



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. Calvary Church of Maricopa Pastor, Doug Munday gave the invocation and Councilmember Goettl led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Bob Marsh, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Henry Wade, Vice Mayor Amber Liermann and Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr

**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Vincent Manfredi

### 3. Swearing in Ceremony

#### 3.1 [OATH 24-01](#)

Newly appointed Councilmember, AnnaMarie Knorr, will assume office. The Honorable Judge Stephen McCarville will administer the oath of office.

*The Oath of Office was performed. Councilmember Knorr posed for pictures with the Mayor and Council, and took her seat on the dais.*

**Honorable Judge McCarville administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed AnnaMarie Knorr and she assumed the office of Councilmember.**

### 4. Proclamations, Acknowledgements, Awards and Presentations

#### 4.1 [PROC 24-02](#)

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation

*Mayor Smith invited Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Chief Goodman and his staff to accept the proclamation. After she read the proclamation, Chief Goodman thanked the Mayor, Council and executive staff for their support for public safety. He acknowledged the brave men and women who service Maricopa.*

**Mayor Smith read the proclamation and proclaimed May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 15-May 21, 2024, as Police Week in the City of Maricopa.**

### 5. Report from the Mayor

*Councilmember Marsh reported on the Senior Lunch and Learn featuring Development Services Director Rodolfo Lopez, and the annual Shred-A-Ton event at Copper Sky. He reported on the Special Council meeting held to fill the vacant council seat and elaborated on the appointment process. He reported he and Planning and Zoning (PZ) Commissioner Ted Yocum attended the Pinal County Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. He reported participating in the Copa Cultural Night Market with*

*Councilmember Wade and commended the event. He reported participating in a water conservation training held by Global Water. Lastly, he reported attending the ribbon cutting grand opening for McCloskey Auto Glass.*

*Councilmember Wade reported his participation in the Copa Cultural Night Market and commended the event. He thanked the community for supporting the event and commended staff.*

*Mayor Smith reported participating in the McCloskey Auto Glass ribbon cutting earlier in the day and encouraged support of local businesses. She stated next meeting she would provide information on three more upcoming ribbon cuttings. Next, she reported on the recent power outage and expressed pride of the emergency response. Next, she talked about State Route (SR) 347 and stated the Governor was trying to claw back on funds. She stated she, City Council, staff and our representatives were fighting hard to not let that happen. She reported drafting a letter to Governor Hobbs indicating the importance of transportation in the state, including SR 347, and how important it was not to claw back on transportation funds. She stated the letter was sent out to other Mayors for support and that twenty-three mayors signed including: City of Tempe, City of Chandler, City of Prescott, Queen Creek, Litchfield Park, Kearny and others who were also losing transportation funds. She stated Bill Robertson was part of 347Facts.com and elaborated on the outreach they do. She stated Mr. Robertson attended the last Arizona Department of Transportation Board (ADOT) meeting, along with James Singleton and Ron Smith, and spoke regarding the recent construction on SR 347 when ADOT decided to keep one lane open. She elaborated the importance of raising awareness. She stated ADOT communicated to Mr. Robertson their discussions with the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), and stated they were interested in solutions for SR 347. Next, she discussed being out of town when the one lane construction went past the schedule and stated she reached out to the ADOT director and commended their responsiveness. She informed everyone that ADOT had started spending funds for the design of the Riggs Road overpass and elaborated. Lastly, she reported that Congressman Gallegos office and Congressman Eli Crane came to Maricopa two weeks ago and toured the city and discussed SR 347. She stated both congressmen were fully onboard when the City is