

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 21, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on April 21, 2025, at 6:10 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Scott Somers
Rich Adams
Jennifer Duff
Alicia Goforth
Francisco Heredia
Julie Spilsbury

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Invocation by Anthony Kamson with Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Mesa.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Freeman.

Mayor Freeman announced the Arbor Day proclamation, which recognizes the important role that trees contribute to the City of Mesa (COM) by providing beauty, shade, clean air, and water through thoughtful planting and care. He stated that the COM is investing in healthier, greener environments for future generations.

Urban Forest Program Manager Stephen Addison acknowledged that the COM has been recognized for the past 15 years as a Tree City USA. He highlighted several key contributors who are working diligently to increase Mesa's tree canopy cover and who have helped plant more than 150 trees at Mesa parks, schools, and households. He anticipates that their collaborative investments will increase canopy cover in those areas by 3% to 5%.

1. Take action on all consent agenda items.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) will be considered as a group by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item. If a citizen wants an item removed from the consent agenda, a blue card must be completed and given to the City Clerk prior to the Council's vote on the consent agenda.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

*2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings as written.

Minutes from March 6, 2025, Study Session and April 7, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. Mesa Drummer Bar & Grill

A bar that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for A Pleasant Affair LLC, 1211 North Country Club Drive, Suite 9 - Jeffrey Craig Miller, agent. The existing Series 6 Bar license held by A Pleasant Affair LLC will revert to the State for modification. **(District 1)**

*3-b. Tipsy Chicken

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Pho Your Health LLC, 1933 West Main Street, Suite 7-8 - Anne Thanh Trang Nhat Vu, agent. The existing license held by FC & S Enterprise LLC will revert to the State. **(District 3)**

*3-c. Bambada Cajun Seafood & K Food

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Haedod One LLC, 2711 South Alma School Road, Suite 14 - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. The existing license held by Chen's Development LLC will revert to the State. **(District 3)**

*3-d. Dozers Grill

A pool hall with a bar is requesting a new Series 6 Bar License for Dozer's Grill LLC, 7012 East Hampton Avenue, Suite 104 - Danielle Marie Tomerlin, agent. The existing Series 12 Restaurant license held by Dozer's Grill LLC will revert to the State. **(District 6)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. Signal Butte Park Phase II Project, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 1 of 2. **(District 6)**

GMP No. 1 includes the electrical scope and equipment, aiming to secure long-lead electrical items critical to the project's overall construction schedule. GMP No. 2 will be presented to Council at a future date for the remaining scope of work necessary to complete the project.

Staff recommend awarding a construction contract to Valley Rain Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,037,798.12 (GMP) and authorizing a change order allowance in the amount of \$51,889.91 (5%), for a total authorized amount of \$1,089,688.03. This project is funded by 2018 General Obligation Bonds through the Parks and Cultural Bond Program.

***4-b. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Storm Drain Grates and Manhole Covers for the Transportation Department. (Citywide)**

The Transportation Department maintains approximately 9,000 catch basins that convey storm water, irrigation tail water, and water from storm events. This contract will provide a variety of storm grates to replace aging, damaged, and missing storm drain grates, trash racks and manhole covers.

The Transportation Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders, Grate Solutions Co., Inc. and Ferguson Enterprises, LLC at \$314,000, annually with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Producer Price Index.

***4-c. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for LED Streetlight Fixtures for the Transportation Department. (Citywide)**

This contract will provide high-quality LED streetlight fixtures that deliver optimal lighting efficiency, durability, and reliability. The LED streetlight fixtures will be used for the LED streetlight conversion project and for the replacement of failed streetlights.

The Transportation Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Consolidated Electrical Distributors dba Arizona Electric Supply (a Mesa business) at \$615,200 annually with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

***4-d. Dollar Limit Increase to Cooperative Term Contract for Communications Cabling Systems for Various City Departments as requested by the Department of Innovation & Technology. (Citywide)**

This contract provides communications cabling systems for City IT projects and provides services for installing hardware and cabling for data, video, and related equipment throughout the Department of Innovation & Technology - Communications. The Police Department also utilizes this contract for their PD-wide indoor/outdoor Wi-Fi hardware replacement and relocation services and for the Mesa Convention Center CCTV (addition of cameras and C-Cure in all buildings). The dollar limit increase is needed due to increased contract usage relating to various moves, remodels, and projects.

