



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 6, 2023

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 March 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles
Francisco Heredia
Jennifer Duff
Mark Freeman
Alicia Goforth
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

Julie Spilsbury

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Spilsbury from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the March 6, 2023, 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.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide direction on the revised, proposed FY23/24 City Council Strategic Priorities and objectives.

Deputy City Manager Natalie Lewis displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Ms. Lewis reviewed the updates to the Council's Strategic Priorities for Innovation, Inclusion, and Outstanding Services and for Community Health and Safety. (See Pages 2 and 3 of Attachment 1)

Discussion ensued on the Community Health and Safety Strategic Priority. Consensus of the Council was to provide an additional term to describe the City's Public Safety Department.

Ms. Lewis provided updates on the Council's Strategic Priorities statements for a Skilled and Talented Workforce, Strong Community Connections, Neighborhoods & Placemaking, and a Thriving Economy. (See Pages 4 through 7 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Lewis stated the Sustainable Environment Strategic Priority was updated from Healthy Environment with a greater emphasis on water supplies as a core concept. (See Page 8 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Ms. Lewis replied that once the Strategic Priorities are finalized, she will collaborate with the Office of Public Information and Communications (PIO) Department to brand the messaging of the Strategic Priorities.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

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

3-a. Human Relations Advisory Board meeting held on January 25, 2023.

3-b. The Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting held on December 7, 2022.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Heredia–Duff–Freeman–Goforth–Somers

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Spilsbury

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

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

5. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – Sustainability and Transportation Committee

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:19 p.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 6th day of March 2023. 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 – 1)



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City Council Strategic Priorities

Presenter: Natalie Lewis, Deputy City Manager

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Innovation, Inclusion and Outstanding Services are ‘The Mesa Way.’

The City of Mesa delivers innovative services and inclusive solutions for all residents, businesses and visitors through six Strategic Priorities.

Community Health and Safety

Mesa is committed to safe and secure neighborhoods, parks, and businesses. We deliver public safety and community health through responsive, compassionate and inclusive services.



Skilled and Talented Workforce

Every Mesa resident has access to exceptional education and the opportunity for employment success. We are forging a future-ready workforce through business and education partnerships and robust workforce training and development.



Strong Community Connections

Mesa inspires community confidence by emphasizing the importance of transparency, providing services the Mesa Way, and pursuing communications and engagement with all Mesa residents, businesses and community partners.



Neighborhoods & Placemaking

Mesa's neighborhoods and community spaces are well-connected, clean, safe and welcoming. They are economically and socially dynamic places, are culturally vibrant and attractive, and are served by quality infrastructure.



Thriving Economy

Mesa's economy is strong, diverse and sustainable. We foster an environment for successful business retention and growth, and the intentional creation of entrepreneurial, high-quality jobs.

Sustainable Environment

Mesa proactively and responsibly reduces urban heat, carbon emissions, and waste by protecting and conserving our valuable water supplies, environment, and other natural resources.





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