



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

**Mayor Christian Price**  
**Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown**  
**Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados**  
**Councilmember Bridger Kimball**  
**Councilmember Vincent Manfredi**  
**Councilmember Nancy Smith**  
**Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.**

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Tuesday, January 20, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. Call to Order**

*The City Council work session was called to order at 6:04 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Nancy Smith, and Councilmember Henry Wade

**3. Agenda Items**

- 3.1** [WS 15-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

*There were no comments from Council.*

- 3.2** [WS 15-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

*Councilmember Wade reported on the visit by the President of the United States to the Nueva Villas subdivision affordable complex which is owned by Chicanos Por La Causa. He stated he got to see him deliver his speech on affordable housing at the Central Arizona High School. Next, he reported attending the Gila River Indian Community inauguration of Governor Stephen Roe Lewis and the MUSD (Maricopa Unified School District) Board swear-in of newly elected members President Pattie Coutre, Dr. Gary Miller, and Vice President AnnaMarie Knorr. He reported attending the Martin Luther King, Jr. unity event on Monday, January 19 at the ACTS Christian Center and praised the event.*

*Councilmember Smith reported participating as a judge in the MUSD Arizona Future Cities Competition. She gave an overview of the event and added that the Maricopa Wells team will advance to the national championships. Next, she reported attending the Town Hall provided by Supervisor Anthony Smith and encouraged attendance to similar events. She emphasized that opinions on legislations can be voiced through their online program; Speak Out.*

- 3.3** [WSPRES 15-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on the results of a hotel feasibility study, conducted to determine what type and size of hotel can be supported

in Maricopa and the project's financial feasibility.

*Economic Development Management Analyst Michael Winer gave an overview of the study. He stated that Core Distinction Group was contracted last fall to conduct the study and introduced Lisa Pennau with Core Distinction Group to provide the results. Ms. Pennau greeted the Mayor and Council and provided printed copies for the Council. She gave a brief background on her company and described the factors they look at during their process such as population, retail sales, economic growth, employers, dining, shopping, and so on. She stated the recommendations are for a 120-unit extended stay hotel such as a Resident's Inn and elaborated. She stated that people are staying at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, however a lot of the people are going to Chandler. She stated that the financial projection for the recommended inn would run at 65% occupancy in its first year open and elaborated.*

*Mayor Price stated he spoke with Mayor Jackson of Casa Grande and he encouraged the cities to work together during large events to farm out people to large events. Ms. Pennau stated that the surveys conducted indicated that the demand here was going to the Chandler area.*

*Vice Mayor Brown stated he was told by several hotel managers that any occupancy below 90% is losing money. Ms. Pennau responded that 62-68% occupancy might indicate additional need and went into detail.*

*Councilmember Smith commended the report and expounded on the 'extended stay' term. Ms. Pennau stated that 'extended stay' is upper midscale stay. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Chapados stated she was encouraged by the amenities listed and commended the report.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**3.4 [WSPRES 15-02](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear presentations by the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter, Barcelona and Maricopa Alliance Against Substance Abuse on the status of their projects that received funding through the Maricopa Non-Profit Funding Program for FY14-15.

*Community Programs Manager Mary Cindy Vargo, Central Arizona Regional Director of the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter. Mrs. Vargo gave an overview of the association and reported that 11% of seniors 65+ will develop Alzheimer's. She reported that the awarded funds have been used to provide people with help, information, telephone support, referrals, emotional support, family care consultations, guidance, interventions, home visits, and sessions to increase awareness and enhance care for individuals with dementia. She stated they also provide services and programs for caregivers. She reported that more than 98% of the participants responded that services have helped prepare in dealing with the illness, 95% reported increase knowledge of skills and increased ability to be a care giver. She added that 96% of the participants reported decrease sense of isolation. She stated that half of the allocated funding has been used at this point and added that they look forward to the next 6 months and increasing services.*

*Councilmember Chapados asked Mrs. Vargo to quantify the association's goal. Mrs. Vargo responded the goal was to reach 220 individuals, and currently they have reached: 32 individuals through helpline, 7 families, 24 individuals through education programs. She noted that individuals, who use services, do not use services one time but about 3 to 3.5 times a year.*

*Mrs. Witkofski introduced Courney Kellers with the Barcelona Soccer. Mr. Kellers*

*stated that the fund have been used for soccer education, and have provided 13 coaches with National Soccer Association level 4 and 5 diplomas. He reported that \$3,090 was used to cover that education. He stated the reminder was used to cover wages for staff, field maintenance, equipment, and scholarships. He stated that the money was used in the specific areas as required. He stated that the entire awarded amount has been spent at this time.*

*Councilmember Wade asked what percentages of the funds were allocated directly towards the youth. Mr. Kellers stated that he considers training the coaches as a directly going towards the youth because it trains coaches to provide proper mentorship. Councilmember Wade asked if there was there an increase on youth served with the funds provided. Mr. Kellers stated that the youth development program increased from 30 kids to 45-50 kids and that there are plans in place to double that amount.*

*Councilmember Kimball asked how many kids from Maricopa have participated in the scholarship program. Mr. Kellers stated that the scholarship program is a month to month award and elaborated. A brief discussion ensued.*

*Mrs. Witkofsky introduced Priscilla Benke, with the Maricopa Community Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA). She reported the organization has been running a one-on-one mentorship program that consists of pairing an adult mentor with a student from Maricopa Elementary School based on administrative referral, with focus on the fatherless youth. She reported the outcomes and successes to date including that 62% of participants had no/ or fewer behavior infractions in the 2nd quarter, and 59% had fewer or no behavior infractions compared to the previous year. She detailed the plans for the remainder of the grant including continuing group services, increasing mentorship from 25 youth to 50, increasing volunteers, and increasing group sessions. She detailed the allocation of the funds and invited questions from Council.*

*Councilmember Wade inquired if any of the youth are homeless. Mr. Benke stated that has not been the case.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

#### **4. Executive Session**

*The City Council work session moved to executive session at 6:48 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 4.1 ES 15-01** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City attorney and designated representatives of the City in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding entering into an agreement for recycling and household hazardous waste collection services, and the potential terms thereof, to give staff direction on how to proceed with this agreement and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.2 ES 15-02** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorney to obtain an update concerning the Maricopa City Court, and to consider its legal options and instruct representatives regarding how to proceed with this matter pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

**5. Adjournment**

**Certification of Minutes**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 20th day of January, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2015.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk