



COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on June 1, 2026, at 6:02 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mark Freeman
Scott Somers
Rich Adams
Jennifer Duff
Alicia Goforth
Francisco Heredia
Dorean Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Butler
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor's Welcome.

Mayor Freeman conducted a roll call.

Invocation by Reverend Tawni Garcia of First Christian Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Freeman.

There were no awards, recognitions, or announcements.

1. Appointment and swearing-in of Jacob Brown as City Magistrate.

It was moved by Councilmember Heredia, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that Jacob Brown be appointed as City Magistrate.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

Jacob Brown was sworn in as City Magistrate by Presiding Magistrate Stephen Umpleby.

City Magistrate Jacob Brown expressed his sincere appreciation to the City Council for allowing him to serve the citizens of Mesa, and his commitment to integrity, impartiality, and protecting those most vulnerable.

2. Take action on all consent agenda items.

All items listed on the agenda with an asterisk (*) are on the consent agenda which means they will be considered by the City Council as a group, without any separate discussion of these items, unless a Councilmember or citizen requests the item be removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately. If a citizen wants an item removed from the consent agenda, a request must be made prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Duff, seconded by Councilmember Goforth, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

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

Minutes from the Study Sessions held on March 23, April 6, and May 4, 2026; and the Regular Council meeting held on May 18, 2026.

4. Take action on the following liquor license application:

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

5. Take action on the following contracts:

*5-a. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for Private Security Guard Services for Various City Facilities. **(Citywide)**

This agreement is for private security guard services. The scope of work includes unarmed physical security services, mobile patrol using a golf cart, shuttle services for employees between City buildings and parking structures and security for special events and festivals that are hosted by the City. Services are required for various locations such as Mesa Arts Center, Mesa Libraries, Police facilities, 55 North Center, and City Hall.

A committee representing the Arts and Culture, Business Services, Library Services, Mesa Police Departments and Procurement Services evaluated responses and recommend awarding the contract to the highest scored proposal from Allied Universal Protection Service, LP in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

*5-b. Three-Year Term Contract with Two-Year Renewal Options for On-Site Vehicle Glass Services for the Fleet Services Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract provides comprehensive on-site glass repair and replacement services for the City of Mesa's fleet, including windshields, side windows, rear windows, and chip repairs. Services will be awarded to a primary and secondary vendor by group, with each group representing a separate category of vehicles (light duty, heavy duty, and

construction equipment). Fleet Services is responsible for maintaining and servicing more than 1,700 vehicles and equipment.

The Fleet Services Department and Procurement Services recommend awarding the contract to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders, Arizona Auto Glass Direct, LLC; Pinal County Auto Glass; and Shadow Auto Ventures, LLC dba Specialized Auto Glass, LLC in a combined total amount not to exceed \$150,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *5-c. 10-Month Use of a Cooperative Term Contract with Four One-Year Renewal Options for the Purchase of Bus Shelter Cleaning Services for the Transit Services Department. **(Citywide)**

This contract provides maintenance and repair services for bus shelters and related transit amenities throughout the City of Mesa, ensuring that facilities such as bus stops, BRT stations, transit centers, park-and-ride locations, and pedestrian areas are kept clean, safe, and operational. Bus shelter maintenance will be on a scheduled basis, and repair services on an as-needed, where-needed basis.

The Transit Services Department and Procurement Services recommend authorizing the purchase using the City of Scottsdale S.A.V.E. cooperative contract with Service Link Commercial in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 annually, with an annual increase allowance of up to 5% or the adjusted Consumer Price Index.

- *5-d. North Higley Lift Station and Thomas Road Sewer project - Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 1 of 1. **(District 5)**

The North Higley Lift Station and Thomas Road Sewer project's service area is approximately 350 acres in size and includes the American Leadership Academy, Sunshine Acres, Amazon, Longbow Golf Club, Home 2 Suites, Longbow Marketplace, Ascend at Longbow Highpoint, as well as industrial uses and undeveloped land. The project's goals are to increase capacity, as well as address underserved areas and deteriorating infrastructure. Additionally, the project will reduce flows currently sent to the Star Valley Lift Station, which is near capacity. Improvements include a lift station at the northeast corner of Higley Rd. and E. Longbow Pkwy, sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances in E. Longbow Pkwy, and abandoning of existing sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances along the north boundary of the Longbow Golf Club.

Staff recommends that Council award a contract for this project to Garney Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$8,000,000 (GMP) and authorize a change order allowance in the amount of \$400,000 (5%).

6. Take action on the following resolutions:

- *6-a. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Amendment No. 2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) for the design and construction of drainage improvements within City right-of-way on a portion of Baseline Road located east of Signal Butte Road and west of Meridian Road under FCDMC's Small Project Assistant Program (SPAP), to extend the project completion date and update the estimated project costs. The estimated total fiscal impact of this IGA is \$1,040,901, and 75% of this estimated total, up to \$500,000 is eligible for reimbursement through SPAP, meaning the estimated fiscal impact on the

City is \$540,901. This project is funded by Local Streets, HURF and Transportation Funds. **(Districts 5 and 6)** – Resolution No. 12524

*6-b. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**

*6-c. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Apache Junction for cooperative law enforcement training. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12526

*6-d. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County for the distribution of grant funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program under which the City will receive \$185,598 for Arizona State University to provide technical and training assistance in criminal analysis within the Police Department Planning and Research Division. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12527

*6-e. Modifying fees and charges for the Community Services Department, Business Services Department, Mesa Fire & Medical Department, and Mesa Police Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12528

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

*6-f. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**

*6-g. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**

*6-h. Adding new fees and charges for the City Clerk. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12531

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

*6-i. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**

*6-j. Modifying and adding new fees and charges for the Development Services Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12533

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

*6-k. Modifying fees and charges for the Municipal Court. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12534

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

*6-l. Modifying fees and charges for the Office of Urban Transformation Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12535

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

*6-m. Modifying fees and charges for the Transportation Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12536

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

- *6-n. Designating the General Election date as November 3, 2026, and the purposes of the General Election, including submitting to the voters two bond questions and two Mesa City Charter amendments, providing for the issuance of a publicity pamphlet, deadline for filing arguments for and against ballot measures, deadline for voter registration, and times polls will be open. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12537
- *6-o. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**
- *6-p. Adopting a pension funding policy and accepting the employer's share of assets and liabilities under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System as required by A.R.S. §38-863.01. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12539
- *6-q. Designating the Chief Fiscal Officer with the authority to submit the City's 2026/2027 fiscal year Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General on behalf of the City Council, as required by state statute. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12540

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

- *7-a. Ordinance repealing the existing Personnel Rules applicable to City of Mesa employees and adopting new Personnel Rules. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 6014
- *7-b. Amendments to Mesa City Charter Section 211 relating to ordinances to conform with state law modernization efforts, subject to approval by the qualified electors of the City of Mesa. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 6016
- *7-c. Amendments to Mesa City Charter Section 209(A) relating to Council meeting procedures to conform with state law, subject to approval by the qualified electors of the City of Mesa. **(Citywide)** – Ordinance No. 6017
- *7-d. See: **Items not on the Consent Agenda**
- *7-e. Staff recommended ordinance for ZON25-00635 "Ascension," 40± acres located at the northeast corner of East Brown Road and North 32nd Street. Rezone from Agricultural (AG) to Single Residence-15 with a Planned Area Development Overlay (RS-15-PAD). This request will allow for a 46-lot single residence development. Brown Road Citrus, LLC, Owner; Baylee Lopez, Wood, Patel & Associates, applicant. **(District 1)** – Ordinance No. 6018

Items not on the Consent Agenda

4-a. China City Super Buffet

A restaurant that serves lunch and dinner is requesting a new Series 12 Restaurant License for Red Star Buffet LLC, 2235 South Power Road, Suite 101-104, Liqiong Deng, agent. The existing license held by China City Buffet LLC will revert to the State. **(District 6)**

Noah James-Markham, a Tempe resident, expressed his support for a liquor license for the China City Super Buffet.

- 6-b. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into the Fifth Amendment of an Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Mesa and Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University for Crime Analysis assistance. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12525

Regi Bron, a Mesa resident, commented on his concerns regarding crime analysis, infrastructure, and the 287(g) Agreement.

Joe Nettemeyer, a Mesa resident, questioned how the City will protect data and minors' privacy with the integration of approximately 500 school cameras into the system. He expressed concerns about data security, potential misuse of surveillance information, and the role of ASU graduate students in analyzing the data. He requested a public report on data protection measures.

Police Chief Dan Butler explained that the Police Department already employs 13 full-time analysts and that the partnership with ASU supplements existing staff. He stated that ASU analysts work on-site, undergo comprehensive background checks, receive Level 4 security clearances, and are vetted by the State before accessing data. He noted that crime analysis helps the department identify crime trends, deploy resources effectively, and contributes to Mesa's reputation as one of the safest large cities in the country. He emphasized that all crime data remains the property of the Police Department and that contract analysts are held to the same security and clearance standards as City employees. He added that the partnership provides a valuable recruitment pipeline, allowing the City to evaluate potential future employees and hire qualified graduates when positions become available.

- 6-f. Modifying and adding new fees and charges for the Arts and Culture Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12529

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

Mary Maybeno, a Mesa resident, praised the Council for wanting to lower the secondary property tax rate and implementing 2% departmental budget cuts. She questioned why the City is proposing fee and rate increases and said she opposes admission fee increases at the i.d.e.a. Museum.

- 6-g. Modifying and adding new fees and charges for the Business Services Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12530

This was reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee on March 5, 2026, and was recommended to move forward.

Mary Maybeno, a Mesa resident, opposed the proposed \$1.50 fee for residents who choose to receive paper utility bills rather than electronic statements. She urged the Council to consider the financial impact of such fees on people living on fixed incomes and others who are sensitive to rising costs.

City Manager Scott Butler explained that the City conducts an annual review of fees and charges. He noted fee adjustments are based on factors such as comparable market rates and rising operating costs. He said the goal is to ensure that users of specific services, such as the i.d.e.a. Museum, pay a fair portion of the costs rather than having all expenses borne by

taxpayers. He emphasized that fee increases are carefully reviewed and approved only after thorough consideration of their impact on residents.

- 6-i. Modifying and adding new fees and charges for the Code Compliance Department. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12532

Regi Bron, a Mesa resident, shared his concern with fees and charges related to law enforcement and cost recovery for 287 (g).

City Attorney Jim Smith advised Mr. Bron that he was not discussing any topics regarding Agenda Item 6-i.

- 6-o. Calling a special bond election to submit to the qualified electors of the City of Mesa, in conjunction with the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, two questions of authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the City for the purpose of funding projects intended to (1) Enhance Public Safety and (2) Enhance Transportation Improvements for Safer and Less Congested Streets; and further designating the manner in which the election is conducted, the translation of election materials, voter registration deadlines, and early voting dates. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12538

David Winstanley, a Mesa resident, stated he is in favor of the Transportation Bond, and raised concerns about project delays and cost increases. He recommended reevaluating certain shared-use path projects, particularly the Gateway Three shared-use path, which he believes is not a good use of funds. He suggested seeking greater community input and utilizing the Transportation Advisory Board to review and make recommendations on such projects.

- 7-d. ZON25-00578 "New Life Fellowship Hall Building," 0.6± acres located approximately 1,770± feet east of the northeast corner of West Broadway Road and South Dobson Road. Site Plan Review. This request will allow for an approximately 6,421± square foot Place of Worship. James MacMillan, New Life Full Gospel Fellowship, Inc., Owner; Ron Hecht, Valley Architecture, Inc., applicant. **(District 3)** – Ordinance No. 6015

Staff Recommendation: Approval with conditions

P&Z Board Recommendation: Approval with conditions (Vote: 6-0)

Regi Bron, a Mesa resident, requested clarification on the topic of Item 7-d, and expressed his concern regarding animal abuse.

Mayor Freeman reminded Mr. Bron that he can comment only on items related to Agenda Item 7-d.

Noah James-Markham, a Tempe resident, stated he is in support of the New Life Fellowship Hall Building.

Mayor Freeman stated that pending no objection from the Council, agenda Items 4-a, 6-b, 6-f, 6-g, 6-i, 6-o, and 7-d will be voted on in one motion.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Heredia, that the liquor license application for China City Super Buffet be approved and that Resolution Nos. 12525, 12529, 12530, 12532, 12538, and Ordinance No. 6015 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

8. Conduct a public hearing.

8-a. Public hearing on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years ending 2027-2031.

8-b. Resolution approving the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years ending 2027-2031. **(Citywide)** – Resolution No. 12541

Mayor Freeman announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years ending 2027–2031.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Duff, seconded by Vice Mayor Somers, that Resolution No. 12541 be adopted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Freeman–Somers–Adams–Duff–Goforth–Heredia–Taylor
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

9. Items from citizens present.

Crystal Price, a Mesa resident, expressed concern about safety conditions at a foreclosed property in her neighborhood, stating that the property has been illegally occupied and has experienced frequent traffic, drug activity, and other criminal activity. She urged Council for assistance in resolving the issue.

Mr. Butler requested Ms. Price to remain after the Council meeting to provide her with an update on the City of Mesa’s efforts to address the legal ramifications of taking action on the property.

Noah James-Markham, a Tempe resident, spoke in support of Flock cameras, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and encouraged Council to support Israel and Palestine. He mentioned that he does not support transgender women participating in women’s sports.

Jim Bannon, a Mesa resident, requested a meeting with Police Chief Butler, stating that he had made several unsuccessful attempts to contact him directly.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:52 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 1st day of June 2026. 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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