

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 31, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on August 31, 2026, at 5:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Scott Somers
Rich Adams*
Alicia Goforth*
Francisco Heredia
Dorean Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mark Freeman
Jennifer Duff

OFFICERS PRESENT

Marc Heirshberg
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Vice Mayor's welcome.

Vice Mayor Somers conducted a roll call.

Vice Mayor Somers excused Mayor Freeman and Councilmember Duff from the entire meeting.

Invocation by Reverend Brian Crane of Eternal Life Lutheran Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kayla Ramirez of Scout Troop #3054.

There were no awards, recognitions, or announcements.

1. Take action on all consent agenda items.

All items listed on the agenda with an asterisk (*) are on the consent agenda which means they will be considered by the City Council as a group, without any separate discussion of these items, unless a Councilmember or citizen requests the item be removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately. If a citizen wants an item removed from the consent agenda, a request must be made prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Somers–Adams–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Freeman–Duff

Vice Mayor Somers declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Minutes from the Strategic Planning Session held on May 28, 2026; Special Council Meeting held on June 1, 2026; Study Sessions held on June 1, July 20, and July 27, 2026; and the Regular Council meeting held on August 17, 2026.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. Itz-A Wings

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Itz A Wings 10 LLC, 6837 East Main Street - Jose Angel Moreno, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 2)**

*3-b. Original Cuisine

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Original Cuisine Inc., 1853 West Broadway Road - Jiale Tian, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-c. Soju Station

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Fox Helps LLC, 1976 West Southern Avenue - Jaong Hwon Woo, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-d. Sam's One Stop Shop

A liquor store is requesting to add sampling privileges to their existing Series 9 Liquor Store License for Dani & Mila 1 LLC, 2111 South Alma School Road, Suite 4 - Osamah Mahmud Arikat, agent. The existing license will revert to the state for modification. **(District 3)**

*3-e. Sprouts Farmers Market #0059

A grocery store is requesting a new Series 10S Beer and Wine Store License with Sampling Privileges for SF Market LLC (FN), 1110 West Southern Avenue, Suite 1-6 - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-f. Kagawa Guys

A restaurant that serves dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Saboten LLC, 2121 West Guadalupe Road, Suite 6 - Yosuke Takahashi, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-g. Longbow Golf Club

A golf club with a restaurant that serves breakfast and lunch is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for WG Longbow LLC, 5601 East Longbow Parkway - Kevin Arnold Kramber, agent. The existing Series 12 Restaurant License held by Thompson Golf Group OPS LLC will revert to the State. **(District 5)**

*3-h. Longbow Golf Club

A golf club is requesting an ownership transfer of an existing Series 7 Beer and Wine Bar License for WG Longbow LLC, 5601 East Longbow Parkway - Kevin Arnold Kramber, agent. The existing Series 7 Beer and Wine Bar License held by Thompson Golf Group OPS LLC will revert to the State for modification. **(District 5)**

*3-i. Oregano's Pizza Bistro

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Oregano's AZ LLC - 3506 South Signal Butte Road - Kevin James Holt, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 6)**

*3-j. Fumarys

A smoke shop is requesting a new Series 10 Beer and Wine Store License for Senebel LLC, 5925 East Southern Avenue, Suite 102 - Bernadette Maria Fortini, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 6)**

*3-k. Sprouts Farmers Market #0055

A grocery store is requesting a new Series 10S Beer and Wine Store License with Sampling Privileges for SF Market LLC (FN), 5131 South Ellsworth Road - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 6)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. Elliot Road: Eastern Maricopa Floodway to Ellsworth Road, Design-Bid-Build Contract. **(District 6)**

This project will improve the Elliot Road corridor from a two-way, two-lane rural roadway into a six-lane major arterial roadway with raised medians, curb/gutter, sidewalk, roadside retention basins, traffic signals, street lighting, and median landscaping. A storm drain pipe will be installed from Hawes Road to an outfall into the East Maricopa Floodway (EMF).

Staff recommend awarding a contract to HEI Civil, in the amount of \$17,143,737.55, and authorizing a change order allowance in the amount of \$1,714,373.76 (10%), for a total authorized amount of \$18,858,111.31. This project is funded by Local Street Sales Tax, of which 94.3% will be reimbursed by the federal grant under the STBG program.

*4-b. Eastmark Aquatic Complex - Pre-Construction Services and Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR). **(District 6)**

The scope of this portion of the Eastmark Aquatic Complex Project is to review the project design for constructability, prepare and submit cost estimates, develop construction sequencing and an efficient construction schedule, create construction phasing plans, and develop the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

Staff recommend selecting Sun Eagle Corporation as the CMAR for this project and awarding a pre-construction services contract in the amount of \$136,295.00. This project is funded by 2024 Parks and Culture General Obligation (GO) Bond.

*4-c. Red Mountain Aquatic Complex - Pre-Construction Services and Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR). **(District 5)**

The scope of this services contract for the Red Mountain Aquatic Complex Project is to review the project design for constructability, prepare and submit cost estimates, develop construction sequencing and an efficient construction schedule, create construction phasing plans, and develop the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

Staff recommend selecting Sun Eagle Corporation as the CMAR for this project and awarding a pre-construction services contract in the amount of \$136,295.00. This project is funded by 2024 Parks and Culture General Obligation (GO) Bond.

