

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 15, 2021

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session Meeting via a virtual format streamed into the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, on March 15, 2021 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
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jim Smith

(*Council participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the March 15, 2021 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: Item 7-a was removed from the Consent Agenda.

In response to a question posed by Vice Mayor Duff on Item 7-a, **(ZON20-00538 (District 1) Within the 1200 to 1400 blocks of West Bass Pro Drive (south side) and the 1100 block of North Alma School Road (west side). Located south of the 202 Red Mountain Freeway on the west side of Alma School Road (30.9± acres). Modification to the Planned Area Development (PAD) Overlay on the property to amend condition #1 of Ordinance No. 4847 to allow development of a new office building and parking garage within an existing office development. Michael Edwards, The Davis Experience, applicant; Salt River Point, LL LLC, owner.)**, on the March 15, 2021 Regular Council meeting agenda, City Attorney Jim Smith explained there is not an agreement between the City and neighborhood as far as what the height of the buildings will be. He noted the height was approved previously at that time under that zoning case and that is what was approved. He stated there is a process in which the height could be changed in subsequent amendments and that is what is occurring tonight. He added the Council is going through a process to change the approved height, and if Council chooses to do that as part of a rezoning, that is a legislative determination. He mentioned the neighborhood is also

trying to point out this is relevant in a historical context as far as showing what was originally intended as an appropriate scale.

2. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Vice Mayor Duff – Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Human Service Committee meeting – Virtual
Tour of the remodeled Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Center

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

3-a. Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meetings held on February 1st and 2nd, 2021.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Spilsbury-Thompson

NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, 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 15th day of March 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK