



COUNCIL MINUTES

January 27, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on January 27, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

Jennifer Duff

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman excused Councilmember Duff from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the January 27, 2025, 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: None

In response to a question from Mayor Freeman regarding Item 4-c, **(Authorizing the City Manager to execute a first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat Fenix, LLC related to approximately 41,585 +/- square feet of City-owned property "Green Lot" generally located at the southeast corner of West Pepper Place and North MacDonald in downtown Mesa, commonly referred to as the "Eco Mesa East". The amendment has the effect of extending the Memorandum of Understanding to continue negotiation of the agreements for the development of the project. (District 4))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Downtown Transformation Manager Jeff McVay and Economic Development Project Manager Jimmy Cerracchio provided an update on the status of the Eco Mesa East project.

Mr. McVay explained that the proposed amendment is an extension of the existing agreement only and confirmed that none of the business terms are being altered. He reiterated the importance of communication between the developer and the local businesses surrounding the project and confirmed his confidence that the positive relationships will continue as the project progresses.

2-a. Appointments to various boards and committees.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Spilsbury, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 1)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Goforth–Heredia–Spilsbury
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Duff

Mayor Freeman declared the motion passed unanimously by those present.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

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

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Spilsbury, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 5:22 p.m. and enter into an Executive Session.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Goforth–Heredia–Spilsbury
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Duff

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5-a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)) Discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City attorney regarding the City's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations. (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4)).

1. Negotiations concerning the terms and conditions related to the potential transfer of land to the City of Mesa.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Mark Freeman
MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Holly Moseley
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 27th of January 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Holly Moseley
HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)



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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:

Housing Governing Board – Membership includes City Council and one community member.

Rut Brea De La Vega, District 2. Ms. De La Vega has been participating in the Resident Advisory Board since February 2021 and is a Housing Choice Voucher participant in good standing, since April 1, 2011. She attended Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey and has a background in the banking industry. Her one-year term ends December 31, 2025.

Self-Insurance Board of Trustees – Three-member board including new appointment.

Katherine Callaway, District 3. Ms. Callaway has extensive experience in the Risk Management and Insurance professions and is currently a Risk Management Analyst and Risk Management & Insurance Administrator at Central Arizona Project. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Insurance from Arizona State University. Her partial term ends June 30, 2026