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COUNCIL MINUTES

April 30, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on April 30, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT	COUNCIL ABSENT	OFFICERS PRESENT
Mark Freeman	None	Scott Butler
Scott Somers		Holly Moseley
Rich Adams		Jim Smith
Jennifer Duff*		
Alicia Goforth		
Francisco Heredia		
Dorean Taylor*		

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

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

(Mayor Freeman excused Councilmember Duff and Taylor from the beginning of the meeting; they arrived at 7:33 a.m.)

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the May 4, 2026 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: 7-a

In response to Councilmember Adams requesting clarification regarding agenda Item 5-b, **(Approving a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021/2022 HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan and authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council agenda, Deputy City Manager Candace Cannistraro commented that the HOME-ARP funds were originally allocated to bridge housing in 2023, but the City has not been able to move forward. She noted that the proposed amendment would allow the City to redirect the funding for a different eligible purpose, after HUD approval. She explained the process for the use of HUD funds, which are reimbursement-based grants, and stated that staff would determine best use of the funds at a later time.

Councilmember Goforth requested a continuation of agenda Item 7-a, **(ZON25-00917 "Longbow Mixed-Use," 3.4± acres located approximately 1,665± feet west of the southwest corner of North Recker Road and East Longbow Parkway. Rezone from Light Industrial with a Planned Area Development Overlay (LI-PAD) to Light Industrial with a Planned Area Development Overlay and Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay (LI-PAD-BIZ), Council Use Permit (CUP) and Site Plan Review. This request will allow for the development of an approximately 56,360± square foot hotel and future commercial development. Dover Associates, LLC, Owner. Chris Webb, Rose Law Group, applicant. (District 5))**, on the Regular Council agenda, due to concerns raised by the Economic Development Director and residents regarding the quality of the project, and to allow additional collaboration with the applicant to reach an agreement.

Mayor Freeman stated that the consensus from Council is to continue agenda Item 7-a.

Responding to a request from Mayor Freeman for an overview regarding agenda Item 3-a, **(309 Sports Lounge)**, on the Regular Council agenda, Business Services Director Ed Quedens displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Mr. Quedens reviewed the requirements for a Series 12 restaurant license and the City's recommendation, noting that a protest had automatically triggered a hearing with the State. He presented a map of the location of the proposed property and shared the identification of the previous businesses at that location, noting the 309 Sports Lounge will be a change in ownership and agent. (See Pages 2 through 5 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Quedens discussed the seven protests received and highlighted the calls for service associated with the building where the proposed restaurant will be located. (See Pages 6 and 7 of Attachment 1)

In response to questions from Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers, Mr. Quedens replied that the call data references previous tenants of the suite and not the proposed 309 Sports Lounge. He explained that most of the reported calls in 2025 were for the entire building at 2050 W. Guadalupe Road, not just the proposed restaurant location. He mentioned that the proposed restaurant would be required to close by 2:00 a.m. and would not have outdoor seating, meaning noise complaints are less likely. He confirmed that protests came from residences located immediately north of the shopping center, separated by a wall and delivery access area, and discussed the process to ensure requirements are met.

City Attorney Jim Smith advised that the most relevant factors for Council consideration are public support/opposition and the potential impact on nearby businesses and neighborhoods, with childcare proximity also being a related consideration.

Discussion ensued related to the types of licenses for a bar versus a restaurant, and the required hearing before the State Liquor Board in response to the protests filed, as well as the consideration given by the State to the City Council's recommendation and community input.

Mayor Freeman thanked staff for the presentation.

In response to concerns raised by Councilmember Duff on agenda Item 8-b, **(GPA25-00233 "Haven at Hawes," 38± acres located at the southeast corner of South Hawes Road and East Mesquite Street. Major General Plan Amendment to change the Placetype from Local**

Employment Center to Urban Residential. Stewart Development II, LLC, Owner; Sean Lake/Sarah Prince, Pew & Lake, P.L.C., Applicant. (District 6)), Item 8-c, **(ZON25-00234 "Haven at Hawes," 38± acres located at the southeast corner of South Hawes Road and East Mesquite Street. Rezoning from Agricultural (AG) to Residential Small-Lot 2.5 with a Planned Area Development overlay (RSL-2.5-PAD) and approval of residential product. This request will allow for a 230-lot single residence development. Stewart Development II, LLC, Owner; Sean Lake / Sarah Prince, Pew & Lake, P.L.C., applicant. (District 6))**, and Item 9-a, **(GPA25-00283 "Haven at Destination," 28± acres located at the northwest corner of South Meridian Road and Arizona Route 24. Major General Plan Amendment to change the Placetype from Urban Center to Mixed Residential. The Cubes at Meridian 24 LLC, Owner; Sean Lake / Sarah Prince, Pew & Lake, P.L.C., Applicant. (District 6))**, on the Regular Council Agenda, relating to land being rezoned from retail and mixed-use to residential, Vice Mayor Somers described the proximity of upcoming commercial properties near Haven at Hawes and Haven at Destination, and how the overall visions of the surrounding areas are considered for the best use of the land.

Discussion ensued regarding retail, housing, commercial, and mixed-use development within the Haven at Hawes and Haven at Destination areas, as well as original residential and commercial allocation percentages for Hawes Crossing.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Heredia, Planning Director Mary Kopaskie-Brown replied that staff would provide a summary regarding residential and commercial allocation percentages for Hawes Crossing for Council to better understand the area's overall development pattern and future vision.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Somers regarding Haven at Hawes, agenda Item 8-b, on the Regular Council agenda, Development Services Director Nana Appiah displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 2)**

Mr. Appiah presented a map illustrating the parcel that was originally excluded from the Hawes Crossing PAD but has now been incorporated. He noted that collaboration with property owners and developers has initiated adjustments to determine the appropriate balance of residential, commercial, and industrial uses in the area, and land use allocations have evolved organically, resulting in amendments and adjustments to the plan. He emphasized the overall vision for creating a vibrant mixed-use community with a balanced mix of residential and commercial development remains unchanged and the existing Development Agreement continues to guide and govern the Hawes Crossing PAD. (See Page 3 of Attachment 2)

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Somers, Ms. Kopaskie-Brown answered that staff would provide an updated map highlighting submitted development applications that are expected to come before the Council in the future.

Mayor Freeman advised that agenda Item 7-a, on the regular Council agenda, would be continued for 30 days.

Responding to multiple questions posed by Councilmember Taylor regarding agenda Item 4-d, **(Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Generator Purchases and Installation Services (Replacement) for Facilities Management and the Department of Innovation and Technology. (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council agenda, Chief Information Officer Scott Conn explained that the percentages in the Council report represent each agency's share of costs within the Topaz Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC), a shared public safety communications network used by Mesa and several neighboring jurisdictions. He commented, as the lead agency, Mesa purchases equipment and is reimbursed by participating agencies, with reimbursements returned to the General Fund. He clarified that the Topaz Capital and Operating Fund is part of Public Safety's annual budget and is only an authorization to purchase emergency generators, as needed, for public safety facilities.

In response to a question from Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Conn replied that the Topaz Funds consist primarily of reimbursements from TRWC member agencies and is coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget before inclusion in the City's budget.

Office of Management and Budget Director Brian Ritschel added that TRWC is a joint venture governed by its own board, similar to other regional partnerships such as the Mesa Gateway Airport and Greenfield Wastewater Treatment Plant. He reported that Mesa's approximately 60–65% share reflects its ownership and system usage, and all revenues and expenses are tracked separately within a dedicated fund.

Mr. Conn added that Police Chief Dan Butler serves as the City's representative on the TRWC Board, and that he serves as the alternate representative.

Mayor Freeman clarified that the percentages in the Council report reflect each participating jurisdiction's commitment to the regional communications system that supports 911 dispatch, fire, and medical services across seven municipalities and one Indian community.

Responding to multiple questions posed by Councilmember Taylor regarding agenda Item 5-b, **(Approving a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021/2022 HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan and authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit the Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council agenda, Ms. Cannistraro explained that the amendment only changes the HUD funding category from brick-and-mortar projects to supportive services. She noted that the broader category will allow the City greater flexibility in determining how the funds are ultimately used. She confirmed that specific programs have not yet been identified and will be developed after the category change is approved. She commented that HUD allows a percentage of grant funds to be used for administration so that the programs can be managed without relying on the General Fund. She stated that administrative costs cover a wide range of activities for multi-year and multi-service programs, and these grants often require oversight and reporting for many years.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and receive an update on the fiscal year 2026/27 proposed budget.

Management & Budget Director Brian Ritschel introduced Assistant Director Samuel Schultz and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 3)**

Mr. Ritschel provided an overview of the 12 steps of a budget cycle process and acknowledged the recent recognitions and awards the City of Mesa (COM) received. (See Pages 2 and 3 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel presented updates to the General Governmental forecasts and reported that the Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 projected deficit improved from negative $51.4 million to negative $36.3 million due to stronger sales tax revenues and lower expenses from project carryovers. He also explained that the FY 26/27 proposed deficit increased from negative $16.8 million to negative $31.1 million as a result of new transit costs associated with Proposition 479, shifting previously reimbursed expenses to the City, along with one-time project expenses, and infrastructure investments. He compared the FY 26/27 adopted budget to the updated proposed budget, which remains similar, and he discussed the fluctuations in the budget for FY 26/27 through FY 30/31. (See Pages 4 through 8 of Attachment 3)

In response to questions from Councilmember Taylor, Mr. Ritschel clarified that one-time expenditures are funded from the City's reserve balance, and that additional revenues received during the fiscal year increase reserves, which can then be used to fund one-time projects.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Adams, Mr. Ritschel replied that Page 27 identifies large one-time expenditures and distinguishes them from ongoing costs. He mentioned that the financial reporting system occurs every seven to ten years, and that items on a schedule can be considered a one-time expenditure since the item is not on an annual basis. (See Page 27 of Attachment 3)

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Ritschel explained that Proposition 479 will be effective in FY 26/27 and requires the City to absorb certain ongoing transit expenses that were previously funded.

Mr. Ritschel compared the adopted FY 25/26 forecast with the proposed budget update and outlined the City's plan to restore a structural budget balance. He noted that the forecast projects positive net sources and uses by FY 30/31 and increases the ending reserve balance from 7.4% to 15.5%. (See Page 9 of Attachment 3)

City Manager Scott Butler stated that Council's prior direction to expedite the restoration of structural balance has resulted in significant progress. He pointed out that the budget is forecasted conservatively as if every position was fully loaded and every expense was completed. He advised that through active budget management and departmental efficiencies, the City improved its financial position and achieved roughly $56 million in ongoing expense reductions through three consecutive years of 2% departmental cuts while maintaining essential services.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Butler confirmed that the forecasts include the 2% departmental savings.

Discussion ensued regarding budget management strategies, including prioritizing public safety, incorporating unanticipated revenues, maintaining conservative budget forecasting practices, preserving an adequate ending reserve balance, and evaluating potential program reductions and budget cuts.

In response to a question from Councilmember Adams, Mr. Butler responded that staff will provide a follow-up discussion on the strategic plan initiatives aimed at streamlining and improving development processes. He highlighted improvements already made by Development Services, including the addition of an Ombudsman and enhanced collaboration among Economic Development, Development Services, and Downtown Transformation. He also noted the importance of strategically recruiting and supporting high sales tax-generating businesses to strengthen the City's revenue base.

Mr. Ritschel said that Mesa looks at staff as the core of the City and reviewed the budgeted items for public safety staffing positions. (See Page 10 of Attachment 3)

In response to a question posed by Mayor Freeman, Mr. Ritschel confirmed that the City budgets annually for three police academies with 110 recruits as a placeholder to keep up with attrition and retirements. He explained that currently 32 vacancies exist in the police officer position. He stated that if the projections are accurate, the Police and Fire Departments will be close to fully staffed in the next few years.

Additional discussion ensued regarding allocation and revenue from the photo safety radar enforcement cameras, reinvestment of funds, strategy for budget cuts, process improvement efficiencies, and residential outreach.

Councilmember Duff commented that the City's current budget challenges stem from the loss of temporary stimulus funding, reductions in state-shared revenues, and the elimination of revenue sources such as the residential rental tax. She emphasized that the City is simultaneously managing growth, increasing public safety and personnel costs, and adjusting spending to address significant revenue losses. She stated that gradual budget adjustments are more practical than drastic service cuts and thanked staff for their efforts in navigating these challenges while maintaining service levels.

In response to multiple questions posed by Councilmember Duff, Mr. Ritschel confirmed that city sales tax collections include sales tax for contracting, retail, utilities, commercial and rental categories. He also explained that although sales tax revenues exceed budget projections, actual total city sales tax collections have remained flat over the last three fiscal years and attributed the favorable results in part to conservative revenue forecasting.

Mr. Butler concurred that continued consumer spending on dining, shopping, and vehicle purchases has significantly helped the City mitigate the negative impacts from the loss of revenue.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Butler stated that maintaining flat revenues despite significant state-imposed reductions is a positive achievement. He credited the City's decision to place post-pandemic revenue surpluses into reserves rather than increasing spending, allowing the City to responsibly use reserve funds to offset revenue losses while avoiding major service cuts for residents and giving other revenue sources time to recover.

Discussion ensued regarding the responsible use of reserves to maintain continuity of services, and the continued focus on improving organizational effectiveness to ensure spending aligns with community needs and priorities.

Councilmember Taylor urged caution when considering future spending proposals, stressing the need for consistency with the City's current emphasis on fiscal conservatism. She stated that Council should carefully evaluate whether expenditures genuinely benefit taxpayers and avoid approving unnecessary spending that could undermine commitments to balanced budgeting and responsible stewardship.

Mr. Smith explained that municipal budgets function as expenditure authorizations rather than traditional household budgets. He noted that budgets must include contingencies and spending authority for potential future needs, even though those expenditures may never occur. He added, as a result, adopted budgets often show negative net sources and uses while actual year-end results frequently end positive. He cautioned against making significant service cuts based solely on projected deficits since actual revenues and expenditures often differ from authorized spending levels.

Responding to a question from Mayor Freeman, Mr. Ritschel replied that estimated year-end actuals are typically available around September after the fiscal year-end closing process is completed and all accounts are reconciled.

Mr. Ritschel identified the City's priority as recruitment and retaining high-quality employees which has budget implications in the upcoming fiscal year. (See Page 11 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel reviewed the Utility Fund budget, explaining that the adopted FY 2025/26 budget projected negative net sources and uses and declining reserve balances. He noted that the FY 25/26 forecast update improves significantly due to the removal of approximately $400 million in capacity fee projects from the operating fund and the restoration of certain deferred water and wastewater maintenance projects. He commented that, as a result, reserve balances remain healthy and return to policy targets by the end of the forecast period in FY 28/29. (See Pages 12 through 14 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel explained that the proposed budget further improved due to updated revenue and expenditure estimates and spending reductions, resulting in modest improvements to both net sources and uses and reserve balances. (See Page 15 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel reported that the primary change in the latest budget update is the addition of carryover funding for FY 26/27. He emphasized that the Utility Fund remains financially healthy, with strong reserves, and that the forecast continues to rely on previously approved utility rate adjustments without modification. (See Page 16 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel compared the significant improvements between the adopted and proposed Utility Fund budgets for FY 25/26, resulting from the capacity fee projects, which strengthened net sources and uses and improved reserve levels. (See Page 17 of Attachment 3)

In response to a question posed by Mayor Freeman, Mr. Ritschel explained that state-shared revenues, which include income tax sharing, a share of the state sales tax, and vehicle license tax revenues, are accounted for in the General Governmental Fund. He commented that the forecast includes transfers from the Utility Funds to the General Governmental Fund.

Mr. Ritschel provided an overview of the five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) financials, explaining that only FY 26/27 expenditures are proposed for budget authorization, while the remaining years serve as a planning document that may change based on funding and priorities. He advised that utility capacity fee projects are included within the CIP. He outlined the various funding sources supporting the CIP, noting Transportation Funds are considered restricted. (See Pages 18 through 20 of Attachment 3)

Responding to a question from Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Butler confirmed that a detailed project list is included in the CIP and offered to provide Council with a simplified summary organized by department and fiscal year.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Ritschel explained that while the budget authorizes spending for only one fiscal year, the City Charter requires Council to adopt a five-year CIP.

Responding to a question from Mayor Freeman, Mr. Ritschel explained that utility pledges represent debt obligations issued to fund utility-related projects.

Mr. Ritschel presented a breakdown of CIP funding sources, noting that utility capacity fees and utility pledges account for more than half of the program, while general obligation bonds, restricted transportation funds, and joint ventures comprise the remaining major categories. (See Page 21 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel advised that the State's requirement is that all expenditures be included in the annual budget authorization. He explained that FY 26/27 includes approximately $446 million in carryover funding, largely tied to multi-year capital projects that total approximately $110 million. He discussed the City's contingency fund, which provides spending authority for unexpected expenditures or unanticipated revenues such as grants, emergencies, or accelerated project schedules. (See Page 22 of Attachment 3)

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Ritschel explained that the contingency fund has ranged from $70 million to $80 million in the past three fiscal years and is reviewed annually. He noted that contingency funds have been used for major unforeseen expenses, including CARES Act-related needs and storm damage repairs at Falcon Field.

Mr. Butler clarified that contingency funding does not represent planned spending but rather provides expenditure authority to address emergencies, grants, or unforeseen opportunities without disrupting other budgeted programs.

Mr. Ritschel shared the schedule for the adoption of the budget. (See Page 23 of Attachment 3)

Responding to a question from Councilmember Duff, Mr. Ritschel explained that operations and maintenance (O&M) costs are tied to completed projects and represent the future costs of staffing, operating, and maintaining facilities.

In response to multiple questions from Councilmember Duff, Mr. Schultz added that the FY 26/27 increase in O&M costs is primarily associated with the Signal Butte expansion project. He explained that funding depends on the project, noting that the Signal Butte expansion will be funded through the Water Enterprise/Utilities Fund. He confirmed that ongoing O&M costs are separate from the capital costs used to construct the facilities.

Mr. Butler emphasized the importance of evaluating both construction costs and the long-term costs of staffing and operating new facilities to ensure projects remain financially sustainable.

Responding to multiple questions from Councilmember Taylor, Mr. Schultz explained that General Government projects relate to city-owned facilities and infrastructure improvements such as fuel station upgrades, downtown façade projects, restaurant incubator initiatives, parking garage repairs, and other facility improvements. He stated that the chart on Page 19 does not include an amount for FY 30/31, as future projects have not been identified yet and will be added as facility needs and priorities emerge through future planning efforts.

In response to multiple questions posed by Councilmember Taylor, Mr. Ritschel explained that the amounts for operations and maintenance for FY 28/29 through FY 30/31 represent estimated costs associated with staffing and operations for future facilities and projects. He noted that the projections are part of the planning and may change as priorities and projects evolve. He indicated that the only year that staff would be budgeting for authorization is FY 26/27. He commented that the operations and maintenance figures are cumulative, which is why the amounts increase over time as new facilities and programs are added. He explained that carryover funds are already committed to existing contracts, purchases, and multi-year projects; and, as a result, the funds are obligated and unavailable for use in offsetting projected deficits.

Mayor Freeman thanked staff for the presentation.

2-b. Appointments to various boards and committees.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 4)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

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

3-a. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held on February 3, 2026.

3-b. Audit, Finance & Enterprise Committee meeting held on March 5, 2026.

3-c. Design Review Board meeting held on March 10, 2026.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers highlighted the events, meetings, and conferences recently attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Scott Butler stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Monday, May 4, 2026, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, May 4, 2026, 5:45 p.m. – Regular

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

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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 30th day of April 2026. 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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(Attachments – 4)

309 Sports Lounge

2050 W Guadalupe Rd, Ste 9-12

District 3

Series 12 Restaurant Liquor License Application

LICA26-24275

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Series 12 Restaurant Licenses

- On-site sale of spirituous liquor only – No off-site sales
- 40% Food Sales Required
- 300-foot separation requirement from K-12 School <u>does not apply</u> to Series 12 license and <u>does not apply</u> to Daycare. (Separation is more than 300 feet)
- City Council makes a recommendation to the State Liquor Board
- Recommendation for Denial automatically triggers a hearing with the Liquor Board

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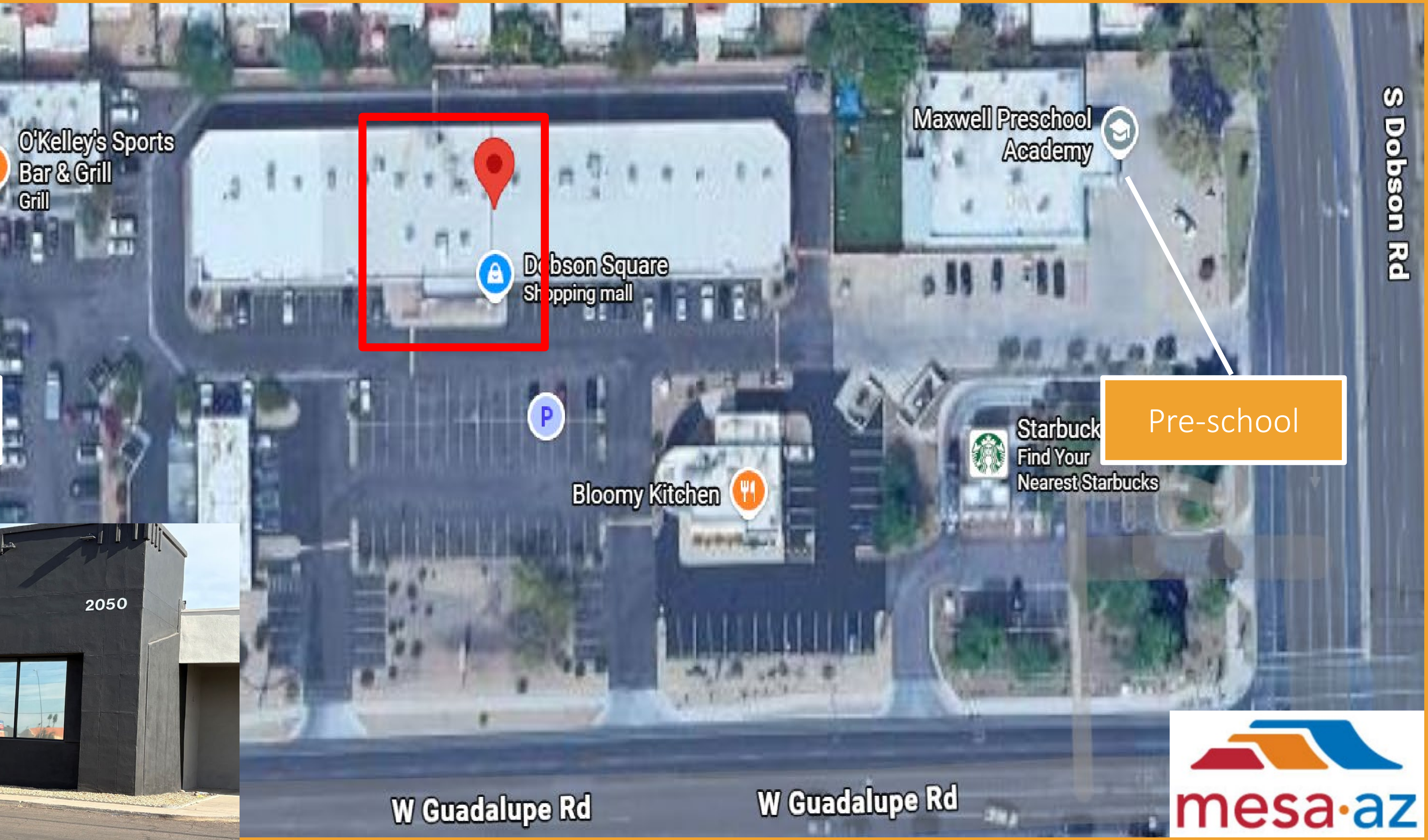
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SPORTS LOUNGE
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Licenses at this Location (All Series 12)

- 309 Sports Lounge (Current Application)
- La Casa de las Flores Gourmet Kitchen (2021-2026)
- Casa Blanca Bistro (2019-2021)
- Mieles (2015-2019)

Ownership Information

309 Sports Lounge

- Christian Kramer – Agent
- HNB LLC – Applicant
- Eric Banks – LLC Member

La Casa de las Flores Gourmet Kitchen

- La Casa de las Flores Gourmet Kitchen LLC – Applicant
- Enrique Martinez – LLC Member

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7 Protests – from 5 Separate Addresses

- Late night music
- Noise
- Noise during games
- Crowds
- Ongoing disturbances
- Intoxicated patrons sitting in cars
- Patrons talking loudly and smoking in back of the business
- Proximity to residential properties
- Safety concerns
- Don’t need 2 sports bars here
- Proximity to daycare facility

Calls for Police Service

Year	2050 W Guadalupe	Suites 9-12
2026	5	1
2025	32	1
2024	27	1
2023	5	1
2022	27	1
2021	29	20**

*Full report included in Legistar

** 19 of the Calls in 2021 were False Alarm Calls

Recommendation

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Technical requirements have been met

Council can take other factors into account and can recommend Approval or Denial within the 12 reasons within the State Regulations

- Protests will trigger a hearing with the Liquor Board, and/or
- A recommendation from the City other than Approval, will trigger a hearing with the Liquor Board

Possible Reasons to Recommend Denial

1. **Petitions and testimony** from individuals who favor or oppose issuance of a license and who reside in, own, or lease property **within one mile** of the proposed premises;
2. **Number and types of licenses within one mile o**f the proposed premises;
6. Evidence concerning the **nature of the proposed business**, its **potential market**, and its likely customers;
7. **Compatibility** of the proposed business **with other activity within one mile** of the proposed premises;
9. **Effect or impact** on the activities of businesses or the residential neighborhood that might be affected by granting a license at the proposed premises;
10. **History for the past five years of liquor violations and reported criminal** activity at the proposed premises provided that the applicant received a detailed report of the violations and criminal activity at least 20 days before the hearing by the Board;
12. **Proximity** of the proposed premises **to licensed childcare facilities** as defined by A.R.S. § 36-881.

