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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 17, 2016

The Public Safety Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on October 17, 2016 at 4:02 p.m.

| COMMITTEE PRESENT | COMMITTEE ABSENT | STAFF PRESENT |
|---|---|---|
| Alex Finter, Chairman | None | Dee Ann Mickelsen |
| Christopher Glover | | John Pombier |
| Dennis Kavanaugh | | Alfred Smith |

1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

2-a. Hear a presentation and discuss the progress of the Mesa Fire and Medical Regional Dispatch Center and Emergency Operations Center.

Senior Civil Engineer Dave Wilkins and City Engineer Beth Huning were prepared to address the Committee.

Mr. Wilkins displayed a PowerPoint presentation **(See Attachment 1)** and noted that the Mesa Fire and Medical Regional Dispatch Center and Emergency Operations Center is on track for the December 22, 2016 opening with the integration process to be completed in March of 2017. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Wilkins updated the Committee on the progress of the dispatch building and stated that the roof has been rebuilt and is ready for paint. (See Page 3 of Attachment 1) He emphasized that there is a lot of technology components for this project and staff had pre-ordered the equipment needed and mentioned that fiber has been installed to complete the setup for Cox, CenturyLink, etc. He stated that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) received a grant for approximately $500,000 and that staff is working on upgrading the EOC to a state of the art facility.

Chairman Finter thanked the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the grant and is looking forward to seeing the EOC as a state of the art center.

Vice Mayor Kavanaugh stated that he appreciates all the work staff has put into the EOC, and emphasized that it is important to be flexible in the future regarding other facility uses.

Assistant City Manager John Pombier thanked the Engineering Staff for keeping on track with the aggressive timetable. He thanked Chairman Finter for laying the groundwork for this grant to be a possibility.

Chairman Finter thanked staff for the presentation.

2-b. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide a recommendation on adopting a separate escort ordinance.

Commander Tom Intrieri addressed the Committee and introduced Lieutenant Frank Bryner, Detective Natalie Nohr and Nancy Baldwin, Executive Director of the Hickey Family Foundation, who were prepared to address the Committee.

Mr. Intrieri asked the Committee for direction on creating a new ordinance, specifically addressing escort businesses. **(See Attachment 2)** He emphasized that this business has become an area of interest for law enforcement for the purposes of working with human exploitation and sex trafficking. He added that the escort business has taken on its own dynamic; locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. He stated that law enforcement would like to further assist youth at risk as well as identify other victims that are being exploited throughout the city.

Ms. Baldwin explained that the Hickey Family Foundation has provided funding and is currently supporting the activities of the Mesa Police Department Human Exploitation & Trafficking Squad (HEaT), and contributed over 8.2 million in this area since 2011. She pointed out that in March 2016 the foundation issued the City a grant for $131,000 in addition to the $120,000 from last year.

Chairman Finter thanked the Hickey Family Foundation for their participation and support.

Mr. Intrieri stated that the escort service industry is addressed in the Mesa City Code, under sexually oriented businesses, however, the code is outdated and does not support enforcement actions. (See Page 3 of Attachment 2) He emphasized that the escort business has grown ten-fold over the last few years because of the dynamics of the internet and social media.

Mr. Bryner added that other municipalities have an escort ordinance separate from the sexually oriented businesses ordinance so that the Police Department can manage the separate licensing issues and requirements. He mentioned that ads for escort services are being posted on the internet and reviewed an example of ads placed in the escort section of a website. (See Page 4 of Attachment 2)

Mr. Intrieri provided a summary of the proposed ordinance (See Page 5 of Attachment 2) as follows:

- Requirements - Licensing for Escort Bureaus, Escorts, and Escort Assistants.
- Restrictions - Escort Bureau and Escort duties and prohibited activities.
- Penalties - Both civil and criminal sanctions.

Mr. Intrieri emphasized that the ordinance would develop a licensing process for escort businesses in order to advertise and communicate in the City of Mesa. He added that it would mirror other escort ordinances used by other valley cities.

In response to a question from Committeemember Kavanaugh, Mr. Bryner stated that the ordinance would require that the business identify themselves as an escort business. He explained that some cities do this through the application process.

In response to a question from Chairman Finter regarding business licenses, Deputy City Attorney Alfred Smith stated that escort service businesses are not illegal, and that the Police Department is trying to identify the businesses that use escort services for illegal activities. He explained that requiring a business license will provide the Police Department with a way to monitor these types of businesses.

Committeemember Kavanaugh pointed out that the ordinance would prevent illegal escort businesses from coming into Mesa.

Chairman Finter stated that he is supportive of an ordinance.

Committeemember Glover thanked the Hickey Family Foundation and the Police Department for their leadership and indicated that he is supportive of an ordinance.

In response to a question from Assistant City Manager John Pombier, Mr. Bryner explained that manifesting prostitution is the use of law enforcement tactics such as touching an officer, asking an undercover officer if they are an officer, and asking questions only law enforcement officers would know.

Mr. Pombier explained that he would recommend that the committee move forward with the separate escort ordinance and include the manifesting provision into the sexually oriented businesses ordinance.

