



COUNCIL MINUTES

December 9, 2024

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on December 9, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

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 December 9, 2024, 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: 5-c, 8-a, and 8-b.

Planning Director Mary Kopaskie-Brown pointed out an error on the agenda Item 10-a, the road name should be Gateway instead of Gatewood.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury regarding Item 11-a, **(Public hearing prior to the release of the petition for signatures for the proposed annexation case ANX23-01004, 30± acres located at the southeast corner of North Hawes Road and East McDowell Road. This request has been initiated by the applicant, Pew and Lake PLC; applicant, for the owner, Colleen Horcher Trust. (District 5))**, on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, City Attorney Jim Smith explained the annexation process and confirmed that the action taken tonight will release the petition and allow the project to move forward to the State.

Ms. Kopaskie-Brown confirmed that the zoning case related to Item 11-a will be discussed at the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting.

In response to a question from Councilmember Freeman regarding Item 5-c, (**Recommend approval of a locally preferred alternative (LPA) extending streetcar east on Rio Salado Parkway from the current streetcar terminus at Marina Heights to Dobson Road, south on Dobson Road terminating at Main Street.**), on the Regular Council Meeting agenda, Transit Services Director Jodi Sorrell confirmed that the studies previously conducted were for the entire corridor which included Mesa and Tempe as one project.

Mayor Giles confirmed that Item 5-c is to authorize the proposed LPA extension location, which will allow staff to begin the studies to gather the data needed to answer the questions being asked.

Ms. Sorrell added that if the proposed LPA is approved, additional community engagement will begin in spring 2025 and the feedback and results will be discussed at future meetings.

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

2-a. Education and Workforce Development Roundtable meeting held on September 4, 2024.

It was moved by Councilmember Somers, seconded by Vice Mayor Heredia, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be approved and acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Thursday, January 9, 2025, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:33 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 9th day of December 2024. 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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