

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 10, 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 10, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

David Luna

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Luna 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

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker on Item 8-a, **(Amending Title 1, Chapter 31 of the Mesa City Code, entitled "City Auditor" by adding language related to an annual audit plan, auditing standards, and a public records exemption for auditor working papers and files.)**, City Auditor Jennifer Ruttman explained the change added three sections to the Mesa City Code regarding the City Auditor's office. She explained in the ordinance, the office will establish an audit plan process that will formalize and provide a process for the Council or City Manager to direct the work of the office. She stated the audit plan is based on risk and other criteria that is established by the City Auditor's office. She added by complying with the new standards, it will assure the quality of work through a peer-review process that is required every three years by an independent auditor. She pointed out the ordinance states audit files and working papers are not a public record, are exempt from the public record statute, and audit reports are published, and available as a public record.

Mayor Giles clarified the Auditor position was created by the City Charter and did not define the scope of the Auditors office. He appreciates that the new ordinance will allow a peer review by independent auditors.

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker on Items 9-a and 9-b, **(Take action on the following resolution declaring terms/rates/fees/charges to be a public record and available to the public, and introducing the following ordinance to modify City-owned non-residential water utility services terms/rates/fees/charges and setting February 24, 2020 as the date of the public hearing on this ordinance.)**, Office of Management and Budget Director Candace Cannistraro stated the reserve balance cash flows are currently being updated and will be presented to Council in the Spring.

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

2-a. Judicial Advisory Board meeting held on October 9, 2019.

2-b. Historic Preservation Board meeting held on January 7, 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-Whittaker

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Luna

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Hallelujah! Hats Exhibit at Mesa Historical Museum Sprouts Mesa Marathon Opening exhibition: Art of the Story – i.d.e.a. Museum
Vice Mayor Freeman –	Opening exhibition: Art of the Story – i.d.e.a. Museum Career Night at Kino Junior High School Hallelujah! Hats Exhibit at Mesa Historical Museum Sprouts Mesa Marathon Custard with a Cop at Andy's Frozen Custard
Councilmember Duff –	Boys and Girls Club – Giving Great Features Dinner Opening exhibition: Art of the Story – i.d.e.a. Museum One-n-Ten Fresh Brunch for LGBTQ Youth

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:29 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 10th 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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