



COUNCIL MINUTES

July 10, 2017

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Regular Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on July 10, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
David Luna
Mark Freeman
Christopher Glover
Jeremy Whittaker

COUNCIL ABSENT

Kevin Thompson
Ryan Winkle

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles excused Councilmembers Thompson and Winkle from the entire meeting.

Mayor Giles extended condolences to Councilmember Thompson on the loss of his father.

Mayor's Welcome.

Invocation by Pastor Jason Anderson with Living Word Bible Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daegen Barker, Scout Troop #857.

Awards, Recognitions and Announcements.

There were no awards, recognitions or announcements.

1. Take action on all consent agenda items.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) will be considered as a group by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item. If a citizen wants an item removed from the consent agenda, a blue card must be completed and given to the City Clerk prior to the Council's vote on the consent agenda.

Mayor Giles stated that items #3-f and #5-p will be pulled from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

*2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings as written.

Minutes from the July 3, 2017 Council meeting.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. Ultimate Imaginations

This is a one-day charitable event to be held on Friday, September 1, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Mesa Association on Main Street from Center Street to Robson and Macdonald from 1st Street to Pepper Place. **(District 4)**

*3-b. Ultimate Imaginations

This is a one-day charitable event to be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Mesa Association on Main Street from Center Street to Robson and Macdonald from 1st Street to Pepper Place. **(District 4)**

*3-c. Ultimate Imaginations

This is a one-day charitable event to be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Downtown Mesa Association on Main Street from Center Street to Robson and Macdonald from 1st Street to Pepper Place. **(District 4)**

*3-d. Allegiant Air

An airline with conveyance beverage service is requesting a new Series 8 Conveyance License for Allegiant Air LLC, 6308 South Taxiway Circle, Building 1087 – Suhani Schottenheimer, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 6)**

*3-e. BBQ House

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for BBQ House Company, 1955 West Guadalupe Road, Suite 105 – Chae Young Cho, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-f. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda.**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. Five-Year Renewal Contract for Managed Print Services for Citywide Departments. **(Citywide)**

Managed Print Services is an outsourced vendor service that provides the City's printing, copying, scanning, and faxing using existing and new hardware. This service includes hardware maintenance and providing all supplies, including toner, except paper. Managed Print Services enabled departments to replace old, unreliable and high-energy use devices with new, current-technology and multi-purpose devices. The City has successfully optimized the City's fleet of devices through reducing its printer fleet, strategic replacements of older devices, and improved management information about City printing over the past four years. Overall, the City has saved approximately \$403,044 annually resulting from this managed print services contract.

The Information Technology Department and Purchasing recommend authorizing the renewal contract with Arizona Office Technologies-Xerox (AOT), at \$840,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-b. Three-Year Term Contract for Large Print Library Books for the Library Services Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide large print books and other professional services, such as outsourcing library materials processing for efficiency from well-established wholesale suppliers. These materials will be used to replace older items and provide new material throughout the year at all locations.

The evaluation committee recommends awarding the contract to the two, highest-scored proposals from BroDart Co.; and Cengage Learning, Inc.; cumulatively not to exceed \$60,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-c. Three-Year Term Contract for Library Books, Spoken Word, DVDs and Digital Media for the Library Services Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide library books, spoken word (audiobooks), DVDs and digital media and other services such as outsourcing library materials processing from well-established wholesale suppliers. These materials will be used to replenish older items and provide current content so that patrons will have new material throughout the year at all locations.

The evaluation committee recommends awarding the contract to the two, highest-scored proposals from Ingram Library Services, LLC (Primary); and Baker & Taylor, LLC (Secondary); cumulatively not to exceed \$375,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-d. Three-Year Term Contract for Library Media Materials for the Library Services Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide audiobooks, DVDs, digital products and other services such as outsourcing library materials processing from well-established wholesale suppliers. These materials will be used to replace older items and provide new material throughout the year at all locations.

