



COUNCIL MINUTES

October 19, 2020

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 October 19, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

Jeremy Whittaker

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

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

(*Councilmember Thompson participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Whittaker from the entire meeting.

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

Mayor Giles acknowledged a tragic event that took place off Dobson and Guadalupe Roads in Mesa and provided heartfelt condolences to the individuals and families who were affected during this act of violence. He stated the Mesa Police Department is working to find justice for the families and victims.

Councilmember Heredia provided his sincerest condolences and prayers to the victims and families involved in the shooting. He thanked the men and women of the Mesa Police Department as they continue to work on providing justice to those involved.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the October 19, 2020 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: 6-a

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

2-a. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held on September 1, 2020.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

ABSENT – Whittaker

NAYS – None

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Councilmember Duff – Mesa Community College Young Persons Forum – Virtual Strange Encounters through Downtown Mesa

Vice Mayor Freeman announced he will be speaking during the cemetery tour this upcoming Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Mayor Giles stated the cemetery is a great tourist attraction with a lot of Mesa history. He shared that he will be speaking about Mr. Miranda who made famous the Miranda Rights and is buried at the cemetery.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – Special Council meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:25 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 19th day of October 2020. 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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