

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on May 12, 2025, at 5:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

Francisco Heredia

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman excused Councilmember Heredia from the entire meeting.

Mayor Freeman led a moment of silence in memory of Firefighter Mark Keller.

Invocation by Pastor Sandy Johnson with Red Mountain United Methodist 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 Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Duff, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Heredia

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Minutes from March 13 and 17, 2025, Study Sessions; and April 21, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

3. Take action on the following liquor license application:

*3-a. The Shroom Room Café

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for EJNM Management LLC, 2860 East Mckellips Road, Suite 4-5 - Lauren Kay Merrett, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 1)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. Commercial Water Meter Vault Rehabilitations Phase 15, Design-Bid-Build Contract. **(Districts 1 and 5)**

This improvement project is to replace ten aging commercial water meter assemblies (WMA) at five City sites. The existing WMAs, located in underground vaults, will be removed or abandoned and reconstructed above ground. New backflow devices will also be installed with the WMA.

Staff recommend awarding a contract to Loenbro dba Revolution Industrial, in the amount of \$1,359,168.52, and authorize a change order allowance in the amount of \$135,916.85 (10%) for a total authorized amount of \$1,495,085.37. This project is funded by the Water Utility Revenue Pledge.

*4-b. Val Vista Drive Improvements and Val Vista Sewer Rehabilitation Projects, Design-Bid-Build Contract. **(District 2)**

The Val Vista Drive Improvements project will improve safety, increase capacity, and reduce congestion that occurs at the Val Vista and Southern Avenue intersection by adding through lanes and dual left turn lanes, new raised medians, reconstruction of a portion of existing roadway, and other improvements to include new curb and gutter, sidewalk, ADA facilities, bike lanes, signing, traffic signal equipment, street lighting, landscaping, pavement markings, and transit facilities. The project will construct the full build out of Val Vista Drive from US 60 to Pueblo Avenue.

The Val Vista Sewer Rehabilitation project consists of City utility improvements of the existing sewer line and manholes (from Baseline Road to Broadway Road), building a new storm drain, and adding new gas lines and regulator stations.

Staff recommend awarding a contract for these projects to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$16,481,880 and authorize a change order allowance in the amount of \$1,648,188 (10%) for a total authorized amount of \$18,130,068. These projects are funded by 2020 Street Bonds, MAG Regional Arterial Road Funds, and Utility Systems Revenue Obligations (Gas, Water, Wastewater).

*4-c. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**

***4-d. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Light-Duty Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services for the Fleet Services Department. (Citywide)**

This contract provides maintenance and repair services for the City's fleet, including sedans, light-duty trucks, SUVs, and vans. Fleet Services may use outside vendors to support City staff in performing routine preventive maintenance and related repairs as needed, which enhances vehicle availability, maintains vehicle safety, and supports maintaining preventive maintenance standards.

A committee representing the Fleet Services Department and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the highest scored proposals from All Fleet Services, LLC, B & T Vivian Investment Co, LLC (a Mesa business), Sun Auto Tires & Service (a Mesa business), and The Rustic Wrench at \$500,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

***4-e. One-Year Term Contract for Insulated Pool Covers and Storage Reels (Replacement/Addition) for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Department. (Citywide)**

This contract will provide thermal pool covers and storage reels which will be used to reduce aquatic center heating costs during winter months. The use of thermal covers has been proven to reduce utility heating costs by 50%. The City currently has thermal covers at Kino and Skyline Aquatic Centers, which have reached their lifespan and need to be replaced. Additional covers and storage reels will be purchased for the remaining facilities currently without covers: Brimhall, Carson, Mesa, and Rhodes Aquatic Centers.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Heritage Pool Group dba Recreonics at \$301,500, based on estimated requirements.

***4-f. Use of a Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of One Street Sweeper (Replacement) for the Fleet Services and Transportation Departments. (Citywide)**

This purchase will replace a unit that has met the established replacement criteria and will be either traded, auctioned, sold, or deployed for special uses. This sweeper will help the Transportation Department with maintaining their goal of completing the residential sweeping cycle within a 4-week time frame.

The Fleet Services and Transportation Departments and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the State of Arizona cooperative contract with Freightliner of Arizona, LLC at \$458,000, based on estimated requirements. This purchase is funded by MAG/ADOT CMAQ (Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality) Grant and Local Street Sales Tax Funding.

***4-g. Purchase of Wastewater Diffuser System Repairs at the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant for the Water Resources Department (Sole Source). (Citywide)**

This repair is needed because the Fine Bubble Air Header Diffuser System in Aeration Basin #3 has cracked piping throughout, causing the system to experience failures. Fine bubble diffusers are critical components in the aeration basin of a water reclamation plant, facilitating efficient oxygen transfer into wastewater. This process fosters the

growth of beneficial microorganisms that break down organic matter, ammonia, and other contaminants in the water.

The Water Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Environmental Dynamics International (EDI) at \$180,000.

- *4-h. Use of a 17-Month Term Cooperative Contract with Renewal Options for Replacement Batteries, Repair, and Maintenance for DC Power Systems for the Department of Innovation and Technology. **(Citywide)**

This contract will provide battery replacement, repair, and maintenance for the DC Power Systems for 15 public safety radio tower sites. The lifecycle for these batteries is approximately 8-10 years. Five of the sites have batteries that are at least 10 years old, and six sites have batteries that are between 8-10 years old.

The Department of Innovation and Technology and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the State of Arizona cooperative contract with American Power Systems (APS) at \$200,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *4-i. Two-Year Term Contract for Itron 400A Gas Meters for the Materials and Supply Warehouse and Energy Resources Department (Addition) (Single Response). **(Citywide)**

Series 400A Gas Meters are used for residential and light commercial gas accounts. These meters will be used for replacements, to complete the Smart Metering Program, new home meter sets, and future growth.

The Business Services and Energy Resources Departments and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the single and responsive bidder, Meter Value & Control at \$1,321,850.02 for Year 1 and \$1,097,807.63 for Year 2, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *5-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to submit the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2025-2029 5-Year Consolidated Plan and the City of Mesa Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Approving and authorizing the submittal of applications to receive entitlement funds for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Human Services to fund activities approved by the City Council; and authorizing the City Manager to expend, disburse and enter into agreements for disbursement of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 CDBG, ESG, HOME, and Human Services funds, received by the City. – Resolution No. 12354
- *5-b. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert for the Housing Choice Voucher Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program to allow Mesa VASH Program participants to lease housing in the Town of Gilbert. – Resolution No. 12355

- *5-c. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a first amendment to the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mesa, Arizona, and the Arizona Board of Regents dated July 9, 2024, related to the potential development, operation, and maintenance of post-secondary education facilities in downtown Mesa. The purpose of the amendment extends the development determination period for 135 N. Center Street by one year to June 1, 2026. **(District 4)** – Resolution No. 12356

6. Introduction of the following ordinance and setting June 2, 2025 as the date of the public hearing on this ordinance:

- *6-a. ZON24-00708 "Park North Multi-Family." 5± acres located approximately 275 feet east of the northeast corner of South Power Road and East Guadalupe Road. Rezone from Limited Commercial with Planned Area Development Overlay (LC-PAD) to Limited Commercial with a new Planned Area Development Overlay (LC-PAD), Council Use Permit, and Site Plan Review for the development of a 120-unit multiple residence development. P & G Land Development LLC, owner; Chris Webb, Rose Law Group, applicant. **(District 6)** – Ordinance No. 5940

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote: 4-0)

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

- *7-a. Amending Sections 10-4-4 and 10-4-5 of the Mesa City Code to modify the limits of the existing posted speed limit of 40 mph on Val Vista Drive between Pomegranate Street and Quenton Drive and establish a speed limit of 35 mph on Val Vista Drive between Quenton Drive and the north City limits, as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Board. **(District 1)** – Ordinance No. 5939

8. Take action on the following subdivision plats:

- *8-a. SUB25-00076 "Encanto." 11.25± acres located approximately 1,550 feet east of the southeast corner of North Lindsay Road and East Encanto Street. Final Plat. Central Christian Church of Mesa, owner; Charles Witt, applicant. **(District 1)**
- *8-b. SUB24-00540 "Cannon Beach Amended." 28± acres located at the southeast corner of East Warner Road and South Power Road. Final Plat. Action Zone Business 40, LLC, Action Zone Business 17, LLC, and AZB Power Pads, LLC, developer; Tom Snyder, surveyor. **(District 6)**

Items not on the Consent Agenda

- 4-c. Five-Year Term Contract with Five-Year Renewal Options for Photo Safety Enforcement Program for the Police Department (Sole Source). **(Citywide)**

Photo enforcement is used to improve road safety by automatically detecting traffic violations. The primary objectives are to enhance traffic safety, deter speeding and red light running, enforce traffic laws more efficiently and support law enforcement by supplementing enforcement and freeing up officers to focus on other crimes. The revenue generated covers the program costs of PD and the Court and the rest gets reinvested into safety projects across the city. The types of projects completed over the

past five years include pedestrian safety upgrades, bicycle safety upgrades, mid-block crossing enhancements, traffic signal upgrades, school zone safety projects and traffic calming projects. The new contract will allow existing outdated technology to be updated to more dependable equipment.

The Mesa Police Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, American Traffic Solutions, Inc. dba Verra Mobility (a Mesa business) at \$1,800,000, annually with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

Linda Patrick Hayes, a Mesa resident, addressed the Council regarding safety concerns with the Photo Safety Enforcement Program.

Mary Maybeno, a Mesa resident, expressed her safety concerns with the Photo Safety Enforcement Program.

David Winstanley, a Mesa resident, spoke in support of red-light cameras based on his research that indicated that lives are saved with red-light cameras. He requested an explanation on how the funds are utilized.

City Manager Christopher Brady advised that the purpose of the contract is to continue to provide safety in intersections and school zones by replacing outdated equipment, which will be more efficient. He pointed out that many years ago, the Council made the decision that any revenue that is collected from photo radar will be reinvested into safety projects. He emphasized that the use of technology and cameras is more cost efficient than deploying police officers and has proven to be effective; and studies have indicated a reduction in collisions. He described the verification process for citations issued.

In response to multiple questions from Councilmember Spilsbury, Mr. Brady explained that one of the benefits is that the contract allows the City to upgrade older equipment. He pointed out that the Transportation Department works with the Police Department to determine the location for photo radar.

Assistant Police Chief Gina Nesbit clarified that the process to determine the locations for photo radar at intersections and school zones is evaluated over time and adjustments are made when necessary. She noted that the photo radar for three new school zones will be added based on driving behaviors. She elaborated that all citations are reviewed by a police investigator to determine if a violation occurred, and individuals have the option to go before the magistrate for additional due process.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Assistant Chief Nesbit replied that she will discuss the residents' concern regarding the brightness of the camera flash in dark streets with Verra Mobility to determine if any technological enhancements are needed.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Goforth, Assistant Chief Nesbit replied that the Mesa Police Department (PD) does not have any specific data indicating that the photo safety cameras cause driving behaviors to change resulting in accidents; however, further research will be conducted. She stressed that there is data that illustrates speed cameras alter driver behavior in the positive, similar to having a police officer on the corner at the intersection, but it is not feasible to have a police officer on every major intersection. She mentioned that the PD does deploy the data-driven policing model based on traffic safety and crime.

In response to a question from Councilmember Adams, Assistant Chief Nesbit responded that due process is the same whether a citation is issued by a police officer or a camera.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Somers, Assistant Chief Nesbit stated that an error was made on the Council report stating that two new school zones will be added; however, the total should be three. She explained one school zone camera was down due to outdated equipment and will be brought back online for a total of three.

Councilmember Duff explained that street safety is important considering Mesa has more traffic accident fatalities than homicides per year. She noted that the Transportation Department and the Compensation Safety Action Plan are examining how to reduce fatalities. She supports having the tools in order to discourage speeding and red light running. She emphasized that the goal is to reduce accidents or fatalities by 30% by 2030.

Mayor Freeman thanked the residents for their comments.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that the Five-Year Term Contract with Five-Year Renewal Options for Photo Safety Enforcement Program for the Police Department be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Heredia

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Items from citizens present.

Carey Davis, a Mesa resident, discussed the 2025/2026 budget and offered suggestions to reduce expenditures.

City Clerk Holly Moseley announced that the following citizens submitted a comment card in support of diversity and inclusion and zero tolerance for discriminatory behavior, but did not wish to speak:

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| • Emily Hillman, a Gilbert resident | • Natalie Poelman, a Gilbert resident |
| • Troy Hillman, a Gilbert resident | • Jennifer Akridge, a Mesa resident |
| • Amanda Halladay, a Mesa resident | • James Walters, a Mesa resident |
| • Carol Payne, a Mesa resident | • Jillian Ryan, a Mesa resident |

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

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 May 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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