The Department of Innovation & Technology and Procurement Services recommend increasing the dollar limit using the State of Arizona cooperative contracts with Corporate Technology Solutions, LLC (CTS), Norstan Communications, Inc. dba Black Box Network Services, Kearney Electric, Inc., BPG Technologies, LLC, Tel Tech Networks, Inc., Fishel Co., Graybar Electrical, Inc., Anixter, Inc., IES Communications, LLC, and Level 7 Technologies-Aspen Technologies by \$800,000, from \$1,000,000 to \$1,800,000 annually.

- *4-e. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Weed Management and Landscape Services at City Water Treatment Plants for the Water Resources Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide weed management and landscape maintenance services for the City's water treatment and reclamation plants. Services include tree and shrub trimming, removal of debris, weeds, and dead vegetation, as well as blower cleaning of walkways, entrances, and driveways.

A committee representing Water Resources and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the highest scored proposal from Apex Landscape Management LLC at \$230,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *4-f. Purchase of One Filtration Media and Installation Services for the Southeast Water Reclamation Plant (Replacement) for the Water Resources Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

This purchase is to replace the existing filter basin underdrain system at the Southeast Water Reclamation Plant with a new filtration media. The replacement of the filter basin underdrains is necessary to ensure optimal performance and compliance with operational standards and regulatory permits. The underdrain system collects filtered water that has passed through the filter media, ensuring that only clean water moves forward in the treatment process. During maintenance, the underdrain facilitates backwashing, which involves reversing the flow of water to clean the filter media. This process removes trapped particles and restores the filter's efficiency.

The Water Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, SH Engineering & MFG, LLC at \$600,000, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-g. Two-Month Use of a Term Cooperative Contract for Original Manufacturer (OEM) Auto and Light Duty Truck Parts and Repair Services for the Fleet Services Department. **(Citywide)**

OEM Auto and Light Duty Truck Parts and Repair services are needed to support Mesa's fleet of sedans, light-duty trucks, and vans. The City recently published a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a term contract for the maintenance and repair of light-duty vehicles to support Mesa's fleet of sedans, light-duty trucks, and vans but did not receive bids from Ford OEM or GM OEM dealerships. Procurement Services will re-publish the solicitation for the OEM portion but is requesting to utilize the State of Arizona cooperative contract until a city contract can be awarded.

The Fleet Services Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to Courtesy Auto of Mesa (a Mesa business), Don Sanderson Ford, Earnhardt Ford, Earnhart Gilbert Dodge, Inc., Midway Chevrolet, Sands Motor Company, and Tex Chevrolet dba Earnhardt Chevrolet, at \$500,000 based on estimated requirements.

- *4-h. Dollar Limit Increase to the Term Contract for Coated Steel Pipe for the Energy Resources Department (Single Response). **(Citywide)**

This contract provides various linear feet of 2", 4", 6", 8" 10", and 12" domestic coated steel pipe and Powercrete J liquid epoxy kits for natural gas projects. The upcoming

2025 projects are the Broadway Road Improvements Project, Gantzel Road, Arizona Farms Road and the Val Vista Drive to Pueblo to the US 60 Project. While these projects may have been planned when this contract was awarded in 2022, the specific pipe size and quantities needed to complete the project were not yet known.

Materials for natural gas projects are ordered separately from the construction contract. Natural gas construction is heavily regulated, including the type of materials that can be used and precise record keeping of when the materials were purchased and where they were used in the natural gas system. In addition, Energy Resources has found that ordering the materials in-house has created savings by eliminating additional costs added for contractor storage, profit, and overhead.

This is a dollar limit increase to provide contract capacity for these projects and funding is already provided for in the budget.

The Energy Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend increasing the dollar limit with Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co., Inc. by \$2,000,000, from \$2,500,000 to \$4,500,000 for the current contract year.

