

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 22, 2018

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 January 22, 2018 at 5:15 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 January 22, 2018 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.

Mayor Giles thanked the Financial Services Department for their efforts on the financial reports and the subsequent audit.

Deputy City Attorney MaryGrace McNear and City Engineer Beth Huning discussed item 5-a and 5-b **(Approving Small Cell Wireless Terms and Conditions, and authorizing the City Engineer to develop, implement and amend Design Standards for Wireless Facilities in the Rights-of-Way, to comply with recent changes to state law; and Modifying fees and charges for the Engineering Department. The proposed new fees and charges relate to the Engineering Department's fees for new applications and rights-of-way use fees for small wireless facilities to occupy City rights-of-way. The fees and charges will be effective February 9, 2018. (Citywide))** on the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Ms. McNear stated that State Law gives telecom providers access to rights-of-way (ROW) at decreased costs. She pointed out that the law only applies to the small wireless facilities in the ROW which include antennas located on top of street lights or traffic signals. She noted that the City currently has ten small wireless facilities deployed and that each will be charged approximately \$3,500 per year.

In response to a question posed by Vice Mayor Luna, Ms. Huning replied that with more deployments, potential ground equipment is required and the aesthetics are addressed in the design standards and include decorative screening and low-profile boxes. She noted that ground equipment is reviewed by staff and that the screening will blend with the specific area in the community.

In response to a question from Councilmember Thompson, Mr. Brady reported that in lieu of a fee structure, the telecom industry may consider leasing conduit sections around the City for additional data usage.

In response to a question posed by Mayor Giles, Ms. Huning confirmed that with 5G, the large cell towers will become obsolete and will be replaced with the small wireless facilities. She pointed out that per State Law the facilities are on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to 25 permits on the same deployment.

Discussion ensued relative to cost, cost recovery, and application/review process for the small wireless facilities.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

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

Vice Mayor Luna: Precision Heli-Support Open House

Mayor Giles: Dino Preschool Party!

3. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – Historic Home Tour

Saturday, January 28, 2018, 4:30 p.m. – 2018 Annual Regional Unity Walk

Monday, February 1, 2018, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:43 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 22nd day of January, 2018. 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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