

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 2014

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 20, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Alex Finter
Christopher Glover
Dennis Kavanaugh
David Luna
Dave Richins
Scott Somers*

COUNCIL ABSENT

Scott Smith

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Dee Ann Mickelsen

Vice Mayor Finter excused Mayor Smith from the entire meeting.

(*Councilmember Somers participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment; he joined the meeting at 7:32 a.m.)

1. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction to the Fire Department regarding the donation of a fire pumper truck to the Superior Fire Department.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Bloomer displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and stated that the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) was seeking Council approval to donate one fire pumper truck to the Superior Fire Department. He explained that the apparatus, which is a 1997 Pierce Quantum, 1500 gallons per minute (gpm) fire pumper, has met all of its replacement criteria with the Purchasing Department in order to be released.

Chief Bloomer highlighted two photographs illustrating the fire pumper truck. (See Pages 4 and 5 of Attachment 1)

Councilmember Richins commented that his “day job” provides him the opportunity to work with many communities in the Copper Corridor, such as Superior, Miami, Hayden and Winkelman. He stated that the economic impacts in those communities are “pretty stark,” and added that the truck can be of great value to the Superior Fire Department.

Councilmember Kavanaugh commended Councilmember Richins for bringing this issue to the Council’s attention. He indicated that the City of Mesa has a history of partnering with other Arizona communities, as well as its Sister City, Guaymas, Mexico. He advised that this year, the City has received requests from Guaymas and the Town of Superior, but pointed out that Superior’s request is a much more immediate need. He further noted that the City of Phoenix

has loaned fire equipment to Superior for a period of time and added that approving this request is “a great way” to continue Mesa’s regional partnerships with other fire departments and public safety departments.

Councilmember Luna voiced support for the proposal. He stated that having grown up in a mining town in southeast Arizona, he was aware that similarly-sized mining communities are in dire need of assistance. He also thanked Councilmember Richins for bringing this matter to the Council’s attention.

Vice Mayor Finter expressed support for the donation and remarked that many Mesa residents travel through Superior and the surrounding communities. He also stressed the importance of the Superior Fire Department having dependable emergency response vehicles to assist citizens throughout the area.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Finter, City Attorney Debbie Spinner clarified that City policy does not require that the Council make a formal motion with regard to the proposal. She noted that Council direction would be sufficient.

Vice Mayor Finter stated that it was the consensus of the Council that staff move forward with the fire apparatus donation to the Superior Fire Department. He thanked Chief Bloomer for the presentation.

2. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 6:30 p.m. – Building Strong Neighborhoods, District 1

Saturday, March 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – Falcon Field Airport Open House

4. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 7:37 a.m. and enter into Executive Session.

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

- 4-a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (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, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A(4))

1. Stoddard v. City of Mesa, CV2013-004436
2. White v. City of Mesa et al., 2:13-cv-00397-JWS

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Executive Session adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

ALEX FINTER, VICE 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 20th day of March, 2014. 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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FIRE Apparatus Donation

**Superior Fire
Department**

Apparatus Donation

- **Donation of one fire pumper truck:**
 - 1997 Pierce Quantum, 1500 gpm fire pumper.
 - Vehicle has been in service since 1997 and has met its replacement criteria in one or more of the following categories: age, mileage, and/or obsolescence.

Apparatus Donation

- This unit is no longer cost effective as a frontline or backup vehicle in the Mesa Fire And Medical fleet, however it would be a valuable resource to Superior Fire Department.
 - Superior Fire Department has limited resources for the purchase of fire trucks and equipment.
 - This unit will be used as an emergency response frontline unit for the department.



