



# COUNCIL MINUTES

February 24, 2025

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on February 24, 2025, at 4:30 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 Freeman conducted a roll call.

Mayor Freeman excused Councilmember Adams from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 4:34 p.m.

### 1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the February 24, 2025, 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

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff regarding agenda Item 6-a, **(ZON24-00638 "Lofts at 121" 3± acres located at 121 and 129 North Beverly, approximately 881 feet north of the northeast corner of East Main Street and North Beverly. Rezone from Single Residence-6 (RS-6) to Multiple Residence-4 with a Planned Area Development Overlay (RM-4-PAD) and Site Plan Review for a 68-unit multiple residence development. Lofts at 121 LLC, owner; Tim Boyle, Atmosphere Architects, applicant. (District 4))**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, Mayor Freeman provided a recap of the discussion that took place at the last study session and explained the difficulty of infill projects like this.

Councilmember Duff requested that staff do an additional review of the project design plans to break up the building for better aesthetic in the neighborhood and to provide more open flow within the property. She expressed her support for density in that area due to the proximity of the City of Mesa (COM) transit services and to support and revitalize business and services in that area.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Councilmember Duff confirmed that safety in the adjacent park has improved, and her opinion is that this development would hinder crime. She stated that there is not an active neighborhood group at this time, but the consensus is that the neighbors would like to embrace the community by becoming more urban.

City Attorney Jim Smith advised that if Council decides to request design revisions, then the posting and introduction of the item will need to be redone; and if approved, would delay the start of the project.

Planning Director Mary Kopaskie-Brown concurred and assured the Council that staff will work with the architect to achieve the changes requested.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed on-site and street parking.

Mayor Freeman expressed his concern about preserving the historic value of the neighborhood and the fire and medical response times for a complex with the proposed design.

Mayor Freeman stated the consensus of Council is to continue the item to a future Council agenda to allow for plan redesign.

In response to a question from Councilmember Goforth regarding agenda Item 3-a, **(State Route 202 Red Mountain Shared Use Path - Project Design, Bid, and Build. (District 5))**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, City Engineer Beth Huning explained that once approved the entire project should take approximately one year to complete.

2-a. Appointments to various boards and committees.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, second by Councilmember Goforth, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 1)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Freeman 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:

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Somers, seconded by Councilmember Duff, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 5:03 p.m. and enter into an Executive Session.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

5-a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, salaries of a public officer, appointee, or employee of the City Council. (A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1)); and discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)).

1. Interview of the following City Manager candidate:

a) Scott Butler

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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MARK FREEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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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 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)

February 24, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR MARK FREEMAN

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for appointments to the City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees:

**Education and Workforce Development Roundtable** – Seventeen-member board including new appointments.

Marcie Hutchinson. Ms. Hutchinson is a member of the Mesa Public Schools Governing Board. She holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in history and has 31 years of public high school teaching experience in New York and Arizona. Her partial term will expire June 30, 2026.