Questions

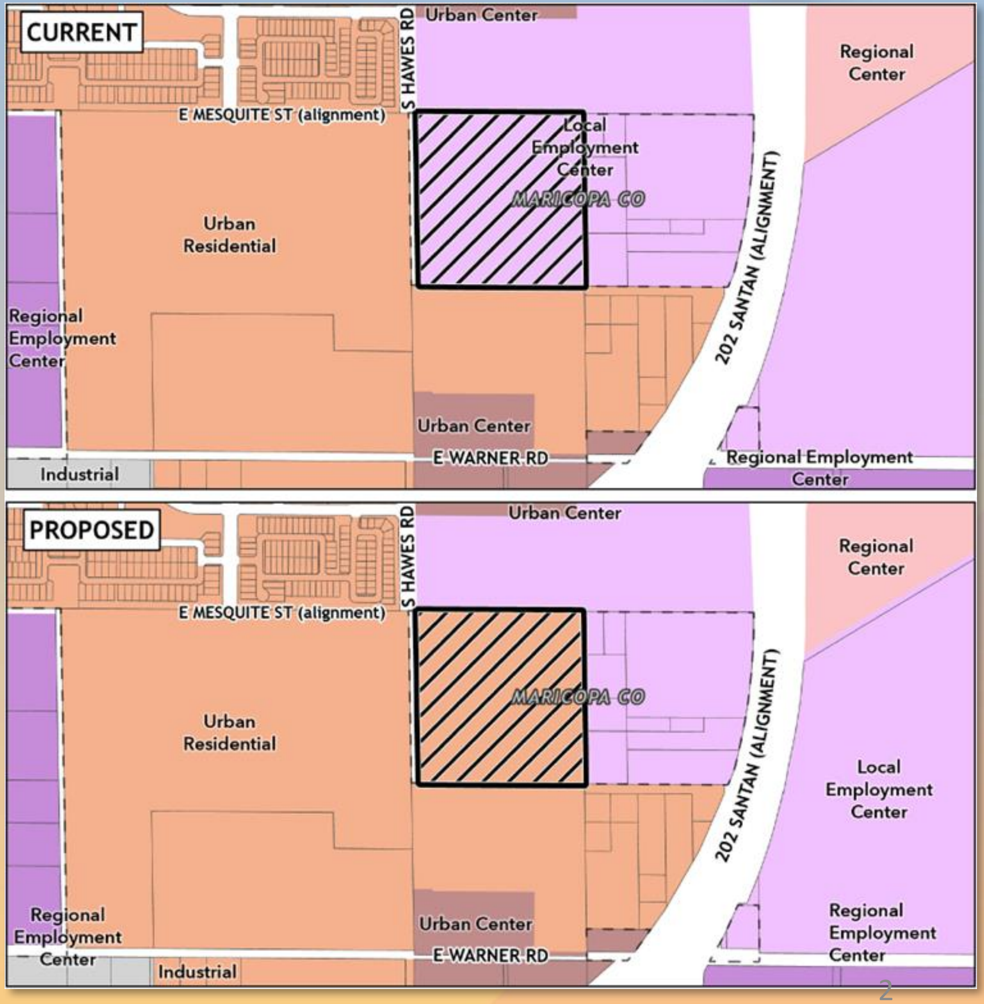
City Council
GPA25-00233

Mary Kopaskie-Brown, Planning Director
Evan Balmer, Assistant Planning Director

May 4, 2026

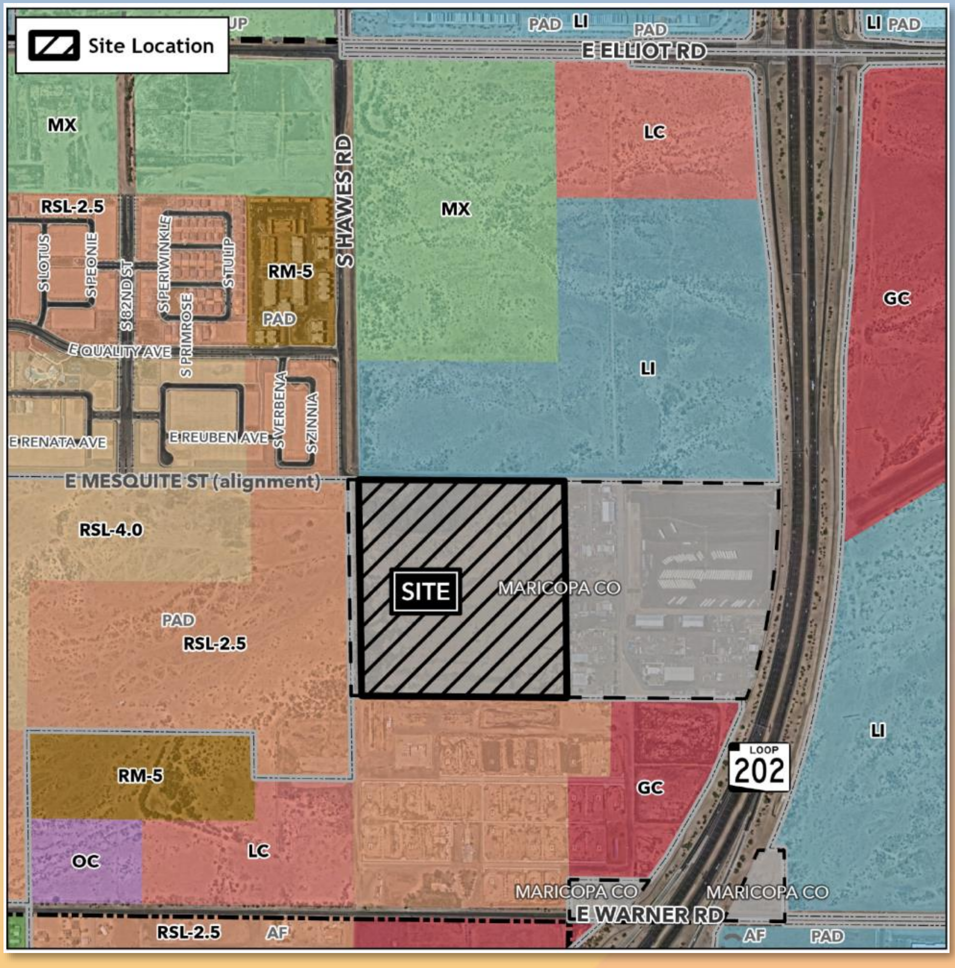
Request

- Major General Plan Amendment
- Local Employment Center Placetype to Urban Residential Placetype



Location

- North of Warner Road and west of the 202 Freeway
- Southeast corner of Hawes Road and Mesquite Street



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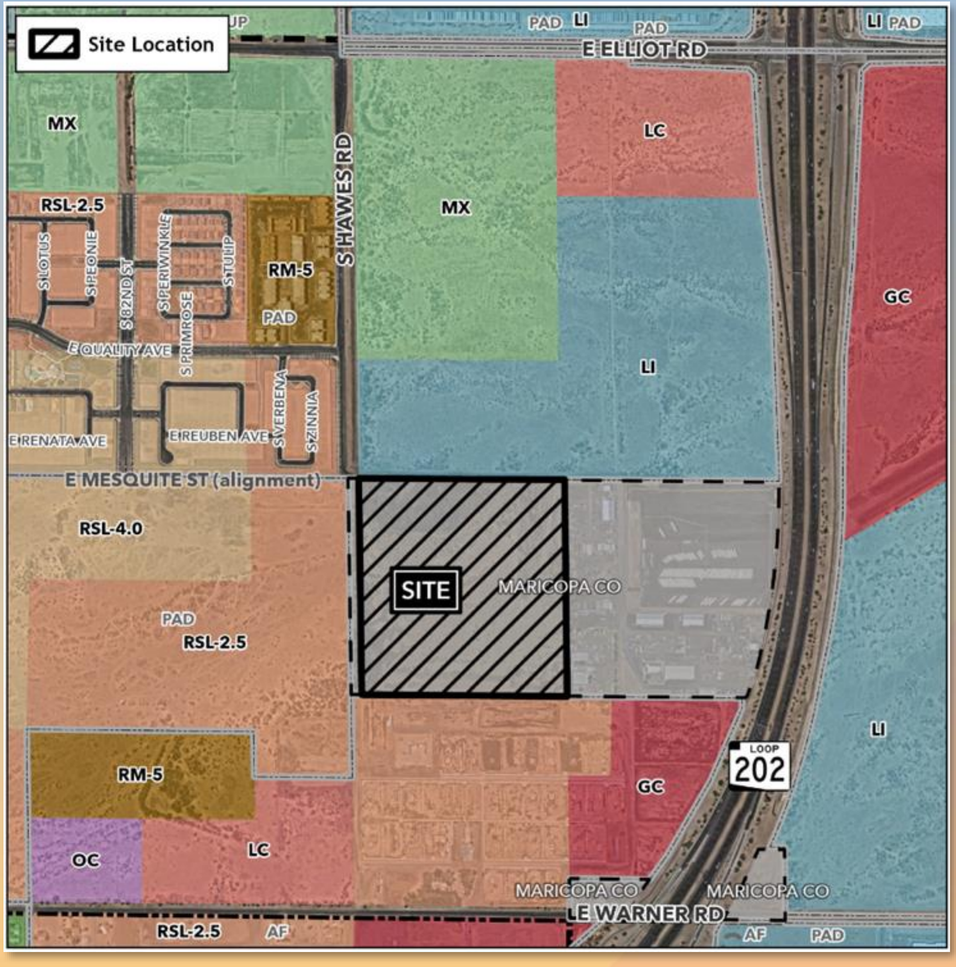
Zoning

Existing:

- Maricopa County, Light Industrial (IND-2)

Proposed:

- Small Lot Single Residence 2.5 with a Planned Area Development Overlay (RSL-2.5-PAD)

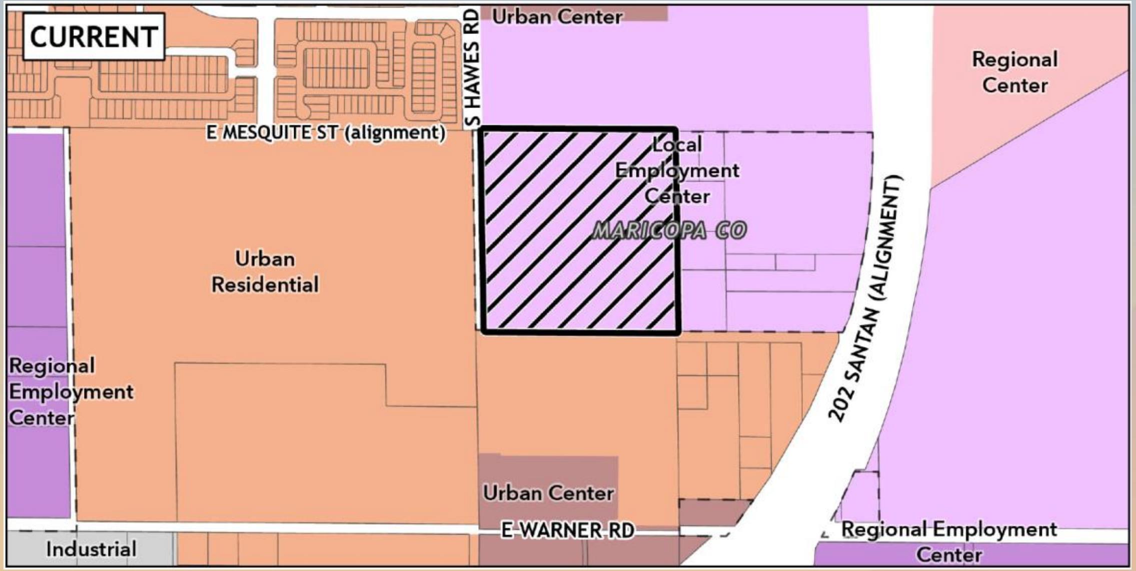


General Plan

Current – Local Employment Center

- Principal Land Uses: Business Offices, Medical Facilities, Light Industrial, & Retail

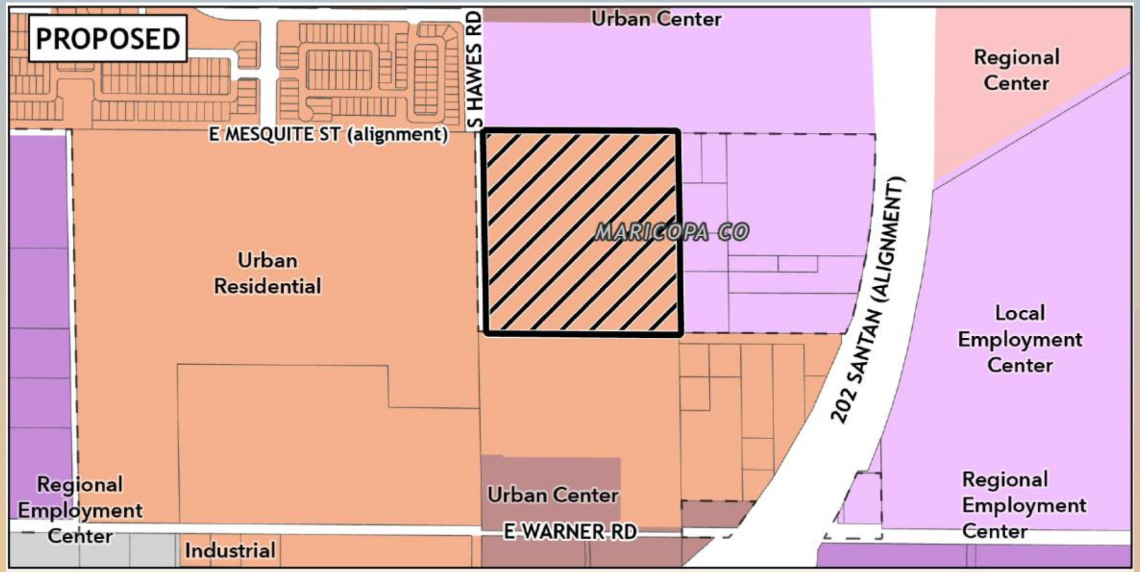
- Zoning districts: OC, NC, LC, GC, PEP, LI, EO, & PS



General Plan

Proposed – Urban Residential

- Principal land uses: single and multi-family residential, retail, personal services, eating and drinking establishments, and business offices
- Zoning districts: RS-9, -7, & -6, RSL-4.5, -4.0, -3.0, & -2.5, RM-2, -3, -4, & -5, OC, NC, LC, GC, MX, PC, ID-1, ID-2, LR, and PS



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General Plan Amendment Approval Criteria

1. The Proposed Project will not result in a shortage of land for other planned uses
2. Whether events after the adoption of the General Plan have changed the character or condition of the area

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General Plan Amendment Approval Criteria

3. The degree to which the proposed amendment will impact the whole community or a portion of the community by:
   a. Altering existing land use patterns in a significant way that is contrary to the Vision, Guiding Principals, or Strategies identified in the General Plan
   b. Requiring larger or more extensive improvements to roads, sewer or water systems that may negatively impact development of other lands
   c. Adversely impacting existing uses due to increased traffic congestion that is not accommodated by planned roadway improvements or other planned transportation improvements such as nonmotorized transportation alternatives or transit

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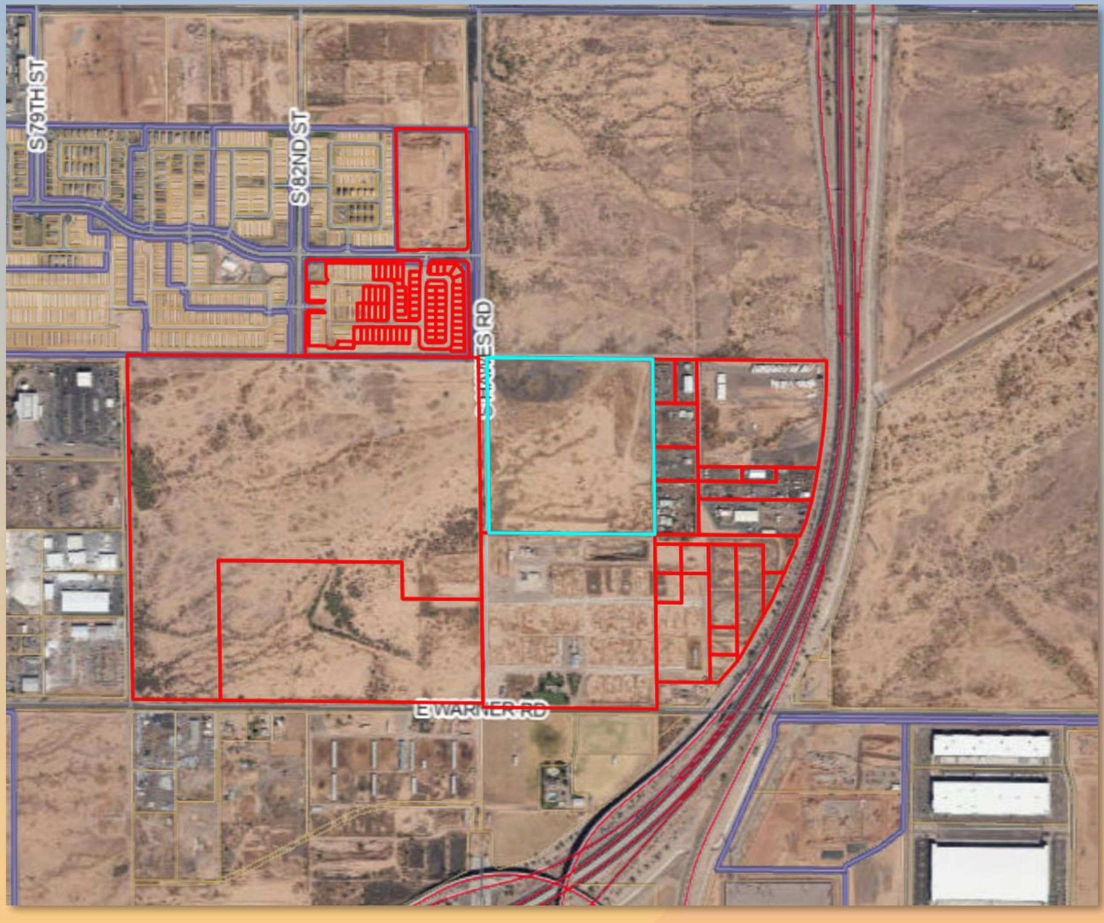
General Plan Amendment Approval Criteria

4. Whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the Vision, Guiding Principles, or Strategies of the General Plan
5. Whether the proposed amendment constitutes an overall improvement to the General Plan and the City of Mesa
6. The extent to which the benefits of the proposed amendment outweigh any of the impacts identified by these criteria

Citizen Participation

- Notified property owners within 1000 feet, HOAs and registered neighborhoods and invited them to a virtual neighborhood meeting
- Virtual neighborhood meetings
  - July 28, 2025 – No residents attended the meeting
  - March 3, 2026 – No residents attended the meeting
- No comments received by staff



Findings

✓ Complies with the amendment criteria in Chapter 5 of the 2050 Mesa General Plan and Chapter 75 of the Mesa Zoning Ordinance

Staff recommends Adoption

Planning and Zoning Board recommends Adoption (6-0)

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Proposed Budget Update

Fiscal Year 2026/27

Mesa City Council

Presented By:

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Date:

April 30, 2026

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Elements of the Budget Cycle

Operational Planning is embedded throughout the budget process and continues throughout the year.

1. Departments Prepare Annual Work Plans
2. Forecast Revenues and Expenditures
3. City Council Reviews Strategic Plan & Establishes Budget Priorities
4. Base Budget Established
5. Departments Submit Base Budget and Funding Requests
6. OMB/City Manager Review Department Budgets & Performance Plans
7. Community Budget Meetings – Public Input
8. City Manager Submits Proposed Budget to City Council — April 2, 2026
9. City Council Reviews Department Budgets and Significant Issues — April 2026
10. City Council Establishes Tentative Budget — May 18, 2026
11. City Council Adopts Final Budget — June 1, 2026
12. Departments Review Progress Toward Achieving Annual Work Plan Outcomes

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Recent Recognitions

BEST RUN CITY IN ARIZONA
- WalletHub

TOP 10 DIGITAL CITY
- Center for Digital Government

TRIPLE CROWN WINNER
- Government Finance Officers Association

TOP 10 BEST BIG CITIES TO LIVE IN
- U.S. News

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM OF THE YEAR
- Public Relations Society of America

FOUR GOLDEN PROSPECTOR AWARDS
- Arizona Association for Economic Development

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General Governmental Funds

General Governmental Funds – FY 25/26 Adopted Budget Forecast (May 19, 2025)

	Projected FY 24/25	Budget FY 25/26*	Forecast FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30
Beginning Reserve Balance	$247.5	$242.9	$191.5	$152.8	$114.9	$91.6
Total Sources	$701.5	$693.5	$678.6	$698.3	$727.8	$749.3
Total Uses	$706.0	$744.9	$717.3	$736.2	$751.1	$768.2
Net Sources and Uses	($4.6)	($51.4)	($38.7)	($37.9)	($23.3)	($18.9)
Ending Reserve Balance	$242.9	$191.5	$152.8	$114.9	$91.6	$72.7
Ending Reserve Balance Percent**	33.8%	26.7%	20.8%	15.3%	11.9%	9.2%

*Budgeted sources and uses include $26.1M in carryover funds.
**As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

data as of May 2025
dollars in millions

General Governmental Funds – FY 25/26 Forecast Update (February 26, 2026)

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	Actuals FY 24/25	Projected FY 25/26	Forecast FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30	Forecast FY 30/31
Beginning Reserve Balance	$247.5	$264.3	$228.0	$211.1	$183.8	$167.3	$169.6
Total Sources	$733.6	$700.9	$701.5	$715.0	$745.4	$773.0	$808.9
Total Uses	$716.8	$737.2	$718.3	$742.3	$761.9	$770.7	$793.2
Net Sources and Uses	$16.8	($36.3)	($16.8)	($27.3)	($16.5)	$2.3	$15.8
Ending Reserve Balance	$264.3	$228.0	$211.1	$183.8	$167.3	$169.6	$185.4
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	35.8%	31.7%	28.4%	24.1%	21.7%	21.4%	22.6%

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*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

General Governmental Funds – FY 26/27 Proposed Budget (April 2, 2026)

	Actuals FY 24/25	Projected FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30	Forecast FY 30/31
Beginning Reserve Balance	$247.5	$264.3	$235.3	$204.2	$167.7	$145.5	$147.2
Total Sources	$733.6	$703.4	$701.7	$716.6	$748.3	$779.2	$815.9
Total Uses	$716.8	$732.4	$732.7	$753.1	$770.5	$777.4	$802.2
Net Sources and Uses	**$16.8**	**($29.0)**	**($31.1)**	**($36.5)**	**($22.2)**	**$1.8**	**$13.7**
Ending Reserve Balance	$264.3	$235.3	$204.2	$167.7	$145.5	$147.2	$160.9
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	36.1%	32.1%	27.1%	21.8%	18.7%	18.4%	19.3%

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*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

General Governmental Funds – FY 26/27 Proposed Budget Update (April 30, 2026)

	Actuals FY 24/25	Projected FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30	Forecast FY 30/31
Beginning Reserve Balance	$247.5	$264.3	$244.0	$208.1	$168.3	$135.8	$127.4
Total Sources	$733.6	$708.3	$731.4	$718.1	$749.8	$780.7	$817.5
Total Uses	$716.8	$728.6	$767.3	$757.9	$782.2	$789.1	$814.2
Net Sources and Uses	**$16.8**	**($20.3)**	**($35.9)**	**($39.8)**	**($32.4)**	**($8.4)**	**$3.3**
Ending Reserve Balance	$264.3	$244.0	$208.1	$168.3	$135.8	$127.4	$130.8
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	36.3%	31.8%	27.5%	21.5%	17.2%	15.7%	15.5%

data as of April 2026
dollars in millions

*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

General Governmental Funds – Changes from FY 25/26 Adopted Budget

Adopted Budget	FY 25/26 Budget	FY 26/27 Forecast	FY 27/28 Forecast	FY 28/29 Forecast	FY 29/30 Forecast	*FY 30/31* Forecast*
Net Sources and Uses	**($51.4)**	**($38.7)**	**($37.9)**	**($23.3)**	**($18.9)**	***($11.7)***
Ending Reserve Balance	$191.5	$152.8	$114.9	$91.6	$72.7	*$61.0*
Ending Reserve Balance Percent**	26.7%	20.8%	15.3%	11.9%	9.2%	*7.4%*

*FY 30/31 was outside of the 5-year forecast presented with FY 25/26 Budget Adoption
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Proposed Budget Update	FY 25/26 Projected	FY 26/27 Budget	FY 27/28 Forecast	FY 28/29 Forecast	FY 29/30 Forecast	FY 30/31 Forecast
Net Sources and Uses	**($20.3)**	**($35.9)**	**($39.8)**	**($32.4)**	**($8.4)**	**$3.3**
Ending Reserve Balance	$244.0	$208.1	$168.3	$135.8	$127.4	$130.8
Ending Reserve Balance Percent**	31.8%	27.5%	21.5%	17.2%	15.7%	15.5%

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"Elevate Mesa"

Public Safety

- Police Department Staffing
  - Three academies for 110 recruits
  - Civilianization of positions
- Mesa Fire & Medical Staffing
  - Two academies
  - Cancer screening
  - Emergency Transport Service conversion of a 12-hour to a 24-hour shift
- Mesa Public Safety Support Department
  - Public Safety Communications Shift Supervisor
- City Attorney's Office
  - Assistant City Prosecutor II

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Recruitment & Retention of Quality Employees

- Salary market adjustment and 5% step increase for all eligible sworn personnel covered by a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
- Up to a 4% step pay increase for all eligible employees not covered by a MOU effective the July 16, 2026 paycheck.
- Vacation and sick leave policy revisions

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Utility Fund

Utility Fund – FY 2025/26 Adopted Budget (May 19, 2025)

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	Projected FY 24/25	Budget FY 25/26	Forecast FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30
Beginning Reserve Balance	$117.0	$104.4	$76.0	$51.8	$32.9	$31.6
Total Sources	$510.9	$535.0	$574.3	$619.8	$663.5	$709.8
Total Uses	$523.5	$563.4	$598.5	$638.7	$664.8	$690.4
Net Sources and Uses	**($12.6)**	**($28.4)**	**($24.2)**	**($18.9)**	**($1.3)**	**$19.4**
Ending Reserve Balance	$104.4	$76.0	$51.8	$32.9	$31.6	$51.0
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	18.5%	12.7%	8.1%	4.9%	4.6%	7.0%

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*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

Utility Fund – FY 2025/26 Forecast Update (February 26, 2026)

	Actuals FY 24/25	Projected FY 25/26	Forecast FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30	Forecast FY 30/31
Beginning Reserve Balance	$117.0	$119.4	$95.9	$86.0	$79.4	$92.6	$121.0
Total Sources	$510.8	$534.4	$572.1	$617.4	$662.1	$710.0	$763.4
Total Uses	$508.4	$558.0	$581.9	$624.1	$648.9	$681.7	$728.1
Net Sources and Uses	**$2.4**	**($23.5)**	**($9.8)**	**($6.7)**	**$13.2**	**$28.4**	**$35.3**
Ending Reserve Balance	$119.4	$95.9	$86.0	$79.4	$92.6	$121.0	$156.3
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	21.4%	16.5%	13.8%	12.2%	13.6%	16.6%	20.3%

data as of February 2026

dollars in millions

*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

Utility Fund – FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget (April 2, 2026)