- *4-i. Purchase of Bore Shields and Wraps for the Energy Resources Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

This purchase is for bore shields and wraps for the Arizona Farms High-Pressure Gas Line Project. The City is upgrading the Magma system by installing over 10 miles of 12-inches of gas pipe.

The Energy Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, B&W Distributors (a Mesa business) at \$345,000, based on estimated requirements

- *4-j. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an employment contract with Scott Butler for the position of City Manager effective as of June 1, 2025.

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *5-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) to assign one Mesa Police Department detective to the Arizona Vehicle Theft Task Force (VTTF) and receive up to 75% in reimbursement of the detective's personnel services, full reimbursement of overtime, travel, and a dedicated vehicle from DPS. – Resolution No. 12345
- *5-b. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by A New Leaf to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12346
- *5-c. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12347
- *5-d. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Boys and Girls Clubs of the Valley to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and

authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12348

- *5-e. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Child Crisis Arizona to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12349
- *5-f. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Gene Lewis Boxing Club and Youth Center to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$7,500 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12350
- *5-g. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Maggie's Place to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$20,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12351
- *5-h. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Native American Fatherhood and Families Association to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$15,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12352
- *5-i. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Tooth B.U.D.D.S., Inc. to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000, and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12353

6. Introduction of the following ordinance and setting May 12, 2025 as the date of the public hearing on this ordinance:

- *6-a. Amending Sections 10-4-4 and 10-4-5 of the Mesa City Code to modify the limits of the existing posted speed limit of 40 mph on Val Vista Drive between Pomegranate Street and Quenton Drive and establish a speed limit of 35 mph on Val Vista Drive between Quenton Drive and the north City limits, as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. **(District 1)** – Ordinance No. 5939

7. Discuss, receive public comment, and take action on the following ordinances:

- *7-a. ZON24-00756 "Dixon Property." 2.5± acres located approximately 1,100 feet south of the southeast corner of East McKellips Road and North Val Vista Drive. Rezone from Single Residence-35 (RS-35) to Single Residence-35 with a Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay (RS-35-BIZ) for the development of one single residence. Eric and Jentry Dixon, owners; Sean Lake / Sarah Prince, Pew & Lake PLC, applicant. **(District 2)** – Ordinance No. 5936

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote: 4-0)

- *7-b. Adding Section 1-12-10 to Mesa City Code Title 1, Chapter 12 authorizing the Mesa Municipal Court to assess court monitoring fees in the Schedule of Fees and Charges for persons sentenced to probation and persons convicted of A.R.S. § 28-1381 or § 28-1382. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5937
- *7-c. Amending Section 1-20-4 to the Mesa City Code Title 1, Chapter 20 to provide a delegation of authority to the City Manager to extinguish, abandon, and grant certain easements and to dedicate rights-of-way and easements to the public from City-owned land; and amending Title 9, Chapter 10 regarding the extinguishment of easements. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5938

8. Take action on the following subdivision plat:

- *8-a. SUB24-01030 "Map of Dedication for PHX065." 4.2± acres located at the northwest corner of East Pecos Road and South 106th Place. Map of Dedication. Amazon Real Estate, LLC, developer; Chad Huber, Kimley Horn, surveyor. **(District 6)**

Items not on the Consent Agenda

9. Items from citizens present.

Rebecca Temp, a Mesa resident, expressed her opinion that transgender individuals are valid and deserve respect and protection. She is grateful to live in a city that has an ordinance to protect all citizens.

Erik McDonald, a Mesa resident, thanked the City Council for their courage, determination, and vision to make Mesa a safer, better, and all-encompassing City, and for developing a policy that encourages good behavior.

Alex Vranicic, a Mesa resident, thanked the Mayor for allowing all individuals who submitted a comment card to speak at a prior meeting. He requested that Council consider increasing the number of speakers allowed to speak.

Mayor Freeman acknowledged the additional citizens who submitted a comment card in support of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and did not wish to speak.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK





MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of April 2025. 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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