

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 12, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on January 12, 2026, at 5:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Scott Somers
Rich Adams
Jennifer Duff
Alicia Goforth
Francisco Heredia
Dorean Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no awards, recognitions, or announcements.

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 request must be made prior to the Council's vote on the consent agenda.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

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

Minutes from the Strategic Planning Session held on September 18, 2025; Study Sessions held on October 6, October 9, October 23, November 3, and November 6, 2025; the Special meeting held on November 26, 2025; and the Regular Council meeting held on December 8, 2025.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. BBQ Chicken Mesa

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for JSTN 602 LLC, 138 South Dobson Road, Suite 107 - Rock Huh, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-b. Bellagio Smoke & Vape

A smoke shop is requesting a new Series 10 Beer and Wine Store License for DVT423K LLC, 28 South Dobson Road, Suite 105 - Alario Ray Insunsa, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

*3-c. Pedal Haus Brewery

A brewery is requesting a new Series 6 Bar License for Pedal Mesa LLC, 201 West Main Street - Camila Alarcon, agent. The existing Series 12 Restaurant License held by Pedal Mesa LLC was issued on 11/23/2024. This license will revert to the State. **(District 4)**

*3-d. Las Sendas Golf Club

A bar is requesting a new Series 6 Bar License for LSM Golf LLC, 7555 East Eagle Crest Drive - Jeffrey Craig Miller, agent. The existing Series 7 Beer and Wine Bar License and Series 12 Restaurant License held by LSM Golf LLC were both issued on 12/10/2009. The Series 12 Restaurant License will revert to the State and the Series 7 Beer and Wine Bar License will remain at the location in non-use (inactive) status until it's either transferred or sold. **(District 5)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. Purchase of FlowRider Repair Parts and Services (Replacement) for the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

This purchase is for the replacement and installation of foam and vinyl covering for all walls, front and rear pillow padding, a ride surface divider, and nozzle flaps for the FlowRider attraction located at the Rhodes Aquatic Complex.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, FlowRider at \$250,000, based on estimated requirements.

*4-b. One-Year Term Contract for Dynamo Playground Equipment Repair and Replacement Parts for the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

The City has seven parks that have playground equipment manufactured by Dynamo Industries. This contract will provide maintenance, repairs, and add-on equipment for all the City's Dynamo playground equipment.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Dynamo Industries, at \$300,000, based on estimated requirements.

*4-c. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Fencing and Gate Installation, Repair, Rental and Supplies for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities and Facilities Management Departments. (**Citywide**)

Temporary fencing is commonly used to create interim dog parks during maintenance periods, to secure active jobsites, and to restrict access to playground equipment deemed unsafe for public use. This contract will provide fencing and gate services as needed for any City park or facility, and will include installation, repair, rental, and related materials. In addition, the contract covers the repair and replacement of chain-link fencing throughout the City.

A committee representing the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the highest scored proposals from BLCG Corp dba All Pro Fence (a Mesa business) and Biddle and Brown Fence Co., LLC dba Perimeter Solutions Group, LLC at a combined total amount not to exceed \$400,000 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 Fasteners, Hardware, and Electrical Supplies for the Fleet Services Department. (**Citywide**)

This contract will provide fasteners, electrical hardware, and related products essential to the onsite maintenance and repair of the City's various municipal vehicles and equipment maintained by Fleet Services.

A committee representing the Fleet Services Department and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the highest scored proposal from Sid Tool Co., Inc. dba MSC Industrial Supply Co. not to exceed \$165,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Producer Price Index.

*4-e. Nine-Month Use of a Cooperative Term Contract with Renewal Options for the Purchase of Public Communication Equipment and Services (Upgrade) for the Department of Innovation and Technology (Communications). (**Citywide**)

The City operates a point-to-point microwave radio network (Microwave) that complements the City's fiber optic network. Microwave is the primary connection path for mission-critical Public Safety communications, such as the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) 800 MHz radio network and the new Fire Hazard Zone Communications System (VHF). The City's Microwave project will be upgrading fifteen (15) of the microwave links that have equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturer and does not support the transmission protocols and bandwidths required for current and future technologies. This contract will support the first three microwave link upgrades.

