

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 30, 2022

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on June 30, 2022, at 7:35 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Jennifer Duff
Mark Freeman
David Luna
Julie Spilsbury
Kevin Thompson

COUNCIL ABSENT

Francisco Heredia

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Heredia from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the July 5, 2022 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: None

Responding to a request for an update from Councilmember Luna regarding Item 4-j, **(Fiber Network Expansion Phase 2 - Materials Procurement - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 1. (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, City Engineer Beth Huning introduced Chief Information Officer Travis Cutright. She explained this project is in the early procurement stages. She remarked that due to supply chain shortages resulting in a 52-week lead time, staff evaluated various fiber options and found a product that would deliver in 30 weeks. She noted construction would begin in approximately seven months, and staff would return to bring a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for the installation. She indicated the fiber would nearly complete the Downtown west of Mesa Drive. She stated there is already a large amount of conduit in the ground, which would result in a faster installation. She noted when the project is finalized, staff will analyze the remaining funds and begin to focus east of Mesa Drive in the loop that goes out to Power Road.

In response to questions from Councilmember Luna, Ms. Huning stated that funding would determine the timeline and whether the City could procure more fiber for future projects.

Responding to an inquiry from Mayor Giles, Mr. Cutright explained the synergy between the private sector, which installs internet to the homes, and the public sector, which serves internal City facilities. He added the goal is to leverage some of the private fiber to use at City facilities and prevent the need to invest future Capital Funds.

Ms. Huning noted discussions with firms that have shown interest in leasing the City's unused conduits and fiber. She stated that due to the data load between all the facilities monitored, the amount of fiber installed is 144 to 288 strands. She added this leaves potential conduit and fiber to lease to the private sector.

City Manager Christopher Brady clarified that the City has lease agreements for fiber and receives approximately \$2 million annually.

Ms. Huning recalled an in-kind project with Zayo, resulting in added conduit. She stated during a street project, the City installed four banks of two conduits for the signal system, which resulted in extra conduits. She reiterated that the City had leased conduit and fiber for approximately five years, which avoids critical cuts in the street.

Mr. Brady remarked private firms are encouraged to run their fiber through the City's available conduit. He added there are various levels of interest as some firms prefer to use their own conduit. He noted the many different methodologies for fiber installation and supported minimizing the impact on the City.

In response to a question from Councilmember Luna regarding Item 6-c, **ZON22-00157 (District 5) Within the 4400 to 5200 blocks of East McKellips Road (north side); within the 2000 to 2800 blocks of North Greenfield Road (east side); within the 4400 to 5200 blocks of East McDowell Road (south side); and within the 2000 to 2800 blocks of North Higley Road (west side). Located north of McKellips Road and east of Greenfield Road (575.5± acres). Falcon Field Design Guidelines Update. This request will modify the existing Design Guidelines to guide future development at Falcon Field Airport. City of Mesa, applicant; City of Mesa, owner)**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Airport Director Corrine Nystrom stated the airport has grown and developed to become dynamic and prosperous. She noted the airport design standards for new and existing construction have been in place since 2011. She requested the standards be revised to help streamline processes, give architects and tenants latitude on design, and enable them to be creative and develop attractive structures. She stated lease negotiations are being finalized for parcels of land, and tenants are planning beautiful buildings.

Councilmember Luna stated the goal is to allow architects to change the look of the hangars and modernize the airport. He added that Falcon Field is the second busiest general aviation airport.

Responding to a request for an update from Vice Mayor Duff regarding Item 4-j, **(Northwest Water Reclamation Plant (NWWRP) - Food to Energy Program, Phase 1: Flare to Fuel Project - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 1 (District 3))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Special Projects Manager Lauren Whittaker indicated that due to long lead times, this would be the first GMP for large equipment, and staff may return with a second GMP in the fall. She reported Phase No. 1 of the Flare to Fuel Food to Energy Program takes biogas created inside the digesters at the NWWRP, cleans the gas to pipeline standards, and then places the gas into the City's natural gas utility. She

noted the next steps would put the gas in CNG vehicles, allowing the City to receive benefits through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and work towards renewable natural gas in the Mesa Climate Action Plan (MCAP). She stated future phases would analyze the potential to add food waste into the digesters, creating more biogas to use as a resource for City operations.

