



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 3, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on March 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

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Invocation by Pastor Ann Lyter with Velda Rose United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cooper Shepherd from the Mayor's Youth Committee.

There were no awards, recognitions, or announcements.

1. Appointment of Scott Butler as the City Manager effective June 1, 2025. (5 votes required).

Mayor Freeman expressed the opinion that Mr. Butler's experience, depth of knowledge regarding the City's operations, and his strong relationships with employees will ensure a seamless transition and have prepared him well to become the City Manager. He added that his work ethic, problem solving skills and leadership will help maintain a high standard within Mesa's community, while promoting the City's strengths within, and believes that his vision will lead Mesa into the future.

Councilmember Spilsbury expressed her support for Mr. Butler and noted that the City is on an incredible trajectory. She acknowledged gratitude to current City Manager Christopher Brady for his 19 years of service and thanked him for leaving the City in the best financial position it has ever been in.

Councilmember Somers thanked Mr. Brady for his longstanding service to the City of Mesa (COM). He congratulated Mr. Butler on his accomplishments with the COM in building a better Mesa and looks forward to collaborating with him.

It was moved by Councilmember Heredia, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that Scott Butler be appointed as the City Manager effective June 1, 2025.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Butler thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for their faith and trust in him. He emphasized the stability and continuity at the COM is an envy for many of Mesa’s colleagues around the Valley and throughout the country. He thanked and recognized Mr. Brady for his outstanding leadership, as well as his commitment to allowing opportunities for investments throughout the organization and for preparing a great bench of talent throughout the City.

Councilmember Goforth thanked Mr. Brady for his years of service to the COM.

2. 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 Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Spilsbury, 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.

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

Minutes from January 13, 2025, Study Session and February 24, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

4. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*4-a. Mercado Mi Pueblo

A convenience store is requesting a new Series 10 Beer & Wine Store License for Fonecs LLC, 103 West 8th Avenue - Elizabeth Anne Olisky, agent. The existing license held by Rajab LLC will revert to the State. **(District 4)**

*4-b. Diamond Don's Legendary Steaks and Spirits

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Diamond Don's LLC, 42 South Macdonald, Suite 101 - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 4)**

*4-c. Sa Dec Bistro

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Sa Dec Bistro 1 LLC, 5221 South Power Road, Suite 104-105 - Theresa June Morse, agent. The existing license held by Red 99 LLC will revert to the State. **(District 6)**

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

*5-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dr. Ralph & Marilyn Wilson to accept a monetary contribution for the idea Museum, with the benefit of naming rights of the idea Museum Art Studio. The contribution will be used towards the idea Museum's renovations and improved community experiences. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12331

*5-b. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Gila River Indian Community to accept a monetary contribution of \$500,000 for the idea Museum with the benefit of naming rights of the Imagination Gallery as "Gila River Indian Community Imagination Gallery." This contribution will be used towards the idea Museum's renovations and improved community experiences. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12332

*5-c. Extinguishing a 1-foot controlled vehicular access easement and three drainage easements, located at 7035 East Pecos Road, for property development, requested by the property owner. **(District 6)** – Resolution No. 12333

6. Introduction of the following ordinance and setting March 17, 2025 as the date of the public hearing on this ordinance:

*6-a. ANX25-00089 - Annexation of 3.3± acres of County right-of-way along South 222nd Street from East Pecos Road extending north approximately 2,200 feet into City, which transfers this right-of-way to the City. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 5934

7. Take action on the following subdivision plat:

*7-a. SUB22-00826 "Burden West at Pioneer Crossing." 8.3± acres located at the southwest corner of East Thomas Road and North Val Vista Drive. Final Plat. Lofts at Pioneer Crossing Development, LLC, Developer; Robert A. Johnston, EPS Group, surveyor. **(District 1)**

Items not on the Consent Agenda

8. Conduct a public hearing:

8-a. Public hearing prior to the release of the petition for signatures for the proposed annexation case ANX24-01031, 0.5± acres located at the northwest corner of East Elliot

Road and South Hawes Road. This request has been initiated by Martens Development, for owner Martens Elliot Land LLC. **(District 6)**

Mayor Freeman announced that this was the time and place to conduct a public hearing prior to the release of the petition for signatures for the proposed annexation case ANX24-01031.

There being no citizens wishing to address the Council, the Mayor declared this public hearing closed.

Mayor Freeman advised that the purpose of the hearing was to release the petition for signatures and that no further action will be taken on the proposed annexation case ANX24-01031, which will be brought back to Council in the future for consideration.

9. Items from citizens present.

Mary Maybeno, a Mesa resident, requested that the Council reconsider and change its non-discrimination ordinance.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:04 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 March 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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