



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 5, 2024

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on February 5, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Francisco Heredia*
Jennifer Duff
Mark Freeman
Alicia Goforth
Scott Somers*
Julie Spilsbury

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

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

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

Invocation by Pastor Brian Crane with Eternal Life Lutheran Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Giles.

Awards, recognitions, and announcements.

Mayor Giles presented the Tribal Land Acknowledgement Proclamation recognizing that the City gathers on the homeland of the native people and their ancestors, as well as offers respect to the indigenous people. He indicated that the City developed the language in collaboration with its partners in the four southern tribes, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Gila River Indian Community, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, and the Tohono O'odham Nation, which are among the 22 tribes recognized by the Arizona indigenous tribes. He commented Mesa is committed to continuing working in partnership with ancestral indigenous communities to foster understanding, appreciation, and respect for their heritage.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the City has a long history and relationship with Mesa's tribal partners, and both the City and the tribes place great value on the history and wish to preserve Mesa's community for future generations. He emphasized the City is proud to support the Land Acknowledgement and is committed to working internally with all departments to determine ways to make a meaningful declaration.

Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Alicoate thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the enduring and inseparable relationship between indigenous people and Mesa lands. She also thanked the tribes for collaborating with the City of Mesa (COM) to ensure that the language reflects their history. She discussed the resources made available to the public to be

used as an opportunity to further the Mesa Together initiative by educating the public on the value and meaning. She hopes the Land Acknowledgement will be a learning tool for Mesa's community, as well as a testament that the COM continues to live by and honor the legacy of native people within Mesa.

Mayor Giles declared February as Black History month, which encourages people to become more knowledgeable about black heritage and honor the many black leaders who contributed to the progress of the nation. He acknowledged members of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, and the Mesa-East Valley MLK Committee in attendance. He presented the Proclamation to Keisha McKinnor, President of the Mesa-East Valley MLK Committee.

Ms. McKinnor expressed her appreciation of Mesa's commitment to honoring and recognizing the commitments of Black Americans both in Mesa and the nation. She emphasized that Black history is American history and wants to recognize and invest in the seeds of the future contributions that Black Americans will continue to make in Mesa and the nation.

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.

Councilmember Goforth commented on her support for Item 5-b.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Spilsbury, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Heredia–Duff–Freeman–Goforth–Somers–Spilsbury
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

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

Minutes from the January 4 and 22, 2024, Study Sessions; and January 22, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. Venture Out Social Club Inc.

This is a one-day event to be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Baja Bistro at Venture Out at Mesa, 5001 East Main Street. **(District 2)**

*3-b. American Patriots Riders Club

This is a one-day event to be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Desert Wind Harley Davidson, 922 South Country Club Drive. **(District 4)**

*3-c. Bowyer Battle

This is a one-day event to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Cadence Community Center, 9760 East Cadence Parkway. **(District 6)**

*3-d. Charge N Go

A convenience store is requesting a new Series 10 Beer and Wine Store License for VM Energy Mesa LLC, 6262 East Main Street - Vishal Goel, agent. The existing license held by Happy Convenience Enterprises Inc. will revert to the State. **(District 2)**

*3-e. The Vibe Lounge & Restaurant

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for The Vibe Lounge & Restaurant LLC, 1457 West Southern Avenue Suite 1 - Quacy Manning, agent. **(District 3)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. One-Year Term Contract with One-Year Renewal Options for Emergency Vehicle Preemption Equipment for the Transportation Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

The Transportation Department's Intelligent Transportation Systems operation utilizes Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) systems and equipment at approximately 400 signalized intersections for the purpose of expediting emergency response and providing public safety. This EVP equipment is required to maintain current systems and to provide new EVP systems at City intersections identified by the Mesa Fire and Medical Department.

The Transportation Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, A & M Signal, LLC at \$250,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5%, or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*4-b. Cooperative Contract Use for the Term Contracts for Maintenance, Repair, and Operating Supplies for the Water Resources Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide various electrical, mechanical, plumbing, wastewater reclamation systems, cooling tower supplies, and equipment and tools for use in operating the City's water and wastewater facilities.