The Department of Innovation and Technology and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the State of Arizona cooperative contract with Aviat Networks not to exceed \$300,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5%, or the adjusted Consumer Price Index. The cost is shared between members of the

TRWC: City of Mesa: 65.72%, Town of Gilbert: 16.58%, City of Apache Junction: 9.22%, Town of Queen Creek: 5.67%, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation: 1.34%, Superstition Fire & Medical District: 0.96%, Fountain Hills: 0.33%, Rio Verde Fire District: 0.18%.

*4-f. Thirteen-Month Use of a Cooperative Term Contract for Trenchless Technology Rehabilitation and Related Products and Services for the Water Resources Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide trenchless rehabilitation services for wastewater piping which include cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining and pipe bursting to extend the life of aging underground infrastructure. This approach minimizes cost, time, and community disruption compared to traditional methods, supporting sustainable asset management and operational efficiency.

The Water Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the Omnia Partners cooperative contract with SAK Construction, LLC not to exceed \$1,000,000 annually.

*4-g. Four-Year Term Contract for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals for the Water Resources and Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Departments. **(Citywide)**

The City's Water and Wastewater systems rely on several essential chemicals to ensure safe, reliable, and compliant operations. These chemicals (Calcium Hypochlorite, Aluminum Sulfate, Hydrochloric acid) support three core treatment functions: disinfecting harmful organisms, removing particles from the water, and maintaining proper water chemistry. This contract will provide these chemicals enabling the City to continue to meet state and federal water quality standards. Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities uses these chemicals to balance the water chemistry at the City's pools and splash pads.

The Water Resources and Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders, Chemrite Incorporated; Hill Brothers Chemical Company; and Chameleon Industries, Inc. at a combined total amount not to exceed \$800,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*4-h. Use of a Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of Two E-One Cyclone Custom Hazmat Apparatuses (Replacement and Addition) for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (Funded by 2024 Public Safety Bonds). **(Citywide)**

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department is requesting the purchase of two 2028 E-One Cyclone Custom Hazmat Apparatuses. The City currently has one Hazmat apparatus at Station 217. One unit is to replace this unit that has met the established replacement criteria and will be either traded, auctioned, sold, or deployed to special uses. The other unit is an additional unit to outfit the new Fire Station 223 at 3310 E McDowell Road. Fire apparatus are currently taking two to three years from order to delivery.

Hazmat apparatuses are designed to carry equipment, personnel, and providing command space for hazardous material incidents, featuring large storage compartments, light towers, and winches, ensuring firefighters have organized access to gear.

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the Sourcewell cooperative contract with Rev Group, Inc. at \$2,742,066, based on estimated requirements.

- *4-i. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to the employment contract with the City Clerk.
- *4-j. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to the employment contract with the City Attorney.
- *4-k. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to the employment contract with the City Auditor.
- *4-l. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda.**

5. Take action on the following resolution:

- *5-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County for the water line relocation for the new traffic signal at the Ellsworth Road and Pueblo Avenue intersection. **(County Island near District 5)** – Resolution No. 12462

6. Take action on the following resolution declaring “Administrative Review Amendments – Replaced Sections and Chapters,” “Administrative Review – Expirations and Extensions,” and “Administrative Review – Development Standard Modifications,” to be a public record and available to the public, and introducing the following ordinance and setting January 26, 2026, as the date of the public hearing:

- *6-a. A resolution declaring the documents filed with the City Clerk titled “Administrative Review Amendments - Replaced Sections and Chapters,” “Administrative Review - Expirations and Extensions,” and “Administrative Review - Development Standard Modifications,” to be a public record and providing for the availability of the documents for public use and inspection with the City Clerk. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12463

For continuance to the February 23, 2026 City Council meeting.

