



COUNCIL MINUTES

June 29, 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 June 29, 2023, at 7:38 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

COUNCIL ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Holly Moseley
Jim Smith

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the July 3, 2023, Regular Council meeting and Special 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: 4-I

In response to a question by Councilmember Duff regarding Item 4-c, (**Upgrade of the City's Existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Management Solution for the Engineering Department (Sole Source) (Citywide)**), City Engineer Beth Huning explained that the system upgrade will move the project management software into one platform. She said that staff will continue to work with the existing contracted company while making customizations to meet the needs of the department and the citizens.

In response to a question by Councilmember Spilsbury relative to Item 4-b, (**Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) No. 2 (District 2)**), Ms. Huning said that the GMP marks the official start of the Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline project explaining that the construction will be done in phases beginning on July 24.

In response to a question by Councilmember Somers regarding Items 6-c, (**ANX23-00215 "Power Road Right-of-Way De-Annexation" (District 6)**), 7-a, (**ZON22-01340 "Residences at Dobson and Cubs Way" (District 3)**), and 7-b, (**ZON22-01344 "La Mesita - Phase 4" (District**

3)), Assistant Planning Director Rachel Nettles confirmed the projects noted have been reviewed by the Design Review Board and meet the City’s form-based code and all design standards.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide an update on a proposed citywide program for Mesa faith-based organizations to collaborate and collectively serve the needs of our community, “Together In Service”.

Director of Diversity and Engagement Andrea Alicoate introduced Deputy Director Community Services Lindsey Balinkie and displayed a PowerPoint Presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Ms. Alicoate provided an update on a proposed citywide program for Mesa faith-based organizations to collaborate and collectively serve the needs of our community. She said that the program was launched last year as a commitment to represent our community, Together in Service. She gave an overview of the program and explained how the program pillars support the initiative. (See Pages 2 through 5 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Balinkie presented the program structure and explained how the Community Services and Engagement division will provide staffing support for this model. She explained that the City launched a needs survey for feedback from the faith-based organizations and the data will be reviewed at the next quarterly network meeting. She stated that a registry and map of the faith-based organizations has been created to easily locate services. (See Pages 6 through 8 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Alicoate reviewed the program launch timeline. (See Page 9 of Attachment 1)

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

2-b. Approval of minutes from executive sessions held on February 23, 2023 and April 3, 2023.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

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

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Monday, July 3, 2023, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, July 3, 2023, 5:45 p.m. – Regular meeting

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 8:26 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 29th day of June 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 Study Session
Thursday, June 29, 2023

ANDREA ALICOATE, Director of Diversity & Engagement

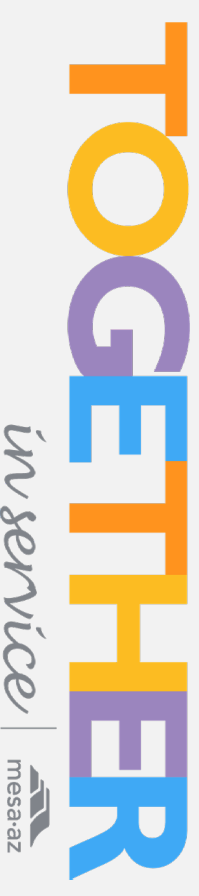
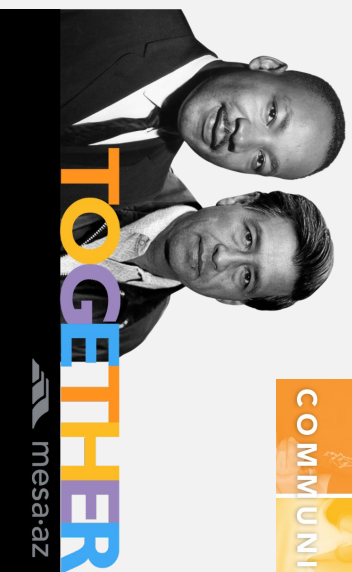
LINDSEY BALINKIE, Deputy Director Community Services

Diversity Initiative

Many communities interweave to give Mesa it's vibrancy. At the City of Mesa, we value and embrace our community's rich diversity.

TOGETHER MESA is the City's initiative that collects and showcases the voices that make up our community, fostering the awareness and understanding that strengthens us as a community.

Featured Programs:



Program Overview



Convening our Faith-Based organizations to collectively understand the landscape of social services currently being provided and collaborate on initiatives to further meet the needs of our Mesa community = ***Together In Service***

Program Goals



1. Educate and reengage the faith community to meet the needs of Mesa.
2. Centralized group for faith-based organizations (FBOs) to share ideas/needs with the City, resources among other FBOs and for the City share with them to collaboratively serve Mesa.
3. Diversify the number of agencies and organizations involved in meeting Mesa's needs.
4. Inspire collaboration, innovation and creativity in meeting needs and delivering solutions to serve the community.
5. Open communication and dedicated time and place for FBOs to connect to City staff and strengthen partnerships among all entities.
6. Celebrate, support and showcase the faith communities in Mesa.

Program Pillars



Example of Topic Interests:

Housing Path to Recovery, Homelessness & Human Services, Education,
Workforce Development, Volunteerism, Migration Support Services,
Behavioral & Mental Health, Public Safety, Food Insecurities

Program Structure



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Needs Assessment

- Survey engagement with FBOs to determine priorities, opportunities and needs

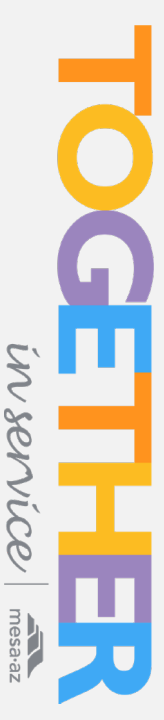
Quarterly Networking Meetings

- City facilitated meetings to provide current information and encourage collaboration among entities

Faith-Based Orgs Registry & Map

- GIS Mapping of FBO on the Neighborhood Registration Map with contact information
- Made available to the public as a tool to find local orgs
- Contact list for emergency communication and/or call to action

Program Structure



Volunteers & Day of Service

- Increased collaboration with annual volunteer opportunities
- Participation in City days of service

Newsletter & Public Education

- Specialty City newsletter with tailored information and alerts to programs, events and other pertinent info
- Celebration and education of communities as part of Together Mesa initiative

Resource Hub

- Dedicated group site with resource list and direct contacts
- Social media engagement to stay connected and share resources in real time

Program Launch



May Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting

June Public Survey Launched

Targeted Group Meetings/ Individual Organization Discussions

August Mayor's Faith-Based Breakfast*: Program Announcement, Initial Survey Results & Call to Action

Fall Formal Launch: Website, Resources List, First Quarterly Networking Meeting

*Ongoing Quarterly Networking Meetings: August, November, February, May



Questions or Comments?