing the candidate because all three would make great magistrates. He encouraged the candidates not successful today to continue to apply.

Councilmember Luna pointed out how challenging the decision was because of the quality of the candidates. He shared his appreciation that the candidates took the opportunity to apply to the Mesa Municipal Court.

Councilmember Freeman emphasized he was compelled with the candidates' compassion, integrity, and experience. He added the vote does not reflect on anyone's ability to perform as magistrate.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Vice Mayor Duff, that David Allen be selected for the position of City Magistrate.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Duff-Heredia-Luna
NAYS – Freeman-Spilsbury-Thompson

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried by majority vote.

5. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Maricopa Association of Governments - Prop 400 extension
Vice Mayor Duff –	Dreamscape tour – ASU campus Mayor’s Youth Committee shadows - Quinlan Harris and Arden Goode
Councilmember Luna –	Cops and Bobbers event
Councilmember Spilsbury –	Mayor’s Youth Committee shadow - Sophia Bowers
Councilmember Freeman –	Custard with a Cop and Fire event
Councilmember Thompson –	AZ LD16 Teenage Republicans event

Councilmember Thompson noted Friday, February 4, 2022, is the grand opening and ribbon cutting at Bell Bank Park. He invited the public to attend.

Councilmember Heredia congratulated the Asian Chamber of Commerce, as well as the partners and sponsors of the Asian District. He announced Saturday, February 5, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Asian Festival will take place on Main Street and Sycamore, which will include the signage unveiling for the Asian District.

Vice Mayor Duff advised that Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. the Veterans of Washington-Escobedo Community Exhibition opening ceremony will take place at the Main Mesa Public Library.

Councilmember Freeman mentioned the firework bill going through the legislature. He said he supports the bill to empower the cities to have ordinances that will enforce limits on the use of fireworks. He asked that the City follow up on the bill.

Mr. Brady agreed to provide a briefing of the legislative agenda.

6. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Monday, February 7, 2022, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, February 7, 2022, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 7:30 a.m. – Mesa Public Schools Joint Meeting

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

HOLLY MOSELEY, 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 3rd day of February 2022. 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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