



COUNCIL MINUTES

January 25, 2021

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session Meeting via a virtual format streamed into the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, on January 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

(*Council participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the January 25, 2021 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. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –

World Famous Gus’s Fried Chicken – Soft opening
Unveiling the name of ASU’s City Center – Sidney Poitier
New American Film School

Vice Mayor Duff –

Maricopa Association of Government’s Human Services
Community Initiative Committee
Unveiling the name of ASU’s City Center – Sidney Poitier
New American Film School
National League of Cities – Large Cities Council - Virtual

- Councilmember Freeman – World Famous Gus’s Fried Chicken – Soft opening
National League of Cities – Reappointment to the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee
- Councilmember Luna – National League of Cities – Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) Meeting - Virtual
- Councilmember Spilsbury – Neighborhood Leader meeting – Virtual
World Famous Gus’s Fried Chicken – Soft opening

Vice Mayor Duff recognized Mesa Fire and Medical and the Police Department for arranging their resources to vaccinate Mesa Public School employees.

3. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, February 4, 2021 – Study Session

4. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 5:07 p.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.

- 4-a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (3)) Discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider the City’s position and instruct the City Attorney regarding the City’s position regarding pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (4)):

1. Smith v. City of Mesa, Maricopa County Superior Court, Case # CV2020-091802

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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 25th day of January 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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