

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 6, 2020

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 February 6, 2020 at 7:31 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Mark Freeman
Jennifer Duff
Francisco Heredia
Kevin Thompson

COUNCIL ABSENT

David Luna
Jeremy Whittaker

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Luna and Councilmember Whittaker from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the February 10, 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

Committeemember Thompson expressed concern related to Item 7-a, **(ANX18-00788 (District 6) Annexing property located south of Elliot Road and west of Ellsworth Road (319.9± acres). Initiated by the applicant, Jordan Rose, Rose Law Group, for the owners, Stechnij H/Glenda TR/Etal, Feenstra Charles L/Barbara M TR, Robo Land, LLC./Etal, Charles Fennstra Dairy, LLC., Mesa-Casa Grande Land Co, LLC., Van Rijn Dairy, and Dairy Van Rijn.)** on the Regular Council meeting agenda, that the owners of the property have not yet signed the annexation, and recommended amending the paragraph and removing Glenda H. Stechnij's name from the document.

2-a. Hear a presentation and discuss the work of the organization, RECOM (Retired Employees City of Mesa.)

Frank Mizner, President of Retired Employees of the City of Mesa (RECOM) displayed a Power Point presentation. **(See Attachment 1)** He commented that RECOM is a formal organization formed in 2001 and registered as a 501(c)(4) Arizona nonprofit corporation. He noted the organization has a Board of Directors with insurance, annual elections, by-laws, and policies and procedures.

Mr. Mizner stated the purpose of RECOM is to provide information, educate and advocate for the benefit of retired City of Mesa employees. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Mizner pointed out the current RECOM board represents a wide range of experience from a variety of City departments and averages 24 years of service. (See Page 4 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Mizner stated several members volunteer, putting together newsletters, type meeting minutes, and attend Employee Benefits Task Force (EBTF) meetings. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Mizner commented approximately 800 members participate in RECOM. He continued by saying 80% of the members live in the valley, and the remainder live out of state. (See Page 6 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Mizner explained RECOM informs, educates and advocates through:

- Monthly membership meetings
- Facebook
- RECOM Roundup Newsletter
- E-mail blasts
- Annual Spring events
- Fall Benefits meeting

Mr. Mizner commented membership dues are \$15 per year.

Mr. Mizner stated the Fall Benefits meeting includes speakers from the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS), Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), Social Security Administration (SSA), and City Benefits office to inform members of any changes or updates in programs. He mentioned this year's Spring event theme is Travel Near and Far, with speakers from the Arizona Office of Tourism, Arizona Auto Association (AAA) and Howard Seftel, retired restaurant critic from the Arizona Republic as a guest speaker. (See Pages 8 and 9 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Mizner commented RECOM members are encouraged to promote and be active volunteers in the community by participating in City events such as the Pre-Retirement seminar, Open Enrollment process, Wellness fair, and the City of Mesa Smoking Cessation program. He continued by stating RECOM members volunteer at the Mesa Arts Center, East Valley Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade, Point-in-Time Homeless Count, and Mesa Community College Revitalize the Rose Garden. (See Pages 10 and 11 of Attachment 1)

Mayor Giles thanked Mr. Mizner for the presentation.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various board and committees.

- 3-a. Sustainability and Transportation Committee meeting held on September 23, 2019.
- 3-b. Community and Cultural Development Committee held on December 5, 2019.
- 3-c. Public Safety Committee held on October 31, 2019.
- 3-d. Mesa Achieves Higher Education Task Force meeting held on November 4, 2019.

3-e. 2020 Census Taskforce meeting held on September 9, 2019.

3-f. Human Relations Advisory Board meetings held on October 23 and December 4, 2019.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Thompson

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Luna-Whittaker

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	State of the City
Vice Mayor Freeman –	State of the City Central District Quarterly Community Meeting
Councilmember Duff –	State of the City Maricopa Association of Governments Meeting Mesa Historical Home Tour
Councilmember Thompson –	State of the City

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Friday, February 7, 2020 – Art of the Story – i.d.e.a. Museum

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 4:00 a.m. – Sprouts Mesa Marathon

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – Hallelujah Hats! Exhibit

Monday, February 10, 2020, 2:30 p.m. – Custard with a Cop

Monday, February 10, 2020, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, February 10, 2020, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 7:55 a.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 6th day of February 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)



Formed: 2001

A 501C4 ARIZONA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

OUR MISSION:



The purpose of RECOM shall be to develop, promote and carry out activities for the benefit of retired employees of the City of Mesa. Those activities shall include (but not be limited to) providing information to the general membership on matters of interest and importance to them and advocating on behalf of the general membership on retirement issues affecting them.