- *6-b. An ordinance proposing amendments to Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 46, 56, 63, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 80, 81, 86, and 87 of Title 11 of the Mesa City Code pertaining to administrative review in compliance with A.R.S. § 9-500.49. The amendments replace, amend, and update procedures for submission, review, approval, modification, expiration, and enforcement for land use applications associated with administrative approval, along with corresponding revisions needed to align related provisions for consistency. The amendments replace, amend, and update development standards citywide to incorporate technical updates and objective standards in compliance with A.R.S. § 9-500.49. The amendments also include related changes in terminology and definitions, modifications to rules of measurement, and updates to alternative compliance. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5996

Staff Recommendation: Adoption

P&Z Board Recommendation: Adoption with Conditions (Vote: 6-0)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommend adoption of the proposed Mesa Zoning Ordinance (MZO) Administrative Review text amendments with the condition that staff clarify the meaning of "Change of Use" as it pertains to Section 11-69-5 and related sections. The ordinance being introduced reflects modifications made by staff in response to the Board's recommendations.

For continuance to the February 23, 2026 City Council meeting.

7. Introduction of the following ordinances and setting January 26, 2026 as the date of the public hearing on these ordinances:

- *7-a. Proposed amendments to Chapter 1 of Title 2 and Chapters 66 and 67 of Title 11 of the Mesa City Code pertaining to the organization and duties of the Planning and Zoning Board and the Design Review Board. The amendments include, but are not limited to: modifying the membership and qualifications of the Planning and Zoning Board; repealing in its entirety Section 11-66-2: Planning and Zoning Board and adopting a new "Section 11-66-2: Planning and Zoning Board;" repealing in its entirety Section 11-66-6: Design Review Board and adopting a new "Section 11-66-6: Design Review Board;" and modifying appeal bodies. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5997

Staff Recommendation: Adoption

P&Z Board Recommendation: Adoption with Conditions (Vote: 6-0)

- *7-b. ZON25-00397 "Department of Child Safety of Arizona." 3± acres located at the northeast corner of East University Drive and North 80th Street. Site Plan Modification and amending the Conditions of Approval No. 1 and 4 of Ordinance No. 2354. This request will allow for a 24,000± square foot Office development. Innovative Technology Development Group, LLC, owner; Kyle Vilaubi, Bramic Design Group, Inc., applicant. **(District 5)** – Ordinance No. 5998

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with Conditions (Vote: 6-0)

- *7-c. ANX25-00889 "Geneva Villas De-Annexation." De-annexing public right-of-way located at the intersection of East Brown Road and North Crismon Road (0.14± acres), subject to approval by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. The de-annexation of public right-of-way is allowed pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-471.03. **(District 5)** – Ordinance No. 5999

In 2022, 7.93+ acres of land were annexed into the City of Mesa, including the land that is the subject of this proposed de-annexation ordinance. Since 2022, Maricopa County has determined that it needs an additional 10 feet of right-of-way in the area, specifically for Crismon Road. This de-annexation is to accommodate Maricopa County's right-of-way requirements

- *7-d. ZON24-00525 "202 RV Valet Storage Expansion." 15.5± acres located at 8839 East Main Street. Rezone from General Commercial with Planned Area Development Overlay (GC-PAD) to GC with a new PAD Overlay, Site Plan Review and Council Use Permit (CUP). This request will allow for a 58,845± square foot Boat and RV Storage facility. Germaine RV LLC, owner; Dane Astle, Edifice Architecture, applicant. **(District 5)** – Ordinance No. 6000

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with Conditions (Vote: 6-0)

8. Discuss, receive public comment, and take action on the following ordinances:

*8-a. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda.**

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

*8-c. An ordinance amending and adopting Mesa City code traffic regulations 10-1-8, 10-1-9, 10-1-14, and 10-1-16 to allow the use of certain electric vehicles in city parks and other city right of way, subject to certain limitations. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5995

*8-d. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda.**

*8-e. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda.**

*8-f. ZON23-00365 “Fujifilm PAD Expansion” 61.6± acres located approximately 1,000 feet north of the northwest corner of East Pecos Road and South Mountain Road. Rezone from Heavy Industrial with a Planned Area Development overlay (HI-PAD) and Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Industrial with a new Planned Area Development overlay and Site Plan Modification to allow for the expansion of an existing industrial facility. Fujifilm Electronic Materials USA Inc., owner; Benjamin Graff, Quarles & Brady, LLP, applicant. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 5991

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

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

Items not on the Consent Agenda

4-l. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an amendment to the employment contract with the City Manager.