	Actuals FY 24/25	Projected FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30	Forecast FY 30/31
Beginning Reserve Balance	$117.0	$119.4	$96.6	$85.0	$84.1	$100.3	$125.5
Total Sources	$510.8	$526.8	$569.5	$616.1	$662.9	$715.8	$771.5
Total Uses	$508.4	$549.6	$581.1	$617.0	$646.7	$690.6	$734.1
Net Sources and Uses	**$2.4**	**($22.8)**	**($11.6)**	**($0.9)**	**$16.2**	**$25.2**	**$37.4**
Ending Reserve Balance	$119.4	$96.6	$85.0	$84.1	$100.3	$125.5	$162.9
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	21.7%	16.6%	13.8%	13.0%	14.5%	17.1%	20.9%

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dollars in millions

*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

Utility Fund – FY 26/27 Proposed Budget Update (April 30, 2026)

	Actuals FY 24/25	Projected FY 25/26	Budget FY 26/27	Forecast FY 27/28	Forecast FY 28/29	Forecast FY 29/30	Forecast FY 30/31
Beginning Reserve Balance	$117.0	$119.4	$101.1	$85.2	$83.6	$99.7	$124.7
Total Sources	$510.8	$523.8	$568.3	$615.7	$662.6	$715.4	$771.1
Total Uses	$508.4	$542.1	$584.1	$617.4	$646.5	$690.4	$733.8
Net Sources and Uses	**$2.4**	**($18.3)**	**($15.9)**	**($1.6)**	**$16.1**	**$25.0**	**$37.3**
Ending Reserve Balance	$119.4	$101.1	$85.2	$83.6	$99.7	$124.7	$162.0
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	22.0%	17.3%	13.8%	12.9%	14.4%	17.0%	20.8%

data as of April 2026
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*As a % of all Next Year's uses of funding

Utility Fund – Changes from FY 25/26 Adopted Budget

Adopted Budget	**FY 25/26 Budget**	**FY 26/27 Forecast**	**FY 27/28 Forecast**	**FY 28/29 Forecast**	**FY 29/30 Forecast**	***FY 30/31* Forecast***
Net Sources and Uses	($28.4)	($24.2)	($18.9)	($1.3)	$19.5	*$33.3*
Ending Reserve Balance	$76.0	$51.8	$32.9	$31.6	$51.0	*$84.3*
Ending Reserve Balance Percent**	**11.9%**	**8.1%**	**4.9%**	**4.6%**	**7.0%**	***11.2%***

*FY 30/31 was outside of the 5-year forecast presented with FY 25/26 Budget Adoption
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Proposed Budget Update	**FY 25/26 Projected**	**FY 26/27 Budget**	**FY 27/28 Forecast**	**FY 28/29 Forecast**	**FY 29/30 Forecast**	**FY 30/31 Forecast**
Net Sources and Uses	($18.3)	($15.9)	($1.6)	$16.1	$25.0	$37.3
Ending Reserve Balance	$101.1	$85.2	$83.6	$99.7	$124.7	$162.0
Ending Reserve Balance Percent**	**17.3%**	**13.8%**	**12.9%**	**14.4%**	**17.0%**	**20.8%**

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5-Year Capital Improvement Program

Fiscal Years 2027 – 2031

	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31
General Government	$26.9	$4.9	$45.3	$46.3	-
Parks & Culture	$72.6	$53.2	$46.0	$23.8	$10.0
Public Safety	$147.9	$85.9	$70.8	$46.5	$22.9
Transportation	$200.1	$134.1	$79.7	$34.8	$46.6
Utilities	$328.9	$185.1	$172.0	$236.9	$249.1
Total	$776.4	$463.2	$414.0	$388.3	$328.7

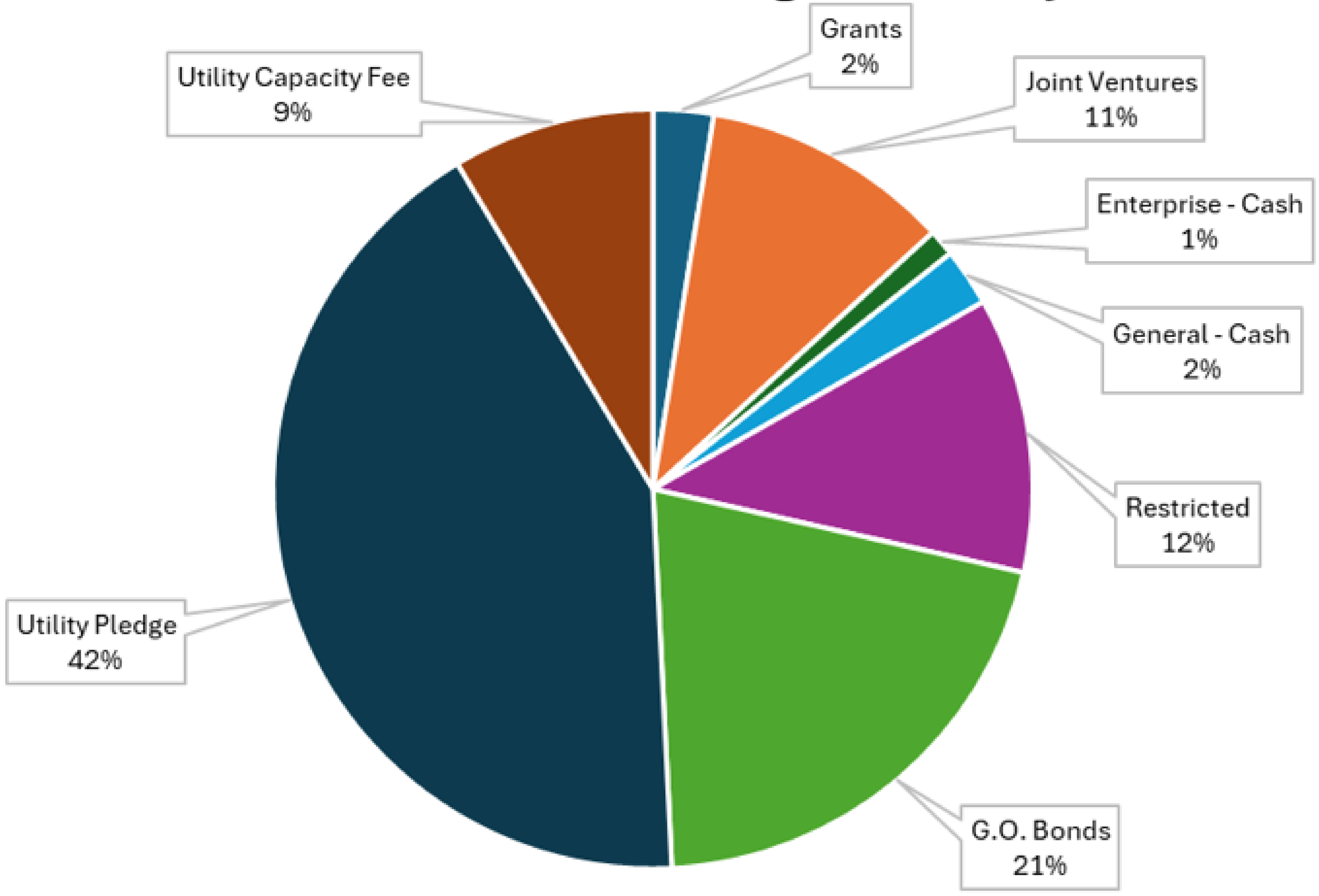
	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31
Operations & Maintenance	$3.8	$9.8	$12.7	$12.7	$21.5

Fiscal Years 2027 – 2031

	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31
Enterprise - Cash	$9.2	$4.7	$3.4	$3.1	$3.5
General - Cash	$43.3	$1.5	$1.2	$3.3	$1.8
General Obligation Bonds	$224.9	$181.3	$156.0	$95.9	$61.2
Grants	$16.2	$27.0	$5.3	$1.4	$3.6
Joint Ventures	$28.2	$24.1	$18.5	$51.3	$99.0
Restricted	$126.3	$52.1	$43.9	$16.8	$5.4
Utility Pledge & Capacity Fee	$328.4	$172.6	$185.7	$216.4	$154.3
Total	$776.4	$463.2	$414.0	$388.3	$328.7

Fiscal Years 2027 – 2031

Five Year CIP Funding Summary



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Finalizing the Budget

- Carryover
  - State statute requires that all expenses occurring in the fiscal year be included in the annual legal appropriation (budget)
  - Expenditures related to projects and contracts that will not be completed by year-end will be added to the FY 2026/27 budget
    - FY 2026/27 budget included $446M
      - Operating and Lifecycle: $169.1M
      - Capital projects: $276.9M
- Contingency
  - Included in the budget to allow capacity for unanticipated expenditures or to allow for the spending of unanticipated revenues

FY 2026/27 Budget Calendar

May 18	- Annual Budget, Tentative Adoption
June 1	- Capital Improvement Program, Public Hearing and Adoption - Annual Budget and Secondary Property Tax Levy, Public Hearing - Annual Budget, Final Adoption
July 20	- Secondary Property Tax Levy Adoption

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Utility Fund Transfer to General Fund

Proposed Budget Update

Utility Transfer to General Fund	$ 144.2	$ 157.6	$ 170.3	$ 183.5	$ 198.0	$ 214.1

General Governmental Funds	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**	**FY 27/28**	**FY 28/29**	**FY 29/30**	**FY 30/31**
Beginning Balance	$ 264.3	$ 244.0	$ 208.1	$ 168.3	$ 135.8	$ 127.4
Sources	$ 708.3	$ 731.4	$ 718.1	$ 749.8	$ 780.7	$ 817.5
Uses	$ 728.6	$ 767.3	$ 757.9	$ 782.2	$ 789.1	$ 814.2
Net Sources & Uses	**$ (20.3)**	**$ (35.9)**	**$ (39.8)**	**$ (32.4)**	**$ (8.4)**	**$ 3.3**
End Balance	$ 244.0	$ 208.1	$ 168.3	$ 135.8	$ 127.4	$ 130.8
Reserve Balance Percentage	**31.8%**	**27.5%**	**21.5%**	**17.2%**	**15.7%**	**15.5%**

Utility Fund	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**	**FY 27/28**	**FY 28/29**	**FY 29/30**	**FY 30/31**
Beginning Balance	$ 119.4	$ 101.1	$ 85.2	$ 83.6	$ 99.7	$ 124.7
Sources	$ 523.8	$ 568.3	$ 615.7	$ 662.6	$ 715.4	$ 771.1
Uses	$ 542.1	$ 584.1	$ 617.4	$ 646.5	$ 690.4	$ 733.8
Net Sources & Uses	**$ (18.3)**	**$ (15.9)**	**$ (1.6)**	**$ 16.1**	**$ 25.0**	**$ 37.3**
End Balance	$ 101.1	$ 85.2	$ 83.6	$ 99.7	$ 124.7	$ 162.0
Reserve Balance Percentage	**17.3%**	**13.8%**	**12.9%**	**14.4%**	**17.0%**	**20.8%**

Dollars in millions

Utility Fund Transfer to General Fund

Hold Forecasted Transfer Amounts Equal to FY 26/27 Transfer Amount

Utility Transfer to General Fund	$ 144.2	$ 157.6	$ 157.6	$ 157.6	$ 157.6	$ 157.6

General Governmental Funds	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**	**FY 27/28**	**FY 28/29**	**FY 29/30**	**FY 30/31**
Beginning Balance	$ 264.3	$ 244.0	$ 208.1	$ 155.6	$ 97.3	$ 48.5
Sources	$ 708.3	$ 731.4	$ 705.5	$ 723.9	$ 740.3	$ 761.0
Uses	$ 728.6	$ 767.3	$ 757.9	$ 782.2	$ 789.1	$ 814.2
Net Sources & Uses	**$ (20.3)**	**$ (35.9)**	**$ (52.5)**	**$ (58.3)**	**$ (48.8)**	**$ (53.2)**
End Balance	$ 244.0	$ 208.1	$ 155.6	$ 97.3	$ 48.5	$ (4.7)
Reserve Balance Percentage	**31.8%**	**27.5%**	**19.9%**	**12.3%**	**6.0%**	**-0.6%**

Utility Fund	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**	**FY 27/28**	**FY 28/29**	**FY 29/30**	**FY 30/31**
Beginning Balance	$ 119.4	$ 101.1	$ 85.2	$ 96.3	$ 138.2	$ 203.7
Sources	$ 523.8	$ 568.3	$ 615.7	$ 662.6	$ 715.4	$ 771.1
Uses	$ 542.1	$ 584.1	$ 604.7	$ 620.6	$ 649.9	$ 677.3
Net Sources & Uses	**$ (18.3)**	**$ (15.9)**	**$ 11.0**	**$ 42.0**	**$ 65.4**	**$ 93.8**
End Balance	$ 101.1	$ 85.2	$ 96.3	$ 138.2	$ 203.7	$ 297.4
Reserve Balance Percentage	**17.3%**	**14.1%**	**15.5%**	**21.3%**	**30.1%**	**42.1%**

Dollars in millions

General Governmental Funds

Large One-Time Items in Forecast

	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29	FY 29/30	FY 30/31
PD Radio Replacements	$8.2M				
ERP Insights Financial Reporting	$3.5M				
City Parking Garage Structural Repairs	$2.8M				
Fire & Medical Radio Replacements	$1.7M	$1.7M	$3.0M		
27th Pay Period		$15.6M			
PD Evidence Freezer Replacement		$1.0M			
Fire & Medical Cardiac Monitors			$5.1M		
PD Handgun Replacements			$1.3M		
Southeast Aquatic Facility – FF&E			$1.2M		
Public Safety Radio Coverage Improvements				$1.8M	$1.6M
Red Mountain Aquatic Facility – FF&E					$1.2M
Large One-Time Items Total	**$16.2M**	**$18.3M**	**$10.6M**	**$1.8M**	**$2.8M**

Utility Fund – Proposed Budget Update

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As of April 2026	FY 24/25 Actuals	FY 25/26 Estimate	FY 26/27 Forecast	FY 27/28 Forecast	FY 28/29 Forecast	FY 29/30 Forecast	FY 30/31 Forecast
WATER	$5,157,415	($6,250,301)	($4,243,746)	$3,872,100	$10,827,531	$14,218,283	$21,764,574
WASTEWATER	($4,094,937)	($6,593,945)	($6,184,802)	($3,948,797)	($366)	$6,287,539	$4,572,681
SOLID WASTE	$1,488,195	($1,495,187)	($2,875)	$2,067,291	$4,977,131	$5,088,978	$10,227,798
ELECTRIC	$659,688	$1,219,190	($553,060)	($467,759)	($272,898)	($465,227)	($223,778)
NATURAL GAS	($474,783)	($4,921,207)	($4,719,806)	($3,021,893)	$679,876	$65,081	$1,122,933
DISTRICT COOLING	($335,236)	($287,403)	($158,767)	($141,124)	($135,589)	($166,608)	($200,075)
TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES	$2,400,341	($18,328,854)	($15,863,055)	($1,640,181)	$16,075,685	$25,028,045	$37,264,133
Beginning Reserve Balance	$117,019,543	$119,419,884	$101,091,031	$85,227,975	$83,587,794	$99,663,479	$124,691,525
Ending Reserve Balance	**$119,419,884**	**$101,091,031**	**$85,227,975**	**$83,587,794**	**$99,663,479**	**$124,691,525**	**$161,955,658**
Ending Reserve Balance Percent*	**22.0%**	**17.3%**	**13.8%**	**12.9%**	**14.4%**	**17.0%**	**20.8%**
*As a % of Next Fiscal Year's Expenditures							
WATER Residential (Tier 1 usage)	6.00%	**2.50%**	*3.50%*	*3.50%*	*3.50%*	*3.50%*	*3.50%*
WATER Commercial (usage)	8.50%	**20.00%**	*13.00%*	*13.00%*	*13.00%*	*13.00%*	*13.00%*
WASTEWATER Residential	7.50%	**7.50%**	*7.50%*	*7.50%*	*7.50%*	*7.50%*	*7.50%*
WASTEWATER Non-Residential	8.50%	**8.50%**	*8.50%*	*8.50%*	*8.50%*	*8.50%*	*8.50%*
SOLID WASTE Residential	5.50%	**5.50%**	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*
SOLID WASTE Commercial	10.00%	**5.50%**	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*
SOLID WASTE Rolloff	6.50%	**5.50%**	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*	*5.50%*
ELECTRIC Residential - svc charge	$2.75	**$1.00**	*$3.00*	*$3.00*	*$3.00*	*$3.00*	*$3.00*
ELECTRIC Non-Residential - svc charge	$5.00	**$5.00**	*$5.00*	*$5.00*	*$5.00*	*$5.00*	*$5.00*
GAS Residential - svc charge	$0.00	**$0.00**	*$1.00*	*$1.00*	*$1.00*	*$1.00*	*$1.00*
GAS Non-Residential - svc charge	$3.00	**$3.00**	*$3.00*	*$3.00*	*$3.00*	*$3.00*	*$3.00*

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April 30, 2026

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR MARK FREEMAN

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for appointments to the City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees:

Historic Preservation Board – Seven-member board

Jeff Welker, District 1. Mr. Welker is a specialized construction and land development consultant, and owner of Welker Development Resources, LLC. He retired from the City of Mesa after 31 years of service, having served as Deputy Building Safety Director. He holds a Certified Public Manager designation from Arizona State University. His partial term will expire June 30, 2028.

Design Review Board – Seven-member board

Nicole Lynam, District 3. Ms. Lynam is a registered architect and owner of KE Design LLC. She holds an associate's degree in architectural design from Lansing Community College and a bachelor's degree in housing and urban development from Arizona State University. Her partial term will expire June 30, 2026.

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