Committeemembers concurred with the inclusion of the manifesting charge to the sexually oriented businesses ordinance.

It was moved by Committeemember Kavanaugh, seconded by Committeemember Glover, to recommend adopting a separate escort ordinance.

Carried unanimously.

2-c. Hear a follow-up presentation, discuss and provide a recommendation on an update of Animal Control Services.

Community Services Director Ruth Giese introduced Animal Control Supervisor Diane Brady, who was prepared to assist with the presentation. **(See Attachment 3)**

Ms. Giese updated the committee on the Animal Control Volunteer Program (See Page 3 of Attachment 3) as follows:

- Volunteer Office Assistant position posted.
- Applicants are being interviewed:

  - Improve efficiency in answering phones
  - Reduce time in dispatching calls for service including dropped calls
  - Participate in community events
  - Conduct clerical duties
  - Research and apply for grants
- Developing and establishing a Field Volunteer position.

Ms. Brady reviewed a graph that reflects the number of calls received by the Police Department and Animal Control for each day of the week. (See Page 4 of Attachment 3) She stated that Monday and Tuesday's are the busiest call days and that the volunteers would assist in answering calls to reduce the number of dropped calls.

Ms. Brady presented a chart that reflects the types of calls handled by the Police Department. (See Page 5 of Attachment 3) She added that Animal Control is working on an online form for residents to report noise disturbances and deceased animals as well as a mobile app. (See Page 6 of Attachment 3)

Ms. Brady reported that one innovative idea is to build a temporary holding facility (See Pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 3) and outlined as follows:

- FY 17/18 budget consideration to build a City-owned temporary shelter:
  - Assist Mesa Police Department with arrests and after-hour impounds
  - Animal Control Officers could adjust schedules and work later in evenings and have a place to take animals
  - Reduce the number of owner turn-ins to county shelter for a savings that could be $1000/month
  - Modeled on other Animal Control units in the Valley (Surprise, Peoria and Tolleson)
  - Place on existing City property
  - Would be managed by Animal Control and Volunteers
  - Approximate cost $75,000-$100,000
  - Secure facility
  - After appropriate holding time, dogs would be taken to County Shelter

Ms. Brady explained that the secure facility would include a key card entry and an automatic alert inbox and added that the cleaning and feeding of the animals would be done by Animal Control and volunteers. She explained that as of July 1, 2016 Maricopa County Animal Care and Control is charging for owner turn-in of animals.

Committeemember Kavanaugh suggested that Animal Control look into sponsorships, donations, or ask for a partnership to underwrite the capital construction.

Ms. Brady stated that Animal Control has not been successful in receiving grants because the City does not have an existing shelter, since most grants are based on sheltered facilities.

Ms. Giese concluded by saying that the next steps (See Page 10 of Attachment 3) are as follows:

- Continue to analyze how to maximize current resources.
- Continue to analyze if expanded coverage needed based on peak times.
- Update City Manager's Office as information is available.

Chairman Finter thanked staff for the presentation

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of October, 2016. 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 – 3)

# *MESA FIRE AND MEDICAL REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER & EOC*

# *PROJECT STATUS*

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# Project Status

| KEY MILESTONES | TARGET COMPLETION DATES |
|---|---|
| PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN | JAN 21 |
| CONCEPT PLAN / SITE PLAN | FEB 25 |
| DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CURRENTLY IN PROCESS) | MAY 20 |
| TECHNOLOGY/CONSOLE PURCHASE | JUNE 20 |
| GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) | JUNE 23 |
| COUNCIL APPROVAL | JULY 5 |
| NOTICE TO PROCEED | JULY 14 |
| BUILDING PERMITS | JULY 28 |
| BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE (RIBBON CUTTING) | DECEMBER 22 |
| NETWORK EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND INTEGRATION | MARCH 2017 |

## DISPATCH AREA



## RE-BUILT ROOF



# Questions?

# Proposed City of Mesa

# Escort Ordinance

Commander Thomas Intrieri  Lieutenant Frank Bryner  Sergeant Domenick Kaufman

Mesa Police Department



Request permission to author a new Mesa City

Code that allows officers to regulate and enforce

Escort Services in the City of Mesa.

Mesa City Code Chapter 16, Sexually Oriented Businesses.

- City Code is outdated
- Recent case law does not support enforcement actions

The new code would require Escorts advertising and/or working in the City of Mesa to have an Escort License.

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## Current Escort Trends:

Ads posted in the Escort Section of www.backpage.com on Wednesday September 21, 2016.

- In the East Valley section there were 114 ads posted. Many specific to locations in Mesa. This data does not include ads that are posted in the “massage” and other sections on Backpage.com to avoid law enforcement detection.

## *Summary of New Proposed Ordinance*

- Requirements: Licensing for Escort Bureaus, Escorts, and Escort Assistants
- Restrictions: Escort Bureau and Escort duties and prohibited activities.
- Penalties: Both civil and criminal sanctions.

Mesa's Ordinance will mirror the other Escort Ordinances used by Phoenix, Chandler, Scottsdale and Tempe.