The evaluation committee recommends awarding the contract to the three, highest scored proposals from Midwest Tape LLC; Recorded Books, Inc.; and OverDrive Inc.; cumulatively not to exceed \$425,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-e. Three-Year Term Contract for Commercial Printing for the Business Services Department. **(Citywide)**

The Print Services Division of the Business Services Department provides printing services to City Departments to support their programs. Print Services will use this contract to print the large quantities of Mesa's Openline newsletters and utility bill inserts for the Public Information Office.

The evaluation committee recommends awarding the contract to the highest-scored proposal from Century Graphics Inc., at \$60,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-f. Purchase of Emergency Medical Supplies for the Fire and Medical Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract is for the purchase of emergency medical supplies as specified in the solicitation. This contract was procured cooperatively with Mesa acting as the lead agency with the City of Scottsdale, Gilbert, Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria and Sun City to replace expired medical supplies on fire trucks and to assist hospital surges in an event where large numbers of patients require treatment.

The Fire and Medical Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Bond-Tree Medical; Life-Assist Inc.; and Midwest Medical Supply Co., LLC, dba MMS-A Medical Supply Company; at \$43,794.93. This purchase is funded by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

- *4-g. Purchase of an Interface for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Deccan Live Move-Up Manager (LiveMUM) Software for the Fire and Medical Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

This purchase will provide an interface between the Hexagon (CAD) system and the Deccan (LiveMUM) application. Fire and Medical is implementing the Deccan (LiveMum) application, which identifies when and where units should be moved to maintain appropriate Fire and EMS coverage.

The Information Technology and Fire and Medical Departments, and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase from the sole source vendor, Intergraph Corporation, dba Hexagon Safety & Infrastructure, at \$25,585.29.

- *4-h. Three-Year Term Contract for Class 400 Gas Meters for the Materials and Supply Warehouse (for the Energy Resources Department). **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide gas meters used for monitoring volume of customer gas usage and for billing of residential and commercial services. Meters will be used for new service installations and repair work by Energy Resources - Gas Utility.

The Business Services and Energy Resources Departments, and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Border States Electric, at \$69,400 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-i. Dollar-Limit Increase to the Three-Year Term Contract for LED Roadway Fixtures for the Materials and Supply Warehouse (for the Transportation Department). **(Citywide)**

This contract provides GE Evolve roadway luminaires for the City's local, collector and major roadways. Due to the discontinuation of the approved HPS fixtures that the City has used historically, the Transportation Department has decided to transition to LED fixtures for ongoing maintenance operations.

The Business Services and Transportation Departments, and Purchasing recommend authorizing the annual dollar-limit increase of \$128,693 with WESCO Distribution,

increasing the contract amount from \$156,000 to \$284,693 annually, for the contract term.

- *4-j. Electric Line Clearance and Tree Trimming Services for the Southwest Quadrant of Mesa's Electric Service Area for the Energy Resources Department. **(District 4)**

This contract will provide a qualified contractor to keep trees and vegetation clear of high voltage electric transmission, primary and secondary distribution lines and secondary service drops. Doing so allows the City to maintain safety and minimize and prevent electric service outages.

The Energy Resources Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, West Coast Arborists, Inc., at \$29,275, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-k. Purchase of Cabling Material and Services for Information Technology Department Expansion into South Center South Campus (SCSC), Building 2. **(Citywide)**

The Information Technology Department is moving personnel currently located in the Information Technology Building on First Street to the South Center Street Complex, Building 2. Corporate Technology Solutions will provide new network cabling, equipment and installation.

The Information Technology Department, Facilities Maintenance and Purchasing recommend authorizing the purchase using the State of Arizona cooperative contract with Corporate Technology Solutions LLC, in the amount of \$31,602.10, plus a 10% contingency of \$3,160, for the total purchase of \$34,762.10.

