

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2019

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 August 19, 2019 at 5:16 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Mark Freeman
Jennifer Duff
Francisco Heredia
David Luna
Kevin Thompson
Jeremy Whittaker

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the August 19, 2019 and August 26, 2019 Regular Council meetings.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: Vice Mayor Freeman declared a conflict of interest on items 12-b and 12-c on the August 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting agenda and will refrain from discussion/consideration of these items.

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

Items removed from the Agenda: None

Library Director Heather Wolf discussed Item 4-a (**Purchase to Configure Eight Study/Meeting Rooms (Additions) at the Main Library as requested by the Library Services Department (District 4)**) on the Regular Council Meeting agenda for August 26, 2019. She mentioned adult services and adult computers will be moved to the second floor where all other adult collections reside. She advised there will be six meeting rooms for up to four people, and two larger rooms that hold up to twelve people. She continued by stating another contract will be submitted to buy new furniture to improve the function of the second-floor renovations. She explained freeing up the space on the first floor creates room to renovate and expand the children's area, making it family friendly.

Airport Director Corinne Nystrom discussed Item 4-m (**Mesa-Falcon Field Airport Runway Connecting Taxiways Project (District 5)**) on the Regular Council Meeting agenda for August 26, 2019. She indicated Council previously approved a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

grant to construct acute angle taxiways on the north side of the North runways. She stated all grants have come through and construction will begin soon. She explained the reasoning for acute angle taxiways is to facilitate getting aircraft off the runway quickly.

In response to a question from Councilmember Luna, Ms. Nystrom responded by stating there will be some short runway closures on the North runway, but mostly at night.

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Ms. Nystrom replied that the new runways will also help with the traffic once the new hangars being built along the north side are completed.

Vice Mayor Freeman pointed out changes are coming to the City of Mesa nuisance codes due to complaints.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the information.

2. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

2-a. Economic Development Advisory Board meeting held on June 4, 2019.

2-b. 2020 Census Taskforce Advisory Committee meeting held on May 13, 2019.

2-c. Mesa Achieves Higher Education Task Force meeting held on July 24, 2019.

It was moved by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged as amended.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Thompson-Whittaker

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Councilmember Thompson: Arizona Coalition for Military Families

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

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

Monday, August 26, 2019, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 26, 2019, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council Meeting

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:27 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 19th day of August 2019. 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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