*4-d. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Wind Screens, Protective Netting & Batter's Eye Repair & Replacement for the Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities Department (Single Response). **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide the purchase, installation, and repair or replacement of wind screens, protective netting, and batter's eye screens for the various City parks and sports fields maintained by the Aquatics and Parks Maintenance Division. Repair and replacement services include but are not limited to the repair and/or replacement of existing fabric covers, existing structural parts, screen fabrication, and installation of new fabric covers. This contract will ensure the windscreens remain both functional and visually well-maintained as they age or experience damage from storms or vandalism.

A committee representing Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities Department and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the single, responsive, and responsible proposal from Chase Sports Specialist, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$245,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*4-e. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Helicopter Pilot Training Services for the Mesa Police Department (Single Response). **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide helicopter pilot training services for initial pilot certification and additional ratings for existing pilots. The Mesa Police Department's Air Support Unit provides critical airborne law enforcement services, including patrol support, and depends on a team of qualified pilots to maintain operational readiness. Training will be conducted by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) commercially certified regional flight school, providing high-quality instruction while maximizing program effectiveness, operational efficiency, and cost-effectiveness.

A committee representing the Mesa Police Department and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the single, responsive, and responsible proposal from Jets to Helis, LLC dba Quantum Helicopters, in an amount not to exceed \$164,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*4-f. Dollar Limit Increase to the Term Contract for Off Site/On-Site Vehicle Washing Services for Citywide Departments (as requested by the Business Services Department). **(Citywide)**

This contract provides a list of qualified vendors to perform off-site/on-site vehicle washing services for various types of City vehicles on an as-needed basis. The original

award amount was based on anticipated usage at the time of award but actual usage has exceeded initial estimates due to departmental operational needs.

The Business Services, Fleet, Mesa Fire and Medical, and Mesa Police Departments and Procurement Services recommend increasing the dollar limit with Cobblestone Opco, LLC (a Mesa business); Paragon Power Washing (a Mesa business); Twin Palms Investment, LLC (a Mesa business); and Yuyin Detail, LLC (a Mesa business) by \$25,000, from \$100,000 to a total combined amount not to exceed \$125,000 annually.

5. Take action on the following resolution:

- *5-a. Setting the date and time for the public hearing on the continuation of the Mesa Town Center Improvement District No. 228 to be October 26, 2026, at 5:45 P.M. **(District 4)** – Resolution No. 12569

On October 7th, 1985, the City established the Mesa Town Center Improvement District to provide enhanced municipal services for the Town Center. Approval on October 26, 2026 would continue the Mesa Town Center Improvement District for an additional five years.

6. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting September 14, 2026, as the date of the public hearing on these ordinances:

- *6-a. ANX25-00682 - Annexing 5.2± acres located at the southwest corner of East Williams Field Road and State Route 24. This request has been initiated by Dennis Newcombe, Gammage and Burnham, for the owner, Pacific Proving, LLC. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 6029
- *6-b. ANX25-00893 - Annexing 196.3± acres located at the northeast corner of South Ellsworth Road and East Williams Field Road. This request has been initiated by Dennis Newcombe, Gammage and Burnham, for the owners, Pacific Proving, LLC, and Mesa BA Land, LLC. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 6030
- *6-c. ZON25-00891 "Legacy Park" 196.3± acres located at the northeast corner of South Ellsworth Road and East Williams Field Road. Rezone from Light Industrial to Planned Community District (PC). This request will allow for the development of a mixed-use planned community. Pacific Proving LLC, Owner; Susan Demmitt/Dennis Newcombe, Gammage & Burnham, Applicant. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 6031

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote: 7-0)

- *6-d. ANX25-00725 - Annexing 0.38± acres of county right-of-way along South Signal Butte Road approximately 1,250± feet south of the southwest corner of South Signal Butte Road and East Williams Field Road. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 6032

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

- *7-a. Amending Sections 10-4-2 and 10-4-3 of the Mesa City Code to establish a continuous speed limit of 45 mph on Ellsworth Road from the north City limits to the south City limits by modifying the Ellsworth Road speed limit between Elliot Road and the south City

limits from 50 mph to 45 mph, as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board.
(District 6) – Ordinance No. 6028

Items not on the Consent Agenda

8. Items from citizens present.

Jillian Ryan, a Mesa resident, raised issues regarding City priorities, including water resources, development, data centers, the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), public comment procedures, and Council conduct. She urged the Council to rebuild community trust.

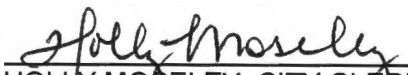
Mary Maybeno, a Mesa resident, expressed concerns regarding an upcoming drag-themed Christmas performance at the Mesa Arts Center, including its appropriateness for a publicly funded facility, age restrictions, community standards, and the City's nondiscrimination ordinance.

Jerrica Trimble, a Mesa resident, commented on the City's use of Flock cameras, citing reports of misuse, inaccurate license plate reads, and potential public safety issues, and suggested a full audit and investigation into their use and accountability.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK





SCOTT SOMERS, VICE 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 31st day of August 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK