

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2017

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 December 11, 2017 at 5:17 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
David Luna
Mark Freeman
Christopher Glover
Francisco Heredia
Kevin Thompson
Jeremy Whittaker

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

1. Review items on the agenda for the December 11, 2017 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: #5-h.

Councilmember Whittaker requested that item #5-h be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Whittaker remarked that the Ameresco contract has no Return on Investment (ROI), that the City's electric grid cost is currently .03 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and per the contract the City will pay .145 cents per kWh for a net loss of approximately \$126,762 per year. He noted that Strategic Solar Energy LLC has a patent on solar panels over 18 feet tall and stated the opinion that this is detrimental to the solar industry.

City Manager Christopher Brady clarified that the City is not charging the Mesa electric customers the entire .145 cents per kWh. He stated that the project is a shade structure as well as an event center and costs will be broken down to three areas: the Mesa Arts Center (MAC), the City of Mesa, and the Mesa electric customers. He added that the patent is legal and was established prior to this agreement.

Councilmember Freeman requested that Council consider the development of a strategic plan for renewable energies in the future.

Mr. Brady pointed out that in the Ameresco contract the City has established the option to purchase beginning at year six of the contract.

Discussion ensued relative to comparison costs and funding options if the City purchased the structure.

2-a. Appointments to the Historic Preservation Board and the Museum & Cultural Advisory Board.

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

Carried unanimously.

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

Vice Mayor Luna: CycloMesa Winterfest

The following is an upcoming event reported by Vice Mayor Luna:

Thursday, December 14, 2017, 11:30 a.m. – UconnectMesa Pop-up! District 5

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Saturday, December 16, 2017, 4:30 p.m. – Pioneer Park Grand Opening Celebration

Monday, January 8, 2018, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:46 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 11th day of December, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

December 11, 2017

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Historic Preservation Board and the Museum & Cultural Advisory Board.

Attached is my recommendation for appointments to the Historic Preservation Board and the Museum & Cultural Advisory Board.

Historic Preservation Board – Seven-member board with one new appointment.

Jeri Meeks, District 4. Ms. Meeks currently serves as the Operations Manager for the Mesa Historical Museum. Previously, Ms. Meeks spent a thirty year career with Arizona State University in business operations and human resources management. Ms. Meeks volunteers her time with the Mesa United Way, East Valley Museum Coalition, Mesa Hearsts Studio, and many additional organizations. Ms. Meeks currently resides in the Wilbur Historic District. She holds degrees in anthropology and liberal studies from Arizona State University. Ms. Meeks' appointment will be filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Annalisa Alvrus. Ms. Meeks' partial term will expire June 30, 2018.

Museum & Cultural Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with one new appointment.

Alycia Perry, District 4. Ms. Perry is a self employed brand marketing consultant and writer with over twenty years experience in that field. She is also an adjunct professor of Marketing and Entrepreneurship at Benedictine University and an adjunct professor of Communications for the ASU School of Sustainability Masters of Leadership Program. Previous roles include executive director of the Sonoran Desert Chorale and Executive Director of the Symphony of the Southwest. Ms. Perry holds a bachelor of arts in Political Science. Ms. Perry's appointment will be filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Valverde. Her partial term will expire June 30, 2020.