

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 3, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on November 3, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Scott Somers
Rich Adams*
Jennifer Duff
Alicia Goforth
Francisco Heredia
Julie Spilsbury

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

(*Participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman acknowledged the Mayor's Youth Committee in attendance.

Invocation by Associate Pastor Wendi Aitken with Red Mountain United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Mayor's Youth Committee.

Awards, Recognitions, and Announcements.

Mayor Freeman recognized the month of November as "Be Kind America Month" in Mesa. He stated that kindness and civility begin with everyone.

Councilmember Spilsbury expressed that she values kindness, which inspired her to start the #MesaKindness campaign five years ago. She thanked supporters and emphasized treating those with differing views respectfully fosters learning and growth. She added that kindness unites the community by highlighting shared hopes and brings out the best in everyone.

Amaria Davis, Enrollment and Engagement Manager at The Be Kind People Project, explained that the nonprofit has been supporting Arizona schools since 2012, and focuses on building smarter, safer, and respectful communities by offering youth development opportunities to inspire humanity. She said the organization engages children through relatable methods such as language, music, and dance to inspire positive relationships and humanity.

Jennifer Foley, Chief Marketing Officer of The Be Kind People Project, expressed gratitude for being selected by the City of Mesa (COM) to receive opioid settlement funds to launch a new program focused on increasing awareness, education, and resilience among Mesa youth to help them resist drug and opioid use. She stated, in special recognition of Mesa's commitment to improving the lives of youth across the community, and on behalf of The Be Kind People Project, the COM is designated as a 2025 Be Kind City, which is an extension of their vision to build a generation of respectful, responsible, healthy, and caring citizens and leaders.

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.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Spilsbury

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

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

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 20, 2025.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. Zong Smoke Shop

A smoke shop is requesting a new Series 10 Beer and Wine Store License for JKRO SVC 1 LLC, 1710 West Southern Avenue, Suite B7 - Jacob Joseph Krabbe, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-b. Main Burger

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Main Burger LLC, 161 West Main Street - Roberto Centeno, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 4)**

*3-c. Crust Simply Italian

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Crust Mesa LLC, 233 East Main Street, Suite 105 - Jared Michael Repinski, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 4)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

- *4-a. Greenfield Water Reclamation Project Construction Reliability Improvements Project - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 1 of 3. **(District 6)**

GMP No. 1 includes miscellaneous electrical improvements and procurement of the 800-kW generator.

Staff recommend awarding a construction services contract to the selected CMAR, SUNDT Construction, in the amount of \$782,649.36 (GMP No. 1), and authorizing an order allowance in the amount of \$39,132.47 (5%), for the total amount of \$821,781.83. This project is being coordinated with the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek as partners in the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant Intergovernmental Agreement, dated August 7, 2018. This project is funded by the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant Joint Venture Fund with the City of Mesa's portion being \$428,230.51 (52.11%).

- *4-b. Fire Station 205 Rebuild - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 2 of 2. **(District 2)**

GMP No. 1 was awarded by Council in June 2025, and included temporary station site improvements, demolition of the existing fire station building and securing the long lead electrical equipment.

The project scope for GMP No. 2 is for the remainder of the project and includes the three apparatus bay fire station and site improvements.

Staff recommend awarding a construction services contract to the selected CMAR, FCI Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$9,407,484.72 (GMP No. 2), and authorizing a change order allowance in the amount of \$940,748.47 (10%), for a total amount of \$10,348,233.19. This project is funded by 2022 Public Safety bonds.

- *4-c. Dollar Limit Increase to the Cooperative Use Term Contract for Motorola and Kenwood Radio Equipment, Parts, Network, and Services for the Mesa Police Department. **(Citywide)**

Mesa Fire and Medical and the Mesa Police Department purchase radio equipment for their new emergency response vehicles, and for additional equipment, repairs, and services as needed. Appropriated within the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget is the first of two years planned funding for the Police Department's handheld radios lifecycle replacement which are at end of life. At the conclusion of the second year, the Contract Value will revert back to the original amount.

The Mesa Police Department and Procurement Services recommend increasing the dollar limit using the State of Arizona and Maricopa County cooperative contracts with Motorola Solutions, Inc.; Durham Communications, Inc.; and JVCKenwood USA Corporation, Years 7 and 8 by \$9,040,000, from \$3,010,000 to \$12,050,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *4-d. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Global Street Sweepers and SECA Sewer Cleaner Parts, Repair, and Warranty for Fleet Services Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide parts, repairs, and warranty services for the City's two sweepers and two sewer cleaner trucks. AZ Wastewater Industries, Inc. is the sole authorized service provider for repairs and replacement parts for both Global Sweepers and SECA Sewer Cleaner trucks.

The Fleet Services Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Arizona Wastewater Industries, Inc. at \$150,000 annually, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-e. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Masonry Wall Cleaning, Painting, and Repair Services for the Transportation Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract provides masonry wall cleaning, painting, and repair services to maintain the appearance and integrity of various walls located within the City of Mesa's right-of-way. Routine cleaning and painting are essential to preserve their visual appeal, and minor repairs may be necessary prior to painting. Additionally, the contract includes provisions for emergency repairs.

The Transportation Department and Procurement Services recommend Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary awards to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders, Fabiani Painting and Decorating (a Mesa business), A & H Painting, and Ghaster Painting & Coatings at \$154,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5%, or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *4-f. Use of a Cooperative Term Contract for Furniture and Related Services for Sunaire property for the Community Services Department. (Funded by ARPA Related Interest Income Fund). **(Citywide)**

This contract is for furniture for the City-owned Sunaire property located at 6733 East Main Street, part of Mesa's Off the Streets program, anticipated to open in Spring of 2026. This authorization will accommodate the initial purchase as known and provide capacity for additional needs if identified.

The Community Services Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the one-time purchase using the State of Arizona cooperative contract with Goodman's Interior Structures in an amount not to exceed \$430,000, based on estimated requirements.

To be continued to the November 17, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

- *4-g. One-Year Term Contract for Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance and Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Surety Bond. **(Citywide)**

As a self-insured entity for the administration of workers' compensation benefits, Arizona statute requires the City to maintain financial protection over the program by obtaining excess workers' compensation insurance and to provide a security deposit based on the

total unpaid losses of open compensable workers' compensation claims, which is accomplished through securing a surety bond.

Staff recommend the purchase of an excess workers' compensation insurance policy, through the City's insurance broker, Arthur J Gallagher & Co., with a self-insured retention up to \$1.25 million per accident/injury/illness and \$2 million for statutory presumptive illnesses for a premium up to \$750,000 and a workers' compensation self-insurance surety bond for the bond rate up to \$12.00 per every \$1,000 of unpaid losses and liabilities.

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *5-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety to accept \$475,076 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds. The funding will be used for salaries and expenses for the Mesa Prosecutors Office, Victim Services Unit for a one-year period. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12427
- *5-b. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Exchange of Real Property and Escrow Instructions with Sunshine Acres Children's Home to exchange a portion of the City-owned real property located at 3511 North Higley Road (APNs 141-40-008; -003V; -003W; and -009) for a portion of the real property with APN 141-40-007A located at the northeast corner of North Higley Road and East Longbow Parkway, to be developed with a new City sewer lift station. **(District 5)** – Resolution No. 12428

6. Discuss, receive public comment, and take action on the following resolution and zoning ordinance relating to the development Hawes Village 5:

- *6-a. GPA25-00462 "Hawes Village 5." 50± acres located at the northeast corner of East Warner Road and South Hawes Road. Major General Plan Amendment to change the Placetype from Urban Center to Urban Residential. VAN RIJN DAIRY, owner; Pew & Lake, PLC, applicant. **(District 6)** – Resolution No. 12429

Staff Recommendation: Adoption

P&Z Board Recommendation: Adoption (Vote: 5-0)

- *6-b. **See: Items not on the Consent Agenda**

Items not on the Consent Agenda

- 6-b. ZON24-00892 "Hawes Village 5." 60.8± acres located at the northeast corner of East Warner Road and South Hawes Road. Rezone 18± acres from Small Lot Residence-2.5 with a Planned Area Development Overlay (RSL-2.5-PAD) to General Commercial with a Planned Area Development Overlay (GC-PAD), rezone 18± acres from GC-PAD to RSL-2.5-PAD, rezone to establish a second PAD Overlay on the entire 60.8± acres, Council Use Permit and Specific Plan approval for a 342-lot single residence development and future commercial development. VAN RIJN DAIRY, owner; Pew & Lake, PLC, applicant. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 5969

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote: 5-0)

Carey Davis, a Mesa resident, expressed his support of Item 6-b, advocating for single family housing and less of the multi-family, high-density developments.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Spilsbury, that Item 6-b be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Spilsbury

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

7. Items from citizens present.

David Winstanley, a Mesa resident, asked Council to reconsider the Climate Action Plan and shared his concerns.

Florence Shumway, a Mesa resident, claimed Council and staff were disregarding public comments and expressed concerns related to the U.S. Immigration and Enforcement (ICE) agreement with the Mesa Police Department.

Tim Meyer, a Mesa resident, expressed support for the 287(g) agreement.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

HOLLY MOSELEY, 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 3rd day of November 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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