RECOM 2019-20 BOARD:

Board Member	City Department	Years City Service
Frank Mizner, President	Planning	15
Debbie Yukolis, VP	Ofc of Mgmt & Budget	30
Bev Watt, Treasurer	Library	19
Lin Adams, Secretary	Police	26
Kit Kelly, Director	Neighborhood Services	16
Peggy Haney, Director	Library	36
John Gendron, Director	Planning	30
Jo Ferguson, Director	Planning	25
Mary Larsen, Director	Energy Resources	15
	Total	212
		Avg.: 24 years

Our Member Volunteers

- Mary Dellai: Deferred Compensation Committee
- Bill Everson: Photographer
- Jackie Redpath: Newsletter
- Barbara Seperich: Meeting Minutes
- Gordon Sheffield & Bill Everson: Employee Benefits Task Force



OUR MEMBERSHIP PROFILE:



Total Members 785		
Residency	Mesa	370
	Other Valley	270
	Other AZ	60
	Out of State	90
Age	90+	10
	80-89	50
	70-79	205
	45-69	420

How does RECOM...Inform, Educate, and Advocate?

- Monthly Membership Meetings (w/speakers)
- Website: www.recomaz.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/recomaz/
- Monthly Newsletter: RECOM Roundup
- Periodic Email 'Blasts'
- Annual Spring Event & Fall Benefits Meeting

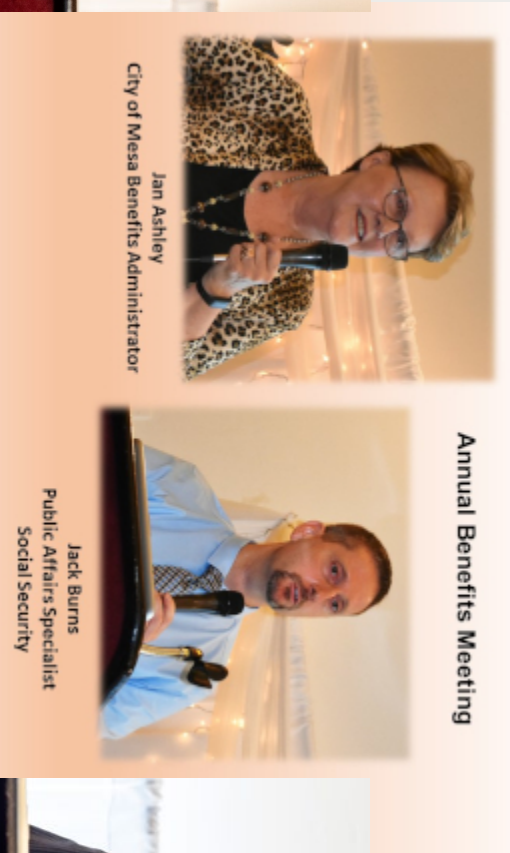
All this for only \$15/year!





Fall Benefits Meeting

Speakers from ASRS, PSPRS, SSA, and City Benefits Office



Spring Event

Previous Themes...

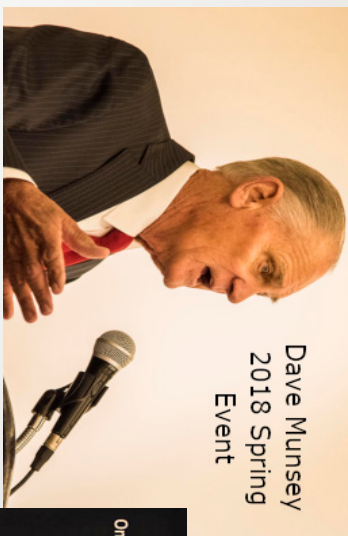
- Wills & Trusts
- Senior Living Choices
- State Retirement System Updates

Guest Speakers: include Jana Bommersbach,

Dave Munsey, Marshall Trimble,

Dolan Ellis

March 2020 – Travel Near & Far



Promote City Events

- Pre-Retirement Seminar
- Open Enrollment Process
- Wellness Fair
- City of Mesa Smoking Cessation Program



Promote Mesa Volunteer Opportunities

- Mesa Arts Center
- 2020 East Valley MLK Jr. Day Parade
- Point-In-Time Homeless Count
- Mesa Community College Revitalize the Rose Garden



RECCOM

Retired Employees City of Mesa

