



# COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2012

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Special Council Meeting in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 17, 2012 at 7:37 a.m.

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Scott Smith  
Alex Finter  
Christopher Glover  
Dina Higgins\*  
Dennis Kavanaugh  
Scott Somers

## COUNCIL ABSENT

Dave Richins

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady  
Debbie Spinner  
Linda Crocker

(\*Councilwoman Higgins participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

(Mayor Smith excused Councilmember Richins from the entire meeting.)

### 1. Take action on the following resolution:

- 1-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Albright College for the lease of the Mesa Center for Higher Education, located at 245 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (**District 4**) – Resolution No. 10032.

Economic Development Department Director Bill Jabjiniak introduced Dan Falabella, a representative of Albright College. He stated that Albright College, which is located in Reading, Pennsylvania, has selected Mesa to locate its first campus outside of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Falabella commented that he looked forward to a partnership between Albright College and the City. He noted that Albright College, which received approval from the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education, intends to begin recruiting students immediately and offer classes in the fall of 2012 at the Mesa Financial Plaza. Mr. Falabella explained that Albright College will initially offer programs in Information Systems, Applied Psychology and Business Administration. He added that it was anticipated that Albright College would eventually take occupancy at the Mesa Center for Higher Education.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Falabella for his comments. He stated the fact that Albright College joins Benedictine University and Westminster College, all of which are legacy institutions with long, rich histories and strong academic reputations, is an exciting opportunity for the City of Mesa. Mayor Smith further commented that Mesa has many assets, such as libraries, the Mesa

Arts Center, (MAC), and a state-of-the-art forensics lab, that could be utilized by all three educational institutions not only to enhance their students' college experience, but also elevate the community as a whole.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Glover, that Resolution No.10032 be adopted.

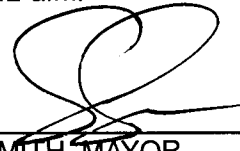
Mayor Smith declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and Resolution No. 10032 adopted.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

3. Adjournment.

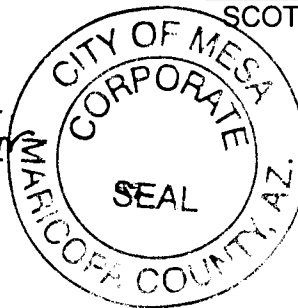
Without objection, the Special Council Meeting adjourned at 7:42 a.m.



SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michael Claspell, Deputy for  
LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK



I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Michael Claspell, Deputy for  
LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK