

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS MINUTES

January 11, 2016

The Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on January 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Caudia Walters, Chairperson
Pete Lesar
Gary Levine
Anne McCawley
Bryan Raines

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

John Pombier
Alfred Smith
Dee Ann Mickelsen

1. Approval of the minutes of the Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials meeting held on November 17, 2015.

It was moved by Commission Member Raines, seconded by Commission Member Levine, that the minutes from the November 17, 2015 meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider authorizing Chairman Walters to review and approve the minutes from today's meeting and forward to the City Council for acknowledgement.

Chairperson Walters indicated that this item was meant to increase the efficiency and time-frame of approving the Commission's minutes in the future.

It was moved by Commission Member Lesar, seconded by Commission Member McCawley, that Chairman Walters be authorized to review and approve the minutes from today's meeting and forward to the City Council for acknowledgement.

Carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and take action on the Report and Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding the compensation for Mesa's elected officials.

Executive Management Assistant to the City Manager Jill Kotsur displayed the Report and Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council, which included the changes proposed by the Commission Members. **(See Attachment 1)** She reported that the document could be signed today by Chairperson Walters and presented to the City Council at a future meeting.

Chairperson Walters explained that the City Council would have the option of voting for or against all of the recommendations and could not make changes. She added that the City Council could request that the Commission reconvene and establish new recommendations.

In response to a question from Chairperson Walters, Deputy City Attorney Alfred Smith reported that staff is working to amend the ordinance as it relates to the timing of Commission meetings.

In response to a question from Commission Member Raines, Mr. Smith clarified that the Report and Recommendations must be presented to the City Council within 30 days of approval.

In response to a question from Commission Member Lesar, Deputy City Manager John Pombier clarified that the proposed increase would take effect when the next Council takes office in January 2017.

Chairperson Walters explained that all Councilmembers would receive the increase, however the change would not take effect until the newly elected Councilmembers are sworn in and seated, which would be mid-January 2017. She commented on an inquiry from Commission Member Levine relative to another increase in 2019 and noted that it would be discussed and voted on at a future date.

It was moved by Commission Member Raines, seconded by Commission Member Levine, to approve the Report and Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding the compensation for Mesa's elected officials as written.

Carried unanimously.

4. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Independent Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials held on the 11th day of January, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK