



# COUNCIL MINUTES

August 25, 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 August 25, 2022, at 7:32 a.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

(\*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 August 29, 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: Item 7-b

Councilmember Freeman requested Item 7-b, **(ZON21-00129 (District 1) Within the 2200 to 2400 blocks of East McDowell Road (south side). Located east of North Gilbert Road on the south side of East McDowell Road (9.0+ acres). Rezone from Single Residence 43 (RS-43) and Single Residence 43 with Historic Landmark Overlay (RS-43-HL) to Multiple Residence 4 with a Planned Area Development Overlay (RM-4-PAD) and Site Plan Review. This request will allow for a multiple residence development with an associated commercial use. Ryan Nelson, Sweetwater Companies, applicant; GUNNING MARK S/RON BAILLY TRUST, owner.)**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda be removed to allow more time to work with staff, developers, and the Salt River Project (SRP).

In response to a request for an update from City Manager Christopher Brady regarding Item 5-c, **(Purchase of a Full Body Scanner (Addition) for the Mesa Police Department (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Detention Administrator Christina Vangorden explained the full body scanner will enable the Police Department (PD) to identify drugs on persons booked into

the holding cell and reduce the number of detainees overdosing by detecting small concealable drugs.

Mr. Brady added the full body scanners will be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Police Lieutenant JR Gomez provided an overview of Item 6-b, **(Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University (ASU). ASU will provide technical assistance and training on crime analysis to the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$217,228. (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda. He stated Mesa PD is collaborating with Arizona State University (ASU) in seeking two graduate-level analysts to partner with the PD's crime lab analysts. He explained the objectives are to enhance the City's analytical capacity by conducting data-driven research; diagnosing crimes, and capacity through scanning crime-related problems in Mesa; and providing technical assistance training.

Responding to a request for information from Mr. Brady regarding Item 6-a, **(Approving and authorizing the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community in the amount of \$535,000 and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees. (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Grants Coordinator Sharon Skinner explained with approval, an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) will move forward for awards accepted from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC). She commented this year the GRIC has generously awarded \$535,000 from its 2022 revenue cycle to agencies in Mesa.

Arts and Culture Director Cindy Ornstein introduced Museum Administrator Simon Tipene Adlam, and Curator of Anthropology Dr. Emily Early, and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. She stated the GRIC awarded a grant of \$300,000 payable over two years for the renovation of the former Southwest Cultures Gallery. She explained the gallery will more accurately and engagingly portray the culture, the histories, and the stories of the first people of the Sonoran Desert. **(See Attachment 1)**

Mr. Tipene Adlam commented 3,100 square feet of the gallery will be renovated to align with the museum's mission and values of being a world class natural history museum. He commented the City's tribal partners have contributed over \$300,000, and Mesa's Museum Foundation has contributed over \$75,000 demonstrating their commitment to this project. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1)

Dr. Early explained the groundwork of tribal consultation began four years ago during collection conversations with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and GRIC tribal historic preservation offices. She stated as a result of the consultation process, a trust-based relationship has been built with the City's tribal partners providing, including fundraising. (See Page 3 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Adlam commented as the renovations progress, best practices will be utilized in the museum's capital project management.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Luna regarding renovations, Mr. Tipene Adlam stated this is the first large renovation project, and Dr. Early has been collaborating for several years with the objectives of upscaling staff and delivering a world class anthropology gallery.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Luna regarding the vision of the museum, Dr. Early reported the vision is largely based on objectives that were developed with the Four Southern Tribes and to ensure that visitors are aware that descendent groups still live in this area. She explained some of the funds raised will be used to hire indigenous local artists, and Mesa has an artistic coordinator working with SRP-MIC.

(Mayor Giles excused Councilmember Freeman from the remainder of the meeting at 7:51 a.m.)

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

2-a. Appointments to the Economic Development Advisory Board, Education and Workforce Development Roundtable, Museum & Cultural Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Planning and Zoning Board.

It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that the Council concur with the Mayor's recommendations and the appointments be confirmed. **(See Attachment 2)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

3-a. Audit, Finance and Enterprise Committee meeting held on June 30, 2022.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Spilsbury-Thompson  
NAYES – None  
ABSENT – Freeman

Mayor Giles declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Phoenix-Gateway Airport air traffic control tower dedication
Vice Mayor Duff –	Arizona Forward luncheon
Councilmember Luna –	Sonoran Mayors Reception Arizona Forward Luncheon

Mayor Giles and Councilmembers Heredia and Luna attended a roundtable for 13 Sonoran Mayors to collaborate on partnerships with the region.

Vice Mayor Duff and Councilmembers Heredia and Luna hosted Latino Leaders in Mesa to discuss Latino initiatives, as well as the City of Mesa initiatives and working with the community.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

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

Monday, August 29, 2022, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, August 29, 2022, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 7:58 a.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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 – 2)



# Renovation of Southwest Cultures Gallery at AZMNH

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SIMON TIPENE ADLAM,  
DIRECTOR

DR EMILY EARLY, CURATOR  
OF ANTHROPOLOGY

# Gallery Location – 3,100 sq.ft.





# Consultation & Next Steps

- Monthly consultation with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and Gila River Indian Community (GRIC)
- Four Southern Tribes Cultural Resource Working Group (SRP-MIC, GRIC, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Tohono O'Odham Nation)
- Creating foundation for trust-based relationship
- Fundraising ongoing to meet project goals
- Development and implementation of museum project management processes and approval pathways
- Investigate synergy with Mesa's cultural and educational assets
- Working towards a world class museum anthropology gallery

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August 25, 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.

**Economic Development Advisory Board** – Nine-member board including new appointments

Steve Henderson, District 5. Mr. Henderson is Vice President, West Division, at Commercial Metals Company. He earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Texas A&M and serves on the Association of Iron and Steel Technology Executive Board. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

**Education & Workforce Development Roundtable** – Nine-member board including new appointments.

Jenny Robinson, District 2. Ms. Robinson is a science teacher at Mesa High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in botany from Arizona State University and a master's degree in secondary education from Grand Canyon University. Her term will expire June 30, 2025.

David Williams, Mr. Williams is Community Development Regional Manager, Southwest, at Meta. He earned a bachelor's degree in government and economics from New Mexico State University and has extensive experience at the United States Senate. His term will expire June 30, 2025.

**Museum & Cultural Advisory Board** – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Gregory DeSimone, District 2. Mr. DeSimone is a global sourcing manager for Kattera, Inc. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Valparaiso University, is a Certified Purchasing Manager and a member of the Institute for Sully Management. His partial term will expire June 30, 2023.

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

Jeff Rush, District 1. Mr. Rush is a Director of Managed Services at United Rentals. He earned a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Brigham Young University. His partial term expires June 30, 2024.

**Planning & Zoning Board** – Five-member board including new appointments

Genessee Montes, District 6. Ms. Montes is principal of Jefferson Elementary School. She also facilitates the Hispanic Leadership Institute through Valle Del Sol. She earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from New Mexico State University and a master’s degree in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University. Her term expires June 30, 2025.