



# COUNCIL MINUTES

January 24, 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 January 24, 2022, at 5:16 p.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

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

## COUNCIL ABSENT

None

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady  
Dee Ann Mickelsen  
Jim Smith

(Councilmember Spilsbury participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

(Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Thompson from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 5:18 p.m.)

### 1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the January 24, 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 Councilmember Freeman regarding Item 5-j, (**Purchase for Virtual Firefighter Recruit Exam Testing for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department. (Citywide)**), on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Fire Chief Mary Cameli commented she will have to consult with Human Resources (HR) to confirm whether there is a workaround on the virtual testing for those individuals who have difficulty taking exams. She mentioned Fire would like to ensure that individuals have the same opportunities as when coming in-person, such as someone to read the exam questions and will have to consider how to make that happen in a virtual setting. She remarked individuals will still have to go to a testing site; however, it broadens the scope of eligible individuals outside of Arizona.

Mayor Giles commented the City of Mesa has far more applicants for Fire than Police positions. He inquired whether the virtual testing would assist in recruiting police officers considering the workforce challenges facing the City.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated he will have to follow up with the Police Department (PD) to see if that is an option. He added the virtual option allows for more diversity because of the geographic dispersion and not having to come to Mesa to test.

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

2-a. Transportation Advisory Board meeting held on November 16, 2021.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Councilmember Freeman –	National League of Cities Public Safety Committee meeting
Councilmember Luna –	Hispanic Elected Local Officials meeting
Vice Mayor Duff –	Women in Municipal Government Committee meeting
Mayor Giles –	U.S. Conference of Mayors – Washington, D.C.

Vice Mayor Duff announced January 25, 2022, volunteers will be conducting the Point-in-Time homeless count.

Councilmember Heredia reported Mesa was awarded a \$960,000 grant to begin planning on connecting the Tempe streetcar project to West Mesa. He stated the funds will be used to increase public transit options in Mesa.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Christopher Brady noted the January 27, 2022, Study Session has been cancelled.

Mayor Giles recognized City Clerk Dee Ann Mickelsen for her contributions to the Clerk’s office. He mentioned she is uniformly liked and admired by all and wished her a very happy retirement.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, 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 January 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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