Mayor Giles noted that all City departments were tasked with finding ways to participate in the MCAP and highlighted the Flare to Fuel, Food to Fuel and the Arizona State University (ASU) Algae Programs.

Councilmember Spilsbury requested a continuance on Agenda Item 8-a, **(ZON21-00940 (District 2) Within the 3100 block of East Southern Avenue (south side) and the block of South 32nd Street (west side). Located east of Lindsay Road on the south side of Southern Avenue (2.4± acres). Rezone from Single Residence 9 (RS-9) to Multiple Residence 3 with a Planned Area Development overlay (RM-3-PAD) and Site Plan Review. This request will allow for a multiple residence development)**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda to the July 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Development Services Director Nana Appiah affirmed staff recently met with community leaders on the referenced agenda item and the neighborhood is aware of the July 11th continuance.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide direction on the update to the Mesa Climate Action Plan (MCAP) 2.0.

Diversity and Special Projects Manager Andrea Alicoate and Environmental Management & Sustainability Deputy Director Laura Hyneman displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the MCAP 2.0. **(See Attachment 1)**

Ms. Alicoate reported that MCAP 2.0 efforts led by Council's strategic initiatives is a commitment to a healthy environment. She noted the City's overall commitment led to the first version of the plan being introduced in June 2021. She stated the plan proposed four aspirational goals and bold statements to the community. She presented goals that include achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030, reaching 100% renewable energy by 2050, diverting 90% of the waste in landfills by 2050, and developing community action. She noted the MCAP approach focuses on projects and efforts that include energy, air quality, heat mitigation, water stewardship materials management, and food systems. (See Pages 2 through 4 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Hyneman stated each City department has pledged to achieve the plan goals and interim milestones. She reported that departments focused on innovation, coordination, and streamlined operations this year to further climate action. She pointed out Council approved \$10 million for MCAP projects during the budget process. She highlighted the Community Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Master Plan and Flare to Fuel. She noted that the Healthy Environments Data Portal webpage plans to report progress on the MCAP goals beginning in August. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Alicoate emphasized the importance of community engagement. She reported last year, staff partnered with the Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities Department (PRCF) to initiate a public campaign called Footprints For The Future. She highlighted events, including community workshops, a virtual public meeting series, online interactive platforms, and a public

survey. She reported that 2,200 Mesa residents responded to the study, which showed positive interest and engagement in MCAP initiatives. (See Pages 6 and 7 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Alicoate reported staff partnered with the Economic Development department to engage the business community. She added the City shared the existing MCAP with business leaders and asked them to review and provide statements of support. She noted over 23 businesses currently have signed on to pledge to the MCAP initiatives. She highlighted comments from the businesses and stressed their commitment to strengthening community impact. (See Pages 8 and 9 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Alicoate indicated the community is interested in a resilient water supply, air quality, trees and shade, and renewable energy. She stated the City reached out to community members to identify specific interest projects and reported the results showed interest in broad categories rather than specific items. She highlighted the community's recommendations, including increasing education on cost savings and green initiatives, informing the public on MCAP progress, and continuing to build partnerships. She pointed out the importance of engaging the community and youth. She added that many respondents stated interest in making contributions if the City provided more accessible funding or incentive options. (See Pages 10 through 11 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Hyneman stated Mesa strives to build a climate-ready resilient community by engaging the public in climate initiatives. She identified ideas moving forward, including enhancing community action messaging, and gave examples of marketing methods. She discussed a strategy to arrange public workshops to engage groups that may not have participated in the initial outreach and surveys. She discussed partnering with ASU and MAC on upcoming events.

She indicated the community declared their desire for trees and shade and recalled that a grant was awarded from forestry services where volunteers planted 150 trees in northwest Mesa. She affirmed Mesa would continue promoting tree planting campaigns and working with groups like Trees Matter. She pointed out that larger climate initiatives have strategic partners with shared interests in large-scale, long-term climate initiatives. She reported the City is partnering on a utility-scale renewable energy project and installing EV charging infrastructure connecting to regional networks. She summarized that this plan is for the community and will empower community leaders to act. (See Page 12 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Alicoate highlighted the changes to the MCAP 2.0, including an updated Community Action Plan and community operations information and adjusting the aspirational goals and strategies. She indicated data tracking would continue the Open Data Dashboard and include community metrics. She confirmed staff would move forward with an outlined Community Engagement Plan, and departments would bring forward to Council the varying projects and initiatives individually to have more robust discussions. She reported that MCAP 2.0 is a living document and will continue to evolve. (See Pages 14 through 16 of Attachment 1)

Vice Mayor Duff suggested establishing a Climate Action Advisory Board that would include all aspects of the City to reach the goals. She suggested challenging residents to help reduce heat.

Councilmember Luna stressed the importance of school and youth involvement in the MCAP.

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Ms. Hyneman stated staff would encourage organizations and special interest groups to move forward with their initiatives. She added that individuals with questions are welcome to contact City staff and provide input.

Ms. Alicoate reported the City's Sustainability website offers ideas and detailed contact information for the public.

Mayor Giles stated he was encouraged by the engagement from local businesses in MCAP and noted their significant impact on the climate. He recommended asking for a voluntary pledge to identify company initiatives to the MCAP. He recalled the state budget allocated \$1 billion to water, with a large amount dedicated to conservation. He mentioned the City's EV Plan and discussed the infrastructure needed for a City fleet.

Vice Mayor Duff commented the City sponsors a green business program for small businesses through Local First Arizona, who will review business processes and make cost-saving suggestions for more efficient and friendlier use and businesses can earn a Certified Green Business Award.

Councilmember Freeman recommended creating a foundation to help facilitate city and neighborhood projects through agricultural land. He discussed ideas regarding using agricultural land for education, preservation, and water conservation.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

2-b. Appointments to the Library Advisory Board, Fire Department Pension Board, Police Department Pension Board, and Merit System Board.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 2)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Duff–Freeman–Luna–Spilsbury–Thompson

ABSENT – Heredia

NAYS – None

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Greystar groundbreaking
Vice Mayor Duff –	We Run Mesa – Eagles Park Visit Mesa 10 th Anniversary celebration Fiesta Substation lunch Planning and Zoning meeting
Councilmember Freeman –	Mesa Police graduation ceremony
Councilmember Luna –	National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials conference National League of Cities – IT meeting Falcon Field - viewing area tour

Councilmember Spilsbury – Mesa Police Department Youth Leadership Academy
We Run Mesa – Jefferson Elementary

Councilmember Freeman recognized Assistant Fire Chief Mike Dunn for his 35-year term at the City of Mesa.

Councilmember Luna acknowledged employee Marcus Steele for his leadership at the City of Mesa and for establishing the Mesa Hispanic Network.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – Study Session

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Council meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

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Mayor Giles announced on July 4th, 2022, the naturalization ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall, followed by the Celebration of Freedom in Downtown Mesa at 9:30 p.m.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

JOHN GILES, 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 30th day of June 2022. 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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(Attachments – 2)

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION | June 30, 2022

CLIMATE
ACTION PLAN
For a Sustainable Community

CITY OF MESA 2.0 | [MESAAZ.GOV/CLIMATEACTION](https://mesaaz.gov/climateaction)

Andrea Allicoate, Diversity & Special Projects Manager &
Laura Hyneman, Environmental Management & Sustainability Department Director

Mesa's Climate Action Plan (MCAP)

- Lead by Council's Strategic Initiative: Healthy Environment



"We proactively and responsibly protect and conserve Mesa's environment and natural resources to reduce urban heat, carbon and waste for a healthy community for all."

- MCAP approved by Council in June 2021, lead with City operations

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ASPIRATIONAL GOALS



ASPIRATIONAL GOAL #1: **Carbon Neutrality**

- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing carbon sinks
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ASPIRATIONAL GOAL #3: **Materials Management**

- Manage material responsibly and divert 90% waste from the landfill by 2050



ASPIRATIONAL GOAL #4: **Community Action**

- Develop community-based action items to be incorporated into the Plan

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FOCUS AREAS



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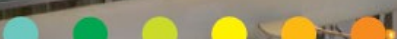


City Leading By Example

- Pathway to achieving MCAP Goals
- Departments across the City are engaged
- \$10M approved by Council for MCAP projects for FY 22/23
- Major projects planned and underway
- Tracking progress

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Engagement Opportunities

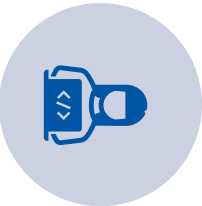
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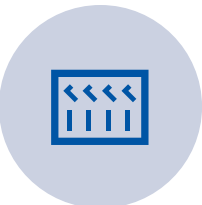
Community Workshops



Virtual Public Meetings



On-line Engagement



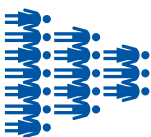
Climate Action Prioritization Survey



Prioritization Survey

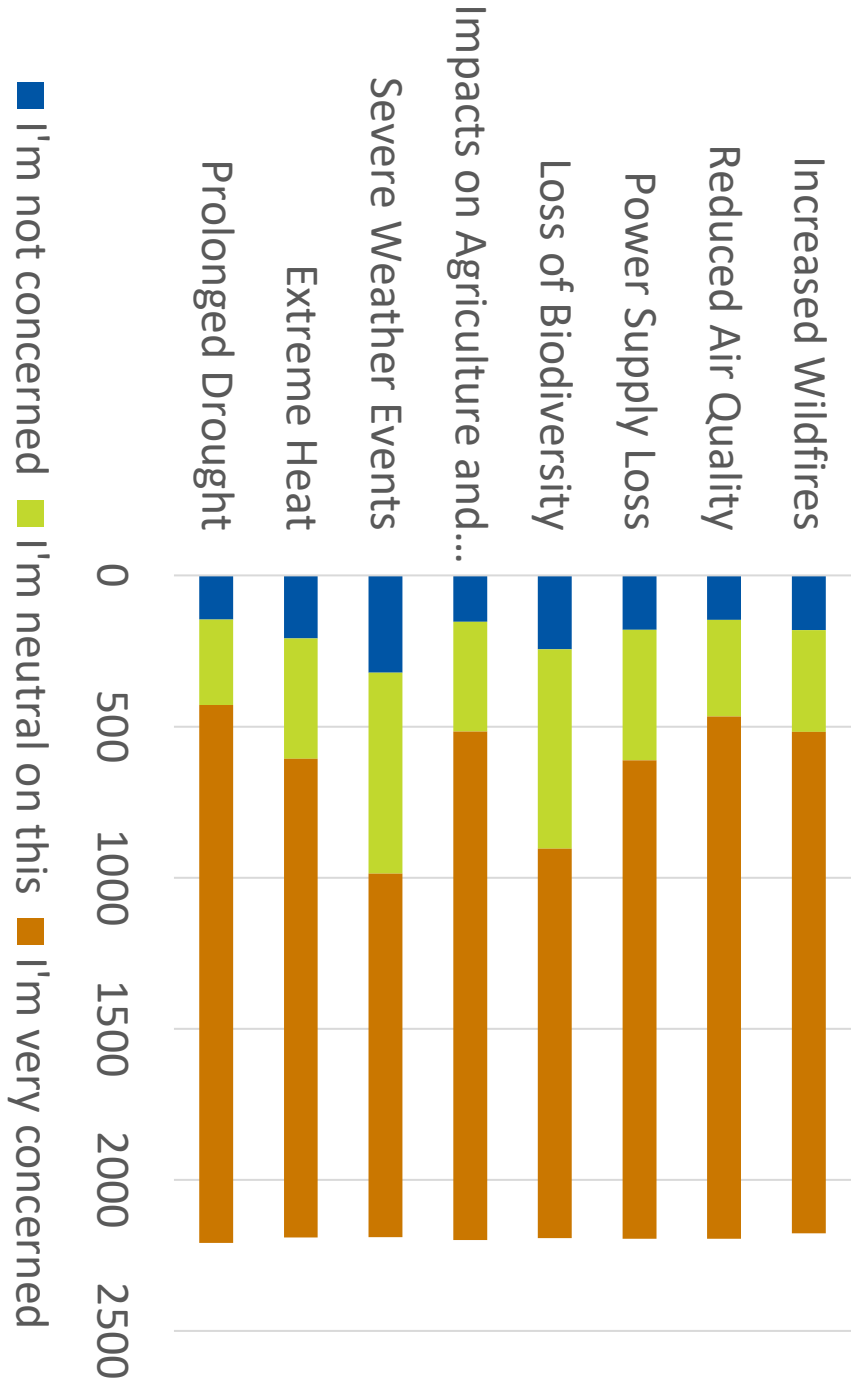


13 Questions



2,221

Respondents



Business Support for MCAP



Delivering water and power®



AEROSPACE



Recycling Specialists



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"We fully support the City of Mesa and their forward-thinking Climate Action Plan, which is in alignment with Meta's sustainability efforts both in Mesa and globally...We look forward to our continued partnership with the city as they work to achieve their important sustainability goals."

David Williams, Meta
Community Development Regional Manager



"SRP would like to congratulate the City of Mesa for developing Mesa's Climate Action Plan (MCAP) and its aspirational goals for 2050. SRP and the City have mutual goals and visions for the future of Central Arizona, and SRP is proud to support your efforts..."

Kelly Barr, Salt River Project
Associate General Manager and Chief Strategy, Corporate Services and Sustainability Executive



"CAVU Aerospace gives 100% support to Mesa's Climate Action Plan. The plan will bring a much-needed awareness to increase sustainability in our growing community."

Ken Kocialski, CAVU Aerospace
Owner



"Banner Health is proud to see the positive strides that the City of Mesa is taking in the pursuit of making our communities healthier and more sustainable for the future. The philosophy of the city is one that aligns greatly with our organization. This will certainly help our communities for generations to come!"

Mark Barkenbush, Banner Health
Vice President, Facilities Services



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Community Key Findings

Priorities

Responsible Water Management

Improve Air Quality

Transition to Renewable Energy

City initiatives viewed as providing the most benefit to mitigating the effects of climate change

Resilient water supply

Tree and shade plan

Increase renewable energy infrastructure



Community Recommendations

Education

Identify opportunities to educate the Mesa community on green living, cost savings, and climate education.

Inclusive Communication

Provide ongoing communications to keep the community informed about the progress toward climate goals.

Strategic Partnerships

Build community partnerships with thought leaders, technical experts, youth, and other community leaders for climate action outreach and education.

Funding and Incentives

Identify and/or develop funding, incentives, and resources that support climate action.



Continued Engagement

- Enhance community action messaging
- Promote equitable solutions in our community
- Conduct community workshops
- Collaborate with interest groups
- Leverage partnerships
- Empower community leaders

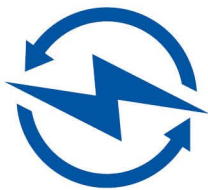


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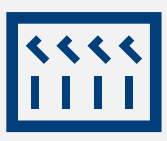
- Enhance community resilience through collaboration and inclusive engagement

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MCAP 2.0: What is New?



Updated MCAP 2.0 with
community action



City operations
implementation matrix



Adjusted Aspirational Goals
and strategies to reflect
progress



Looking Ahead

- Track impact on ‘Healthy Environment’ Data Dashboard
- Collaborate and enhance community engagement
- Continue to bring department projects forward to Council for consideration
- Plan is a living document that will evolve over time - updates will be ongoing

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QUESTIONS?



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