

## COUNCIL MINUTES

August 25, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on August 25, 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

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Invocation by Pastor Brian Crane with Eternal Life Lutheran Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Freeman.

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 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

ABSENT–None

Carried unanimously.

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

Minutes from June 12, 2025, Study Session, and August 18, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

\*3-a. Last Stop Mesa

A convenience store is requesting a new Series 10 Beer & Wine Store License for Last Stop Mesa LLC, 2751 East University Drive - Jaskaran Singh, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 1)**

\*3-b. El Pacifico Mexican Food

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Best Tacos LLC, 1712 West Broadway Road, Suite 108-114 - Theresa June Morse, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 3)**

\*3-c. Thanks A Brunch

A restaurant that serves breakfast and lunch is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Thanks A Brunch LLC, 1853 South Power Road - Nathan Louis Slagowski, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 6)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

\*4-a. Dollar Limit Increase to the Cooperative Term Contract for McNeilus Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Refuse Parts for the Fleet Services Department. **(Citywide)**

McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing Company is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for a type of refuse body owned by the City. Certain critical parts must be sourced directly from the OEM and having a contract in place ensures continuity of service. Under this contract, Haaker Equipment Company is the only authorized local vendor for supplying these OEM parts. Due to the escalating cost of parts and a growing volume of purchases, an increase has become necessary. As the fleet continues to age, vehicles require more complex and expensive repairs.

The Fleet Services Department and Procurement Services recommend increasing the dollar limit with Haaker Equipment Company by \$100,000, from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for Year 1 and by \$200,000 from \$100,000 to \$300,000 for subsequent years.

\*4-b. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Special Event Management Services for the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract is for qualified event management firms to provide support for large-scale, City-sponsored events as well as to assist other departments with ceremonial functions such as grand openings for libraries, parks, and municipal facilities. The services to be rendered include on-site coordination, logistics, vendor management, and event execution support.

A committee representing the Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommended awarding the

contract to the highest scored proposals from Entertainment Solutions of Arizona, Inc., Steve LeVine Entertainment, Point to Now, and SoundSkilz, Inc. at \$500,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- \*4-c. Dollar Limit Increase to the Cooperative Contract for a Six-Year Service and Capital Expenditure Agreement for Motorola System Upgrade II for the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative as requested by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

The Motorola System Upgrade Agreement II provides annual software upgrades, upgrades to the network core hardware to support the software upgrades, and technical support services for the TOPAZ Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) Public Safety voice two-way radio network. DoIT is requesting an increase to incorporate the 800 MHz 6-Channel ASTRO Standalone Repeater Site add-on to the TOPAZ ASTRO 25 Network. The enhancement project will provide better signal acquisition and coverage for first responders utilizing the network. Also, these improvements will allow the site to minimize downtime from failure, maintenance, or site updates. The City of Mesa is the Administrative Manager for the TRWC. Costs are shared among the TOPAZ members.

DoIT and Procurement Services recommend increasing the dollar limit with Motorola Solutions, Inc. by \$665,100 from \$12,647,700 to \$13,312,800 for the remaining term of the contract.

- \*4-d. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Communications Tower Support Services for the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) Communications. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide qualified contractors for short notice climbing support services to repair faulty antennas and lighting systems, and additionally, a periodic inspection of the communications towers and monopoles that are located on the City's property.

A committee representing DoIT and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommended awarding the contract to the highest scored proposals from ADW Communications Services, Inc., Arizona West Builders and Communications, Inc., Engineering Wireless Services, LLC, and Legacy Wireless Services, Inc. at \$216,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- \*4-e. Five-Year Term Contract for Water and Wastewater Chemicals for the Water Resources Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract establishes qualified primary and secondary contractors for the supply of Sodium Chloride, Sodium Chlorite, and Sodium Hydroxide, three critical chemicals essential to the City's water and wastewater treatment operations for disinfection, odor control, and the maintenance of water quality standards. These chemicals directly support the City in delivering clean, reliable water services to residents and businesses.

The Water Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding Primary and Secondary contracts to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders, Charlie Pepper/Salt Works (a Mesa business), EWT Holdings III Corp. dba Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, Brenntag Pacific, Inc., Univar Solutions USA, LLC, and PVS DX, Inc. at \$1,210,00.00, annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

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

- \*5-a. An ordinance repealing Mesa City Code Title 8, Chapter 4 in its entirety and adopting a new replacement Mesa City Code Title 8, Chapter 4 titled "Sanitary Sewer Regulations." **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5959
- \*5-b. An ordinance adopting titles and schedules of terms/rates/fees/charges for the natural gas utility Transportation Gas Service schedule. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5960

6. Take action on the following bingo application:

- \*6-a. East Mesa Moose Lodge 2082

Tonya Dominquez, Trustee, 7402 East Baseline Road. **(District 6)**

**Items not on the Consent Agenda**

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

- 7-a. ZON25-00265 "Sienna Ridge PAD Amendment." 4± acres located approximately 1,240± feet north of the northwest corner of East Broadway Road and South 90th Street. Rezone to modify an existing Planned Area Development Overlay (PAD) for a 29-unit multiple residence development. 5228 S Blackstone LLC, owner; Jason Sanks, applicant. **(District 5)** – Ordinance No. 5961

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

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

Mayor Freeman announced that this was the time and place for public comments on the resolution and ordinance for the proposed Sienna Ridge PAD Amendment.

There being no citizens present wishing to speak on this issue, the Mayor declared the public comment period closed.

Vice Mayor Somers indicated his support for the proposed project overall but stated opposition to the request for deviation to the City Code allowing for smaller garage sizes.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed zoning case and the connection to the existing City Code requirements.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Duff, that Ordinance No. 5961 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried by majority vote.

8. Items from citizens present.

Noah James Markham, a Mesa resident, expressed opposition to the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and referenced the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, sharing a personal family connection to that history. He suggested the creation of a museum to honor Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during that period. He voiced concern regarding the removal of a deaf education program from Mesa.

Gennie Fasanella, a Mesa resident, urged the City of Mesa to withdraw from the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE. She stated that the continued cooperation conflicts with the City of Mesa Police Department's mission to serve all residents and expressed concerns over ICE's due process practices, conditions in detention centers, and deportations to unsafe or unrelated countries. She requested that the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE be added as a future Council agenda item to be considered for removal.

David Winstanley, a Mesa resident, expressed his appreciation for the City of Mesa first responders and opposed calls to defund the police. He addressed recent comments regarding the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE and urged the City to maintain its existing approach.

City Clerk Holly Moseley announced that the following citizens submitted a comment card in opposition to the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE:

- Ryan Jara-Bersch, a Mesa resident
- Richard James, a Mesa resident

Ms. Moseley announced that the following citizens submitted a comment card in opposition to the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE, but did not wish to speak:

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| • Christopher Cody, a Mesa resident        | • Jillian Ryan, a Mesa resident        |
| • Michael Stanley, a Mesa resident         | • Trinity Schwabacher, a Mesa resident |
| • Katherine E. Soderquist, a Mesa resident | • Nathan James, a Mesa resident        |
| • Jon Busch, a Mesa resident               | • Rachael Dugan, a Mesa resident       |
| • Kassandra Winchester, a Mesa resident    | • Aleta West, a Tempe resident         |

Ms. Moseley announced that the following citizens submitted a comment card in support of the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE:

- Francesca Bower, a Mesa resident

Ms. Moseley announced that the following citizens submitted a comment card in support of the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE, but did not wish to speak:

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| • Robert Hathcock, a Mesa resident | • Emma Lynn, a Mesa resident |
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City Manager Scott Butler reiterated that the 287(g) Cooperation Agreement with ICE has been in effect since the Obama Administration in 2009 and emphasized that the City of Mesa's use of the 287(g) authority remains consistent with the approach taken under the previous administration, with no changes to its implementation.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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