- *4-l. One-Year Renewal Contract for Generator Maintenance Services for the Water Resources, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, and Information Technology - Communications and Infrastructure Departments. **(Citywide)**

This contract provides qualified contractors to perform periodic and routine backup generator preventative maintenance, inspections and repair services for over 100 emergency generators at Utilities facilities; critical City emergency generators which backup City systems for Facilities Maintenance; and generators used for emergency power at radio tower sites for IT-Communications.

The Water Resources, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, and Information Technology - Communications and Infrastructure Departments, and Purchasing recommend authorizing a one-year renewal with Power Acquisition LLC, dba W.W. Williams, LLC; and Valleywide Generator Service, LLC; cumulatively not to exceed \$460,350 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-m. Brown Road Water Treatment Plant Improvements (BRWTP) Project - Construction Manager at Risk. **(District 5)**

The project includes the installation of a 20,000 gallon hydropneumatic tank on the discharge of the Desert Sage High Pressure Pump Station located at BRWTP. The hydropneumatic tank will provide an air cushion to dissipate high pressure surges in the Desert Sage pressure zone. This project will also include the installation of an 80,000 gallon "feed" tank on the discharge of the Desert Wells High Pressure Pump Station

located at BRWTP. The “feed” tank is designed to mitigate negative (vacuum) pressures that may develop in the Desert Wells pressure zone.

Staff recommends awarding the contract to Garney Companies in the amount of \$3,095,012.66, based upon a guaranteed maximum price of \$2,947,631.10, plus an additional \$147,381.56 (5%) change order allowance. This allowance will only be utilized for approved change orders. The project is funded by 2010 and 2014 authorized Water Bonds.

- *4-n. Purchase of Two New Continuous Online Nutrient Analysis Systems for the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant (GWRP) and Southeast Water Reclamation Plant (SEWRP) as requested by the Water Resources Department (Single Response). **(Citywide)**

These systems utilize multiple wavelength UV absorbance detection for nitrates and ammonia. The Northwest Water Reclamation Plant has had this technology in use for more than 15 years with superior results. GWRP and SEWRP are looking for the same technology to use at their plants as they are manually testing now.

The Water Resources Department and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the single, responsive and responsible vendor, TW Associates, dba MISCOwater, at \$90,094.86. SEWRP's purchase is funded by the Water Resources Department operating budget through Wastewater Operations and Maintenance funds. GWRP's purchase is funded by the Joint Venture: City of Mesa, Town of Gilbert and Town of Queen Creek, based on usage.

- *4-o. Utility Quarter Section Improvements at Main Street and Power Road, and at Broadway Road and Crismon Road. **(Districts 2 and 6)**

This Project will consist of abandoning the existing waterlines in the area and installing new water lines and sewer lines. Property owners can elect to connect, at their cost, to the sewer system now or in the future when their septic system fails.

Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest, responsible bidder, Kinkaid Civil Construction LLC, in the amount of \$10,355,913, and authorize a change order allowance in the amount of \$1,035,591 (10%), for a total of \$11,391,504. Funding is available from the 2014 authorized Water and Wastewater Bonds.

- *4-p. Safety Improvements at Railroad Crossing on Alma School Road. **(Districts 3 and 4)**

The existing sidewalk and median do not meet current railroad approach and clearance standards. The project improvements for roadway and sidewalk approach at this location will facilitate greater public safety and needed clearances from railroad signals along with a smoother roadway crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad track at Alma School Road.

Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest, responsible bidder, Lincoln Constructors, in the amount of \$135,858, plus an additional \$13,585.80 (10%) as a change order allowance, for a total amount of \$149,443.80. Funding is available from the Local Streets Sales Tax, of which 94.3% will be reimbursed by Arizona Department of Transportation (Federal) Grant under the Railway-Highway Grade Crossing.

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *5-a. Approving the FY 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorizing the City Manager to amend, sign and submit the Annual Action Plan for FY 2017/2018. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10988.
- *5-b. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG), as amended, for City department activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10989.
- *5-c. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG), as amended, for non-profit organization activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10990.
- *5-d. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG), as amended, to fund for-profit organization activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10991.
- *5-e. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (ESG), as amended, for activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10992.
- *5-f. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME), as amended, for City department activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10993.
- *5-g. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME), as amended, for non-profit organization activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10994.
- *5-h. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to prepare, sign and submit applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive FY 2017/2018 entitlement funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME), as amended, to fund for-profit organization activities approved by the City Council. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 10995.
- *5-i. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Airport Improvement Program Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the design and construction of runway and taxiway lighting and signage at Falcon Field Airport. The

total estimated cost for this project is \$2,736,600, with the FAA paying 91.06% (\$2,491,948). Funding for the remaining 8.94% (\$244,652) is the responsibility of the City. The City will seek to obtain a matching grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation in the estimated amount of \$122,326, and if obtained, the City will pay the remaining estimated amount of \$122,326 with funds from the Falcon Field Airport Enterprise Fund. **(District 5)** – Resolution No. 10996.

- *5-j. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for a new Airport Master Plan at Falcon Field Airport to replace the existing Airport Master Plan. The total cost for this project is \$571,620, with the FAA paying 91.06% (\$520,518). Funding for the remaining 8.94% (\$51,102) is the responsibility of the City. The City will seek to obtain a matching grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,551, and if obtained, the City will pay the remaining amount of \$25,551 with funds from the Falcon Field Airport Enterprise Fund. **(District 5)** – Resolution No. 10997.
- *5-k. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Antenna and Rack Space Lease at Falcon Field Airport with the United States of America Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for an Automated Surface Observing System in support of air traffic operations. As a condition of receiving federal grants for airport capital improvement projects, the City is required to furnish space to facilitate air traffic operations at no cost to the federal government. **(District 5)** – Resolution No. 10998.
- *5-l. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Valley Metro Rail for funding of the Fiesta Downtown Chandler Transit Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis to evaluate transit options between the Fiesta District and downtown Chandler. The total cost for the alternatives analysis shall not exceed \$900,000. **(District 3)** – Resolution No. 10999.
- *5-m. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Transit Services Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Public Transportation Authority for fixed bus, Dial-a-Ride and RideChoice and ADA Platinum Pass transit services. The estimated cost of transit services for FY 2017/18 is \$18,739,534. Regional funds and fare revenue provide \$13,143,823 for the services and the City's General Fund covers the remaining \$5,595,711. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 11000.
- *5-n. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement with Valley Metro Rail, Inc., for the current light rail operations in the City of Mesa. The City of Mesa will pay \$7,172,000 for operations and maintenance of the existing light rail line for FY 2017/18. The City anticipates receiving \$2,233,000 in light rail fares, advertising and preventive maintenance, as well as \$1,291,000 in Arizona Lottery Funds, for a net impact to the City's General Fund of \$3,648,000. **(Districts 3 and 4)** – Resolution No. 11001.
- *5-o. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County concerning the annexation of Elliot Road, from the Santan Freeway to Signal Butte Road and improvement to Elliot Road, from Sossaman Road to Signal Butte Road. **(District 6)** – Resolution No. 11002.

The City intends to improve Elliot Road from Ellsworth Road to Signal Butte Road to improve access to the area and promote economic development in the Elliot Road Tech

Corridor. This segment of Elliot Road is currently under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County. The City and County have negotiated this agreement to share the cost of the roadway improvements and direct the annexation of the roadway by the City. To support these efforts, the County will contribute \$1,500,000 for the roadway improvements. The City agrees to annex Elliot Road from the San Tan Freeway to Signal Butte Road.

*5-p. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda.**

*5-q. Extinguishing a 10-foot Utility Easement for City of Mesa Natural Gas located at 1618 North Higley Road. **(Town of Gilbert)** – Resolution No. 11003.

The commercial property owner is relocating a City of Mesa Natural Gas service line to accommodate development of their vacant parcel and has requested the City extinguish the 10-foot Utility Easement that conflicts with the future development.

*5-r. Approving and authorizing the sale of approximately 21,750 square feet of City-owned property located at 427 South Bellview, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. **(District 4)** – Resolution No. 11004.

This property was purchased in the 1950's for the use of an above ground water storage tank. The storage tank was demolished in 1998 and the property is no longer needed.

*5-s. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by AZMen to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$100,000 for their PROJECT 25 anti-sex and - human trafficking program, and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 11005.

6. Take action on the following subdivision plat:

*6-a. "Encore at Eastmark - Parcel 9-7" **(District 6)** The 5700 to 6000 blocks of South Signal Butte Road (west side) and the 10500 to 10800 blocks of East Williams Field Road (north side). Located north of Williams Field Road and west of Signal Butte Road. 269 PCD single residence lots (67.3 ± acres). AVH EM, LLC, owner; Raymond S. Munoz III, EPS Group, surveyor.

Items not on the Consent Agenda

3. Take action on the following liquor license application:

3-f. Streets of New York

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Streets of New York Inc., 1959 South Signal Butte Road, Suite 105 – Theresa June Mors, agent. The existing license held by New York Pizza 3:16 LLC will revert to the State. **(District 6)**

Theresa Mors, agent for Streets of New York, Inc., commented that the wording on the agenda reads "The existing license held by New York Pizza 3:16 LLC will revert to the State" is incorrect and that the existing license is transferable and will be sold to another individual.

Attorney Jim Smith stated that the item may stay on the agenda for possible approval by Council, with the correction.

Business License Administrator Tim Meyer confirmed Ms. Mors comments.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Glover, that the liquor license application for the Streets of New York be approved.

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Take action on the following resolution:

- 5-p. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MAC DEVCO, LLC, for a mixed-use development of approximately 1.0 acre of City-owned property located near the southwest corner of Main Street and Center Street (the Drew Street surface parking lot). **(District 4)** – Resolution No. 11006.

Mayor Giles requested that Manager of Downtown Transformation Jeff McVay come forward to review the MOU with MAC DEVCO, LLC

Mr. McVay reviewed the MOU with MAC DEVCO, LLC for a mixed-use development. He clarified that the project is in the preliminary stages.

Laurent Teichman, a Mesa business owner and resident, commented that he is impressed with the quality project for downtown, however, disappointed by the lack of communication, as his business is being directly impacted. He noted that moving forward, he was assured that the City and developer will work closely with him. He expressed concern regarding parking and preservation. He stated that communication is the key and looks forward to working with the developer and the City on a successful and vibrant downtown.

It was moved by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Vice Mayor Luna, that Resolution No. 11006 be approved.

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Take action on the following resolution:

- 7-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to disburse FY 2017/2018 Human Services funds for activities by non-profits approved by the City Council and to enter into agreements for the disbursement of Human Services funds. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 11007.

Mayor Giles explained the history and process of the funding allocation.

Vice Mayor Luna displayed a PowerPoint presentation **(See Attachment 1)** specific to the Early Childhood Task Force and summarized the task force report.

Vice Mayor Luna stated that the full report on the Early Childhood Education Task Force is located on the City's website.

Mayor Giles thanked Vice Mayor Luna for the presentation.

Mayor Giles commented that the role the City has is to leverage and expand the existing assets, shine a light on the issue, and provide political encouragement and leadership. Mayor Giles

pointed out that A Better Community Program (ABC) funds are being used for the program and that funds come from resident's donations through their utility billing. He clarified that the City is not creating an education department, but looking to partner with a non-profit agency.

Mike Hutchinson, a Mesa resident and former Mesa City Manager, stated that he is part of the Early Childhood Education Task Force and emphasized the need for early childhood education in the City. He stated he supports the report and commended Council on trying to move the program forward.

Michael Cowan, Mesa Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent, commented that he appreciates the City's consideration of the early childhood education program. He pointed out that MPS receives funding through grants and scholarships, however, only for grades K-12 and that funding for early childhood education is limited to children with special education needs. He remarked that our growing population is influenced by poverty and that the gap between students prepared or unprepared for school is rising. He noted that MPS strives to ensure that all children progress at accelerated levels. He explained the changes over that last 30 years in schools' demographics, educational, and economic differences. He emphasized the importance of early childhood education which prepares children for school.

Jerry Lewis, representing the Mesa Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, remarked that the Legislature will not decide in the near future to fund early childhood education. He pointed out that there are many children living in poverty, which creates a poverty gap that begins when the child is born and continues to grow, unless there is some intervention. He stated that any effort that the City takes now ensures that young learners will receive the education they need to become productive citizens.

Michael Hughes, a Mesa resident, stated that he supports the program and mentioned that he served for 20 years on the Mesa School Board and recalled the relationship the school board had with the City. He pointed out that he is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of A New Leaf and that last year they served over 20,000 people and that the majority noted that they struggle due to their lack of education. He urged Council to support the program.

Torrie Taj, representing Child Crisis Arizona, low-income children in Mesa, and the children throughout Maricopa County. She requested that Council continue to look at serving children in Pre-Kindergarten and highlighted statistics that include the Federal Government investing in an Early Headstart Program which Child Crisis Arizona is providing due to the population growth of low-income children. She added that over the last five years the City of Mesa has experienced a 200% increase in children living in poverty, which is the largest city level rate increase in the nation. She stated that it is imperative that the City approve the early childhood education program and that Child Crisis Arizona will continue to fight for the children in the community.

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo, a Mesa resident, commented that she has experience in education and community outreach, and expressed her support for the program. She pointed out that the role of government is to foster economic development and sustainability for the community. She noted that a foundation for the earliest learners should be provided or the community will suffer due to a deficiency of an educated workforce. She stressed that families should be able to find work with high paying wages, stay in the community, and remain proud residents.

John Meza, a Chandler resident, stated that he has been an educator at Mesa Community College for over 20 years and a recently retired Mesa Police Chief. He commented that as a police officer you ask yourself is there a correlation between education and crime, and there absolutely is. He stated the opinion that police officers deal with criminals and if the officer asked

what needed to change, it probably would have been something early in their lives. He continued by stating that it is not about rehabilitating on the scene, but about making a change early in children's lives.

Claudia Walters, a Mesa resident and former Councilmember, remarked that she is here about community, economic development, and infrastructure improvement. She explained that the program has the wrong title of "education" and that it is about infrastructure improvement in order to have quality jobs in the community 20-30 years later. She added that the amount the City is funding for the program will assist in conversations with non-profit organizations in order to receive funding.

Elaine Miner, a Mesa resident, stated that she moved to Mesa for the schools and to raise her children. She explained that if you walk into a MPS classroom you will observe what the children look and act like and that you will see the different demographics in the classroom. She continued by saying that disadvantaged children are identified by their morale and self-esteem which continue to decline as they become more unsure of themselves and become a statistic of crime.

Estevan Zamora, a Mesa resident, stated that he supports the program since he has gone through the K-12 school system in Mesa and sees the benefit of having an early childhood development program. He pointed out that he witnessed his friends at school who lived in poverty or were unable to speak English and have either returned to Mexico, commit crimes, and/or live in poverty. He encouraged Council to support the program.

Councilmember Freeman stated that the City has been a leader by thinking outside the box with pilot programs and controversial projects which have worked. He stated that by planting seeds for our children it will extrapolate to more educated children. He stated that the goal he prefers is to provide an action plan and have a non-profit organization run the program.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Vice Mayor Luna, that Resolution No. 11007 be approved.

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Items from citizens present.

Andrea Garcia, a Mesa resident, stated that she came last month and would like to address Mr. Brady, as her understanding is that during the citizens address, Council is not allowed to respond to her, however, if she addresses someone directly they are able to respond.

Mayor Giles explained that is not accurate as the topic may not be on the agenda.

Ms. Garcia explained that she spoke at a Council meeting last month regarding a statement from Mr. Brady when he referred to private medics as Uber drivers and requested an apology and clarification as to what he meant when he made the statement.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:51 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 Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 10th day of July, 2017. 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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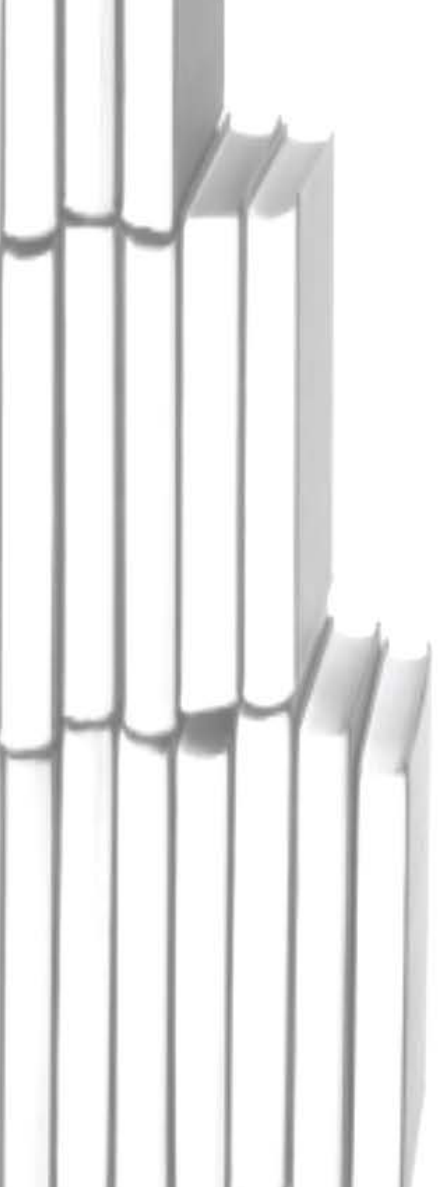


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Early Childhood

Education

Task Force



Foundation to Success



Quality early learning leads to a successful community and strong economy

Children who have access to early learning...



For every \$1 invested in early childhood development communities see \$16 return from their later success.

are more likely to find and hold living wage jobs



are less likely to rely on food stamps or welfare assistance



are more likely to be in good health



are less likely to become involved in criminal behavior

are more likely to attend college



are more likely to read at grade level by 4th grade



are more likely to graduate from high school on time



are less likely to become involved in risky teen behaviors



are less likely to be held back a grade and less likely to be referred to special education



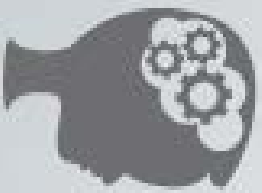
reach school ready to learn



Now is the time for the entire community to join forces and address this challenge.

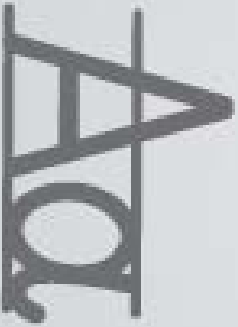


Early Childhood Education



90%

child's brain development occurs before kindergarten
2,338 children under 5 live in Mesa



36%

of Mesa 3 and 4 years olds are enrolled in early care and education compared to 48% nationally



14,886

is the maximum number of children under 5 who can be served by existing early care and education facilities



\$8,400

annual median cost to provide care to 3-5 year olds, or 14.39% of Mesa median family income. The Department of Health and Human Services considers 10% affordable



1 in 4

children in Mesa 5 and under live in poverty

