

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 2025

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

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

Alicia Goforth

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Kelly Whittemore

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman excused Councilmember Goforth from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the October 20, 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 request from Mayor Freeman regarding agenda Item 4-a, **(Desert Well No. 7 Equipping Project, Design-Bid-Build Contract. (District 6))**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, Water Resources Director Christopher Hassert explained that the proposed item is a bid award to equip Desert Well 7, which was previously drilled under a separate contract approximately two years ago. He confirmed that the \$4.5 million contract covers site construction, electrical systems, and installation of operational components making the total project cost approximately \$6.7 million.

Mr. Hassert pointed out the significant cost increase compared to 2019, when drilling and equipping wells cost less than half of the proposed contract amount; however, despite the higher costs the project is necessary to maintain the City's water portfolio, particularly in the southeast Mesa area. He reported that this is a redrill of an existing 50-year-old well, located near Hawes Road between Baseline and Guadalupe Roads, and confirmed that the new well will provide greater production capacity and is well situated in the east-central part of Mesa. He added that

wells in this area are typically 1,000–1,200 feet deep, requiring substantial horsepower to pump water from that depth.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Somers regarding agenda Item 5-c, **(Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) for the Pecos Road Basins and Storm Drain Improvements project and providing clarification by the means which the City can contribute to the project cost share agreement through easement acquisitions necessary for the project.) (District 6))**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, City Engineer Lance Webb stated that the Power and Elliot Road Storm Drain and Basin Project has been in collaboration with the Flood Control District for approximately 12 years and that the project addresses one of the last major areas in Mesa lacking sufficient regional drainage infrastructure. He confirmed that this corridor experiences significant sheet flow during storm events, and the planned improvements will provide regional stormwater management to reduce flooding risks.

Mr. Webb clarified that improvements to the Pecos Road Basins in partnership with the Flood Control District include the construction of new storm drains and retention basins to distribute flood flows more effectively. He pointed out that project costs are being shared on a 60/40 basis. He praised the Flood Control District's partnership, noting that their joint investments have repeatedly proven effective, especially during recent major storm events, which demonstrated the value of past drainage improvements. He emphasized that while drainage projects do not generate revenue, they are critical infrastructure investments that prevent damage and protect the community during extreme weather.

Councilmember Duff highlighted agenda Item 5-b, **(Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to accept \$1,369,936 in Assistance to Firefighter Grant funds, with a required City match of \$136,993. (10%) (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, and expressed her appreciation for the grant funds to be received.

Fire Chief Mary Camelli confirmed that the grant funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will be used for sworn cancer screenings and the purchase of automatic CPR devices.

2. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

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

3. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mark Freeman
MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

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 20th day of October 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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