



COUNCIL MINUTES

August 24, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session Meeting via a virtual format streamed into the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, on August 24, 2020 at 5:16 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles*
Mark Freeman*
Jennifer Duff*
Francisco Heredia*
David Luna*
Kevin Thompson*
Jeremy Whittaker

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

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

(Councilmember Whittaker participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the August 24, 2020 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

2. Take action on the following:

2-a. Appointments to the Building Board of Appeals and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Thompson-Whittaker
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Councilmember Duff – Mesa Achieves Higher Education Meeting with Mesa Counts on College Director Amy Trethaway – Matching CARES dollars allocated for the Promise Program

Councilmember Luna – Discussion with Kris Bliss, Interim Associate Dean of Mesa Community College Red Mountain Campus regarding training students as the future workforce
Meeting with Amy Trethaway – Creating pathways from early childhood to college

Councilmember Duff announced August 27 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Community Conversation with Police Chief Ken Cost to engage with Mesa citizens on improvements to the Mesa Police Department.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 31, 2020, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 31, 2020, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council meeting

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, 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 24th day of August 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)

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TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

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

Building Board of Appeals – Nine-member board including new appointments.

Jim O’Neal, District 1. Mr. O’Neil is the owner of Broken Yolk Café and has more than 20 years’ experience in the homebuilding industry from framing to superintendent at Shea Homes. He studied business at Westmont College and University of Arizona. Mr. O’Neal was recognized as Superintendent of the Year by the Building Industry Association of San Diego in 2013. His term expires June 30, 2023.

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System – Two, five-member boards including new appointments.

David Silides, Jr., Citywide. Mr. Silides has been with Mesa Fire and Medical for nearly 20 years and has served as a Firefighter, Engineer and Captain. He is a Paramedic and Technical Rescue certified Captain on Ladder 204. He is also a Tactical Emergency Medical Support medic with the Mesa SWAT team and recently completed Threat Liaison Officer training. His term expires June 30, 2023.

Jenny Sheppard, District 5. Ms. Sheppard was Financial Service Operations Director at City of Mesa and retired after more than 30 years of service. She is past president of the Mesa Soroptimist Club and a Certified Public Manager. Ms. Sheppard earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Arizona State University and a Master’s Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. Her term expires June 30, 2023.