# QUESTIONS?

# Mesa Animal Control Services Update

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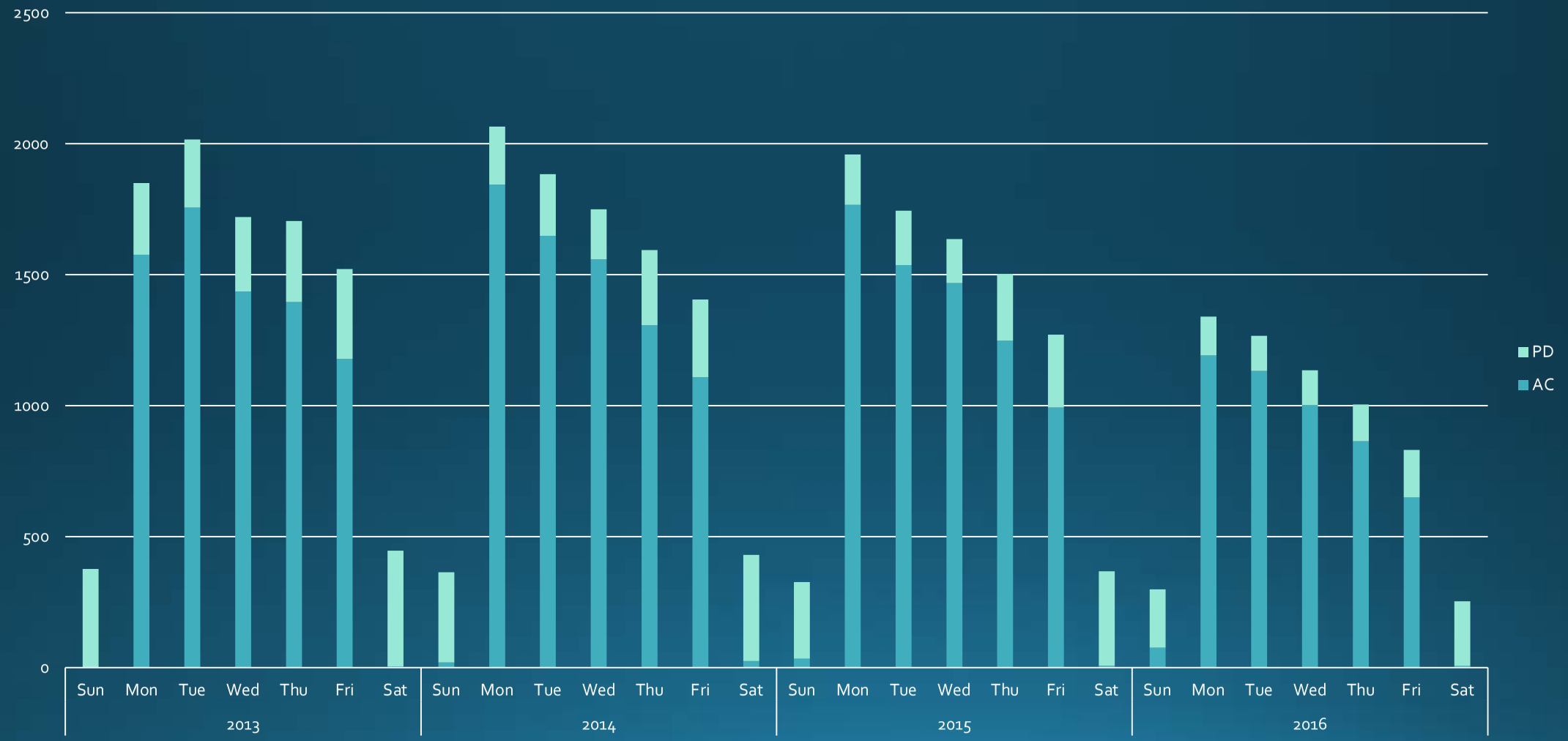
# Review of Committee Requests

- Volunteer Program
- Analyze peak times of Animal Control calls for service
- Innovative ways to maximize current services

# Animal Control Volunteer Program

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# Number of Calls by Day of Week



# Types of calls handled by Mesa Police

| Police Calls for Service for Animal Control Issues | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| YTD 2016 | | | | | |
| Time Frame | Type of Calls | | | | |
| | Animal Noise | Animal Cruelty | Dog at Large | Animal Bites | Total |
| Nights | 329 | 66 | 67 | 4 | 466 |
| Animal Control Office Open | 22 | 149 | 98 | 3 | 272 |
| Weekends | 232 | 134 | 94 | 9 | 469 |
| | | | | | |
| Grand Total | 583 | 349 | 259 | 16 | 1207 |

# Updates

- Added a second phone line so more than one line can be answered
- Notified Mesa Police Dept. to transfer more calls to Animal Control during and after office hours
- Volunteer to work on Mondays
- Increased marketing of online form for Noise Disturbances and Deceased Animals – mesaaz.gov/bark

# Possible Innovation - Temporary Shelter

- Seek FY 17/18 budget consideration to build a City-owned temporary shelter
  - Assist MPD w/arrests, after-hour impounds
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# Temporary Shelter continued

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# Questions? Committee Recommendations.

