

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 1, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on December 1, 2025, at 5:40 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Scott Somers
Rich Adams
Alicia Goforth
Dorean Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Jennifer Duff
Francisco Heredia

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

1. Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman excused Councilmembers Duff and Heredia from the entire meeting.

2. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the December 1, 2025 regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: 7-c and 7-d

Responding to a request for clarification from Councilmember Goforth regarding Item 4-a, **(Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a waiver of the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) four-year notice provision for right-of-way abandonment as allowed by A.R.S. § 28-7209. Execution of the Waiver will allow ADOT to proceed with the abandonment and transfer to the City of previously identified traffic interchanges along the Superstition Freeway between South Crismon Road and South Signal Butte Road. (District 5))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Transportation Director Erik Guderian explained that when ADOT constructs freeways, they acquire more right-of-way (ROW) than is ultimately needed. He stated that over the past several years, the City has worked with ADOT to clean up excess areas by facilitating the transfer of unneeded ROW back to the City, with only two locations remaining. He emphasized this process benefits the City by clearly defining maintenance responsibilities; once the transfer is complete, the City can carry out maintenance projects without leaving unfinished gaps, which leads to public complaints about small sections of roadway being left unrepaired.

Mayor Freeman confirmed Items 7-c and 7-d will be discussed at tonight's Council meeting.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

3-a. Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meeting held on September 4, 2025.

3-b. Planning and Zoning Board Study Session meeting held on October 22, 2025.

3-c. Planning and Zoning Board Public Hearing meeting held on October 22, 2025.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Goforth–Taylor

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Duff–Heredia

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers highlighted the events, meetings, and conferences recently attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Scott Butler stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Thursday, December 4, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Monday, December 8, 2025, TBD – Study Session

Monday, December 8, 2025, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council meeting

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:46 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 Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 1st day of December 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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