The Water Resources Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using cooperative contracts: Maricopa County with Applied Industrial Technologies; Omnia Partners/University of California with Fastenal; Region 4 ESC - TX with Wesco Distribution; and Sourcewell with Motion Industries; at \$360,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5%, or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*4-c. Dollar Limit Increase to the Term Contract for Industrial and Non-Industrial Equipment, Parts, and Supplies for the Department of Innovation and Technology (Funded by Community Development Block Grant Funds). **(Citywide)**

The City's 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) plan, as amended and reported to Council on January 22, 2024, included a new project for Middle Mile data transport installation as part of the Connect @Mesa program which will deliver internet connectivity to neighborhoods. This project utilizes City streetlight infrastructure to deliver gigabit broadband connectivity into neighborhoods in support of free public Wi-Fi as well as improvement of other City services in these neighborhoods. This Council action will increase Year three's contract threshold for additional purchases for the new Middle Mile project with Arizona Electrical Supply.

The Department of Innovation and Technology, Community Services Department, and Purchasing recommend increasing the dollar limit with Consolidated Electrical Distributors dba Arizona Electrical Supply (a Mesa business); Elliott Electric Supply; Graybar Electric Company Inc.; and Wesco Distribution Inc., Year Three by \$1,472,880, from \$2,740,000 to \$4,212,880 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5%, or the adjusted Consumer Price Index. This increase is funded by CDBG grant funds.

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

*5-a. Approving the participation of the City in the Salt River Project (SRP) Agricultural Improvement and Power District Solar Choice Select Program, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Participation Agreement with SRP to offset a portion of the City's electricity use with renewable energy by payment of a per-kilowatt hour premium. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12151

*5-b. ZON23-00455 "Extra Space Storage" **(District 5)** Within the 9300 block of East Southern Avenue (south side). Located south of Southern Avenue and east of Ellsworth Road (5.4± acres). Major Site Plan Modification and Council Use Permit. This request will allow for the expansion of a mini-storage facility. Omar Abdallah, applicant; Extra Space Properties Two LLC, owner. – Resolution No. 12152

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote 5-0)

*5-c. Extinguishing a temporary drainage easement located at 7729 East Pecos Road to allow for the development of an office and/or classroom building for American Leadership Academy; requested by the property owner. **(District 6)** – Resolution No. 12153

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

*6-a. Amending Section 11-31-34(A) of the Mesa Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Dual Licensee Facilities. The amendments include, but are not limited to, modifying the spacing requirements between Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Dual Licensee Facilities. – Ordinance No. 5845

This ordinance modifies the ordinance pertaining to the spacing requirements between marijuana facilities that was introduced at the August 21, 2023 City Council meeting.

Staff Recommendation: Adoption

P&Z Board Recommendation: Adoption (Vote: 7-0)

7. Take action on the following subdivision plats:

- *7-a. SUB23-00820 "Cadence at Gateway Phase 3 - Parcel C1 & Tract C2" (District 6) Within the 10000 block of East Williams Field Road (north side) and within the 5900 block of South Crismon Road (east side). Located on the northeast corner of Williams Field and Crismon Roads (3.02± acres). PPGN-Crismon, LLLP, developer; Robert A. Johnston, EPS Group, surveyor.

Items not on the Consent Agenda

8. Items from citizens present.

Olga Lopez, a Chandler resident, reported that her son, Jeremiah Aviles, was murdered in Mesa. She expressed concerns regarding the lack of policies, outdated policies, and the escalation of teen violence. She requested a greater amount of effort from the City of Mesa (COM).

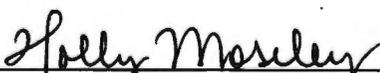
Bridget Vega, unknown address, stated she was assaulted in Mesa and wants to bring awareness to senseless acts of violence. She suggested that the COM partner with non-profit organizations to address many of the issues related to trauma prevention training programs for victims. She stressed the importance of ensuring children feel safe, eradicating teen violence, and seeking justice.

Mayor Giles commented that, despite the fact that the Council cannot respond to concerns that are not on the agenda, the Council can meet with Ms. Lopez and connect her to the appropriate resources within the Mesa Police Department.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK





JOHN GILES, 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 5th day of February 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK