

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 19, 2015

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Joint Meeting with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in the 3rd floor studio conference room of the Mesa Arts Center, 1 East Main Street, on February 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Alex Finter
David Luna
Dave Richins
Kevin Thompson

COUNCIL ABSENT

Christopher Glover
Dennis Kavanaugh

SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENT

Delbert Ray, President
David Antone
Martin Harvier
Janelle Howard
Archie Kashoya
Thomas Largo, Sr.
Ricardo Leonard
Deanna Scabby

COUNCIL ABSENT

Michael Dallas

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Dee Ann Mickelsen

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mayor Giles welcomed the Council and staff of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC). He acknowledged the long partnership between the SRPMIC and the City of Mesa and extended his thanks for their contributions to the City of Mesa.

Delbert Ray, SRPMIC President, introduced the members of his Council and extended appreciation to the Mesa City Council for their support and partnership.

2. Discussion Items related to 12% Indian Gaming Grant Funds, "Keep the Promise" Legislation, and Solid Waste Services.

Mayor Giles explained that the City of Mesa receives 12% Indian Gaming Grant funds from the SRPMIC, which allows the City to fund additional programs.

President Ray acknowledged renewal of the agreement between the City of Mesa and the Salt River Landfill and added that it is beneficial to both communities.

Gary Bohnee, SRPMIC Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator provided an update on U.S. Senate Bill (SB) 152 regarding "Keep the Promise" legislation. He explained that the bill has passed in the U.S. House of Representatives and is pending a hearing in the U.S. Senate, by the Committee on Indian Affairs. He added that he is hopeful that the bill will pass within the next month.

Mike Shield, SRPMIC Legal Counsel provided an update on the construction of the West Valley casino project. He added by saying the groundbreaking occurred in December 2014 and that a casino will be built prior to a hotel, parking garage or retail shops.

Brian Meyers, SRPMIC Community Development Manager explained that 90% of the SRPMIC's operating budget is from revenues within the community and 10% from state and federal grants and programs. He added that "Keep the Promise" legislation and support from community partners such as the City of Mesa is vital to the Indian community.

Councilmember Richins explained that his door is always open and that he looks forward to the continued relationship with the SRPMIC. He added that he welcomes future discussions of common issues and goals between the two communities.

Mayor Giles provided an update on various development efforts throughout Mesa, including light rail, expansion efforts at Mesa Riverview, and a new Sheraton hotel adjacent to the Cubs Stadium.

Mayor Giles thanked the Council and staff of the SRPMIC for participating in today's meeting.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 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 Joint Meeting with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, held on the 19th day of February, 2015. 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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