Carey Davis, a Mesa resident, voiced opposition to the proposed increase to the City Manager's salary.

Mayor Freeman explained that the City vets all of their employment increases, including the benchmarking component and discussed the factors considered.

It was moved by Councilmember Heredia, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that agenda Item 4-l be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

8-a. Proposed amendments to Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 31, 86, and 87 of Title 11 of the Mesa City Code pertaining to Battery Energy Storage Systems. The amendments

include, but are not limited to: adding definitions for Battery Energy Storage System, Battery Energy Storage System Facility, Augmentation, and Nameplate Capacity; modifying land use tables to add Battery Energy Storage System and Battery Energy Storage System Facility; establishing development and other standards specific to Battery Energy Storage System Facilities. (**Citywide**) – Ordinance No. 5976

Councilmember Duff opposed the 1,000-foot separation requirement and suggested revisiting the issue following additional impact studies, with consideration given to reducing the minimum distance to 400 feet.

City Manager Scott Butler advised that staff would work with Council to determine the appropriate timing for reconsidering the distance requirement, noting that any future sites would involve collaborative effort between the applicants and Salt River Project (SRP). He emphasized that the City could make a more informed decision on BESS systems as technologies evolve in the future.

Councilmember Adams supported moving forward as presented, with the understanding that BESS standards and separation distances will be revisited as technology advances.

Vice Mayor Somers stated that a 1,000-foot separation reflects Mesa's current tolerance and safety needs and supported approving the ordinance now while remaining open to future reevaluation.

Mayor Freeman supported revisiting the separation requirement in the future based on updated National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 855 regulations and technical data.

Mr. Butler clarified that Mesa's future energy needs are tied to economic development goals and advanced manufacturing, requiring close coordination with SRP, and suggested ongoing discussions to align BESS placement with substations and industrial demand before bringing issues back to Council.

David Winstanley, a Mesa resident, expressed his support for the 1,000-foot separation requirement and discussed safety concerns relating to battery fires. He favored revising the ordinance only after technology and testing standards are better established.

Cepand Alizadeh, a representative for Arizona Technology Council, thanked the City of Mesa for updating Mesa's Code, and expressed concern that the 1,000-foot separation could limit future BESS projects, potentially harming Mesa's growth as a technology hub and its ability to meet power demands.

Court Rich, representing Aypa Power, supported adoption of the 1,000-foot separation as written, offered industry expertise as a future resource, and encouraged moving forward now while revisiting separation standards in the future.

Buchanan Davis, Salt River Project (SRP) representative and Director of Local Government Relations, commented on the rapid growth in energy demand and the importance of battery storage in ensuring grid reliability. He expressed his support of the ordinance to create a legal framework, despite concerns about the separation requirement, and requested future discussions on policy refinements.

Kyle Whittier, Nextera Energy Resources, stated that the safety of Mesa residents is the most important issue and while safety is critical, the ordinance is overly restrictive, conflicts with

NFPA 855 standards, increases costs, and limits energy reliability. He urged Council to continue research and revisit the separation distance later if the ordinance is adopted.

Brian Fink, Fire and Risk Alliance consultant, praised the City's handling of the ordinance and the speed of the process.

Autumn Johnson, Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association Executive Director, expressed her opposition and concern that the proposed 1,000 ft separation for BESS systems is unsupported by data and is outside national standards. She warned the requirement could function as a de facto ban, raise electricity costs, and reduce grid reliability, and recommended reducing the BESS separation requirement to either comply with Maricopa County or the City of Buckeye, or revisit the requirement.

Amanda Curtis, a Mesa resident and member of Mormon Women for Ethical Government (MWEG), stated her support for the BESS technology as an essential component of securing the stability and affordability of Mesa's electric grid, but opposed the 1,000-foot separation and encouraged Council to adopt the standards recommended by the NFPA.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Goforth, that agenda Item 8-a be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – Duff

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried by majority vote.

8-b. An ordinance amending and adopting Mesa City code park regulations sections 6-10-2, 6-10-4, 6-10-7, and 6-10-8 to allow the use of certain electric bicycles, electric scooters and other motorized and non-motorized vehicles in city parks and shared-use paths, subject to certain limitations. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5994

David Winstanley, a Mesa resident, commended Mesa's Police Department for their educational video distinguishing electric motorcycles versus e-bikes and urged clearer signage, including speed limits and explicit prohibition of electric motorcycles. He emphasized the need for stronger enforcement, particularly in Southeast Mesa, cited dangerous incidents involving children on electric vehicles, called for designated "no-ride zones" in crowded areas, and supported the ordinance while requesting follow-up to address remaining issues.

Councilmember Adams acknowledged the seriousness of the safety problem, shared his own near-miss experience, and expressed support of the ordinance as a necessary first step. He emphasized the need for enforcement both in parks and on streets and suggested parental responsibility for violations involving minors.

Councilmember Goforth described the ordinance as an initial step and emphasized the importance of public education and signage. She noted that the ordinance may not fully solve the problem, creating unintentional restrictions for adults, and said further refinement will be needed.

Mayor Freeman agreed that the ordinance may need future adjustments and stated the focus is on improving safety in parks and shared-use paths. He noted available enforcement resources,

including police technology, and said the City is monitoring pending state legislation that could affect local control over e-bike regulations.

Councilmember Taylor emphasized that e-bike regulation is evolving and requires education, clear signage, and public awareness of where e-bikes are allowed. She encouraged use of bike paths, stressed respectfulness of pedestrians, neighbors, and families in parks and open spaces. She warned that unsafe behavior could eventually lead to stricter restrictions if serious injuries occur.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Goforth, that Ordinance No. 5994 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

8-d. ZON24-00998 "623 S Mesa Dr." 0.6± acres located approximately 1,420 feet south of the southeast corner of East Broadway Road and South Mesa Drive. Rezone from Multiple Residence-2 (RM-2) to Multiple Residence-4 with a Bonus Intensity Zone overlay (RM-4-BIZ) and Site Plan Review for a 15-unit multiple residence development. 623 South Mesa LLC, owner; Tim Boyle, Atmosphere Architects, applicant. (**District 4**) – Ordinance No. 5992

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

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

Noah James-Markin, a Tempe resident, commented that he supports Mesa's growth and suggested Section 8 housing.

It was moved by Councilmember Duff, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that Ordinance No. 5992 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

*8-e. ZON25-00309 "Dutch Bros AZ1618." 0.8± acres located approximately 560 feet south of the southeast corner of East Elliot Road and South Power Road. Major Site Plan Modification and modification of Condition No. 1 of Ordinance 5781 to allow for a Coffee Shop with Drive-Thru Facilities. Avalon Ranch LLC, owner; Shelby Eldridge, Barghausen Consulting Engineers, applicant. (**District 6**) – Ordinance No. 5993

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

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

Noah James-Markin, a Tempe resident, expressed his support for the development of Dutch Bros due to their diversity, equity and inclusion policy.

It was moved by Councilmember Heredia, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that Ordinance No. 5993 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

9. Items from citizens present.

Jason Smithson, a Mesa resident, thanked Councilmember Heredia, his staff, and the Fire Department staff for securing gifts for over 600 children after a school Christmas event was abruptly canceled, and praised the coordinator and Webster Elementary for serving a high homeless population. He voiced opposition to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) agreement, stating it diverts police resources and makes the community less safe and potentially liable to wrongful lawsuits.

Reginald Bron, a Mesa resident, argued against the ICE 287(g) agreement, emphasizing that officers should be retasked to prevent violent crime, especially sexual assault against women.

Trent Heidke, a Fountain Hills resident, opposed the proposed landing fees at Falcon Field, arguing the new fees would reduce safety and were developed without stakeholder input, placing an unfair burden of repeated fees on pilots. He stated that every municipality supports their airport via fee structures and urged the City to support the airport through broader funding mechanisms rather than landing fees.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 12th day of January 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK