



## COUNCIL MINUTES

December 8, 2022

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 December 8, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

### COUNCIL PRESENT

John Giles  
Jennifer Duff  
Mark Freeman  
Francisco Heredia  
David Luna  
Julie Spilsbury  
Kevin Thompson

### 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 8, 2022, 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

Responding to a question from Mayor Giles regarding Item 10-a, **(ZON22-00431 “Millennium Superstition Springs” (District 2) Within the 5700 to 5900 blocks of East Baseline Road (north side), within the 1800 to 1900 blocks of South Sunview (west side), and within the 5700 to 5900 blocks of East Inverness Avenue (south side). Located west of Recker Road on the north side of Baseline Road (10± acres). Rezone from Planned Employment Park with Planned Area Development overlay and Council Use Permit (PEP-PAD-CUP) to Multiple Residence 5 with a Planned Area Development overlay (RM-5-PAD) and Site Plan Review. This request will allow for a multiple residence development. Charles Huellmantel, Huellmantel & Affiliates, applicant; VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 11, INC., owner.)**, Assistant Planning Director Rachel Nettles stated when the referenced case originally appeared before the Planning and Zoning Board it did not comply with the General Plan. She noted due to the recent General Plan text amendments, the case is now in compliance with the secondary zoning districts.

Ms. Nettles stated staff is recommending denial based on the density of the zoning proposed. She explained the applicant is proposing a Multiple Residence 5 (RM-5) Zoning and requesting

several deviations through a Planned Area Development. She added that the applicant is requesting a 21% parking reduction, reduced setbacks, and an increased building height from 50 feet to 60 feet. She remarked that staff does not support the parking reduction as there is limited off-site parking in the surrounding area. She stated the development does not connect to A.T. Still University as is necessary in that specialty district.

Mayor Giles noted he would invite the applicant to present his case in the Regular Council meeting following this Study Session.

2-a. Appointments to the 2050 General Plan Citizen Advisory Committee and the Historic Preservation, Parks & Recreation, and Personnel Appeals Boards.

Councilmember Freeman declared a conflict of interest and would refrain from discussion/consideration on the appointment to the Personnel Appeals Board.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, that Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments to the 2050 General Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Board and Parks & Recreation Board be confirmed. **(See Attachment 1)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Duff–Freeman–Heredia–Luna–Spilsbury–Thompson  
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Councilmember Spilsbury, that Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointment to the Personnel Appeals Boards be confirmed.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Duff–Heredia–Luna–Spilsbury–Thompson  
NAYS – None  
ABSTAINED – Freeman

Carried unanimously.

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

3-a. Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 27, 2022.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles–Duff–Freeman–Heredia–Luna–Spilsbury–Thompson  
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Councilmember Spilsbury –	Boys and Girls Club shopping event
Councilmember Freeman –	Mesa Historical Museum BBQ
Councilmember Luna –	Northeast Public Safety Facility groundbreaking ceremony
Vice Mayor Duff –	Versaterm Blue Santa toy drive donation Smashing Through Walls podcast - Phoenix RadioX Steven Cade Giving Guitars tour stop - Boys & Girls Club of the Valley Fiesta Police Department County Club business corridor meeting Workforce Center @ Mesa grand opening

Councilmember Luna announced toys are being collected for the Banner Children's at Desert Annual Toy Drive through Monday, December 11, 2022.

Councilmember Spilsbury noted that Monday, December 19, 2022, is the United Food Bank holiday food distribution at the Mesa Convention Center for those in need.

Councilmember Freeman announced the East Valley Firefighter's graduation will take place on December 9, 2022.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – Council Swearing-In Event

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

Mayor Giles thanked Councilmembers Luna and Thompson for their service to the City and stated their impact would be felt for generations.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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JOHN GILES, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022. 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)

December 8, 2022

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

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

**2050 General Plan Citizen Advisory Committee – Seven-member board**

Ivonne Garcia Rodriguez, District 2. Ms. Garcia Rodriguez is a property manager, massage therapist and math tutor who owns Home Bound Enterprises, LLC and N3xT Generation of Farming. She earned a diploma in public policies from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

**Historic Preservation Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments**

Ty Utton, District 1. Mr. Utton is an Assistant Urban Planner at Snell & Wilmer, LLP. He earned bachelor's degrees in geography and urban planning, and a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from Arizona State University. He is a National Student Representative with the National Planning Association. His partial term expires June 30, 2023.

**Parks & Recreation Board – Nine-member board including new appointments**

Melanie Narish, District 2. Ms. Narish is Senior Learning Designer at Arizona State University's Center for Education Thought Exploration. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from University of Nevada, Reno and a master's degree in raptor biology from Boise State University. Her term expires June 30, 2025.

**Personnel Appeals Board – Nine-member board including new appointments**

Craig Freeman, District 1. Mr. Freeman is a retired management professional. He worked in the corporate financial office at Filmore Piru Citrus Association and was Arizona District Manager for HD Supply Waterworks LTD. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Arizona State University. His partial term expires June 30, 2023.