

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on May 19, 2025, at 6:11 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 Tim Ahlman with Christ Greenfield Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Freeman.

Awards, recognitions, or announcements.

Mayor Freeman presented a proclamation to City Manager Christopher Brady and declared May 19, 2025, Christopher J. Brady Day. He expressed gratitude for his dedication to the City of Mesa and wished him the best in his retirement.

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 Duff, 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.

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

Minutes from May 12, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

3. Take action on the following liquor license applications:

*3-a. Buca Di Beppo

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for BDB Other States LLC, 1730 South Val Vista Drive - Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz, agent. The existing license held by Buca Restaurants 2 Inc. will revert to the State. **(District 2)**

*3-b. Power Meeting Center

A meeting center is requesting a new Series 6 Bar License for 860 North Riverview LLC, 2224 West Rio Salado Parkway, Suite 101 - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. This is an ownership transfer; therefore, the existing license held by Power Meeting Center LLC will revert to the State for modification. **(District 3)**

*3-c. Courtyard Mesa at Wrigleyville West

A hotel with a bar and restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 11 Hotel/Motel License for 2224 West Rio Salado Parkway LLC, 2224 West Rio Salado Parkway, Suite 102 - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. The existing license held by MC Hotel River View LLC will revert to the State. **(District 3)**

*3-d. Sheraton Mesa Hotel at Wrigleyville West

A hotel with a bar and restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 11 Hotel/Motel License for 860 North Riverview LLC, 860 North Riverview - Amy Suzanne Nations, agent. The existing license held by River View Hotel LLC will revert to the State. **(District 3)**

*3-e. Guru's Indian Kitchen

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Sodhi & Sons #2 LLC, 4459 South Power Road, Suite 107 - Satpreet Singh, agent. There is no existing license at this location. **(District 6)**

4. Take action on the following contracts:

*4-a. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Vehicle Rental Services for the Police Department. **(Citywide)**

An evaluation committee recommend awarding the contract to the qualified proposal from Enterprise Holdings, Inc. at \$1,100,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*4-b. Eight-Month Term Use of a Cooperative Contract with Renewal Options for Sewer Inspection CCTV Equipment, Parts, and Services (Upgrade) for the Water Resources Department. **(Citywide)**

The department's current CCTV inspection equipment is outdated and will no longer be supported by the vendor. Upgrading to an advanced AI-powered solution for sewer condition assessment is required to ensure a smooth transition to SewerAI, the City's underground infrastructure management system. This purchase will enable the modernization of hardware and robotics, enhancing operational efficiency and maintaining the effectiveness of our inspection processes.

The Water Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the Sourcewell cooperative contract with RapidView at \$500,000 annually with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *4-c. One-Year Term Use of a Cooperative Contract with Renewal Options for Emergency Pipeline and Sewer Repair Services for the Water Resources Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract provides for emergency pipeline and sewer repair services, which is crucial for water utilities to efficiently address unexpected pipeline failures or damage. Having pre-qualified contractors ensures prompt responses, reducing downtime and preventing disruptions in the water supply. Covered tasks typically include excavation, pipeline repairs, valve operations, and site restoration.

The Water Resources Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the City of Scottsdale cooperative contract with WaCo, LLC, dba WaCo Contracting and Achen Gardner Construction, LLC at \$800,000 annually with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

5. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *5-a. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Compudopt to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$19,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12357
- *5-b. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Desert Sounds Performing Arts to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12358
- *5-c. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Gene Lewis Boxing Club & Youth Center to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12359
- *5-d. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Mothers Against Drunk Driving to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$9,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. Resolution No. 12360
- *5-e. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$20,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12361

- *5-f. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Centers to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$40,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12362
- *5-g. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by Tooth B.U.D.D.S., Inc. to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant. – Resolution No. 12363
- *5-h. Authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by City of Mesa Office of Urban Transformation to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12364
- *5-i. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Conduit Occupancy Agreement with Light Source Communications to occupy portions of City-owned conduits. – Resolution No. 12365
- *5-j. Adopting and publishing the City of Mesa Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as a guiding document regarding the vision for transportation safety in the City of Mesa. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12366
- *5-k. Approving the City of Mesa's 2025 Title VI Program Update as required every three years by the Federal Transit Administration. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12367
- *5-l. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Mesa and the United States Postal Service for City-owned property located at 135 North Center Street. The lease includes a three-year term with no renewal options. – Resolution No. 12368
- *5-m. A resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with Higley/202 Industrial, LLC regarding sewer line improvements and the temporary use of a private wastewater system for the project related to Zoning Case ZON23-00276 on property located on approximately 4.930 +/- acres within the 3800 Block of North Higley Road (East Side). Located east of Higley Road and north of Thomas Road in Mesa, Arizona. **(District 5)** – Resolution No. 12369

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

- *6-a. ANX24-01031 - Annexing 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)** – Ordinance No. 5941
- *6-b. Amending Title 5, Chapter 13, Section 2 of the Mesa City Code to provide that the Solid Waste Residential Development Fee is as set forth in the Schedule of Fees and Charges; this changes the code to be similar to other code sections that provide that fees will be as set forth in the Schedule of Fees and Charges; this does not change the current fees that are in the Schedule of Fees and Charges. – Ordinance No. 5942
- *6-c. Proposed amendments to Chapters 34 and 87 of Title 11 of the Mesa City Code pertaining to Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions and Recreational Vehicle

Parks and Subdivisions. The text amendments include but are not limited to modifying the permitted uses in Recreational Vehicle Subdivisions and Manufactured Home Subdivisions to allow for dwelling units of conventional construction; modifying language to clarify the permitted uses in Recreational Vehicle Parks and Manufactured Home Parks; adding a maximum height requirement for dwelling units of conventional construction; modifying how required yard setbacks in Recreational Vehicle and Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions are measured; modifying the definitions of Manufactured Home, Manufactured Home Lot, Manufactured Home Park, Manufactured Home Subdivision, Recreational Vehicle Accessory Structure, Recreational Vehicle, Recreational Vehicle Lot, Recreational Vehicle Park, Recreational Vehicle Subdivision; adding a definition of Recreational Vehicle, Park Model; and minor revisions to emergency parking wording. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 5943

Staff Recommendation: Adoption

P&Z Recommendation: Adoption (4-0)

7. Take action on the following subdivision plat:

- *7-a. SUB24-01087 “Coyote Landing, A Condominium Phase II” 7.21± acres located approximately 830 feet north of the northeast corner of South Crismon Road and East Southern Avenue. Amended Final Plat. Copper Sunrise, LLC, developer; Peter Vesecky, Vespro, surveyor. **(District 5)**

8. Take action to adopt the FY 2025/2026 tentative budget:

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

Items not on the Consent Agenda

- 8-a. Take action on and adopt the tentative FY 2025/26 budget.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to adoption of the tentative FY 2025/26 budget:

- Carey Davis, a Mesa resident
- Dorreen Taylor, a Mesa resident
- Antoinette Andruzzi, a Mesa resident
- David Winstanley, a Mesa resident
- Frankie Bower, a Mesa resident

The following citizens submitted blue cards in opposition to adoption of the tentative FY 2025/26 budget but did not wish to speak:

- Michael Zimmerman, a Mesa resident
- Nancy Zimmerman, a Mesa Resident

Mr. Brady affirmed that Mesa’s financial position remains strong and emphasized that the forecast serves as a tool for anticipating and adjusting to the City’s complex budget needs.

Responding to a request from Vice Mayor Somers, Mr. Brady explained the budget process and outlined how the department budget cuts are determined.

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Mr. Brady suggested that future annual budget discussions start earlier in the year to ensure sufficient time and recommended

that the Council evaluate the budget regularly and make adjustments as needed throughout the year.

Councilmember Spilsbury indicated support of the tentative FY 2025/26 budget and expressed her appreciation to the citizens for their feedback and online comments.

Councilmember Adams spoke in opposition to the tentative FY 2025/26 budget. He voiced his desire to balance the budget and support the benchmark pay increases for public safety.

Councilmember Duff offered support of the tentative FY 2025/26 budget and stated that while there is still work to be done, ensuring the quality of life for the citizens is important.

Mayor Freeman spoke in support of the tentative FY 2025/26 budget and reiterated the importance of the feedback received from the citizens.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that the tentative FY 2025/26 Budget be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – Adams

Mayor Freeman declared the motion carried by majority vote.

9. Conduct a public hearing and take action on the following resolution relating to the Mesa Town Center Improvement District No. 228:

9-a. Public hearing on the annual assessments for the Mesa Town Center Improvement District No 228.

Mayor Freeman announced that this is the time and place for a public hearing regarding the annual assessments for the Mesa Town Center Improvement District No. 228.

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

9-b. Resolution approving the 2025 District Assessments for Mesa Town Center Improvement District No. 228. The proposed final assessments do not include any rate increases. – Resolution No. 12370

It was moved by Councilmember Duff, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that Resolution No. 12370 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

10. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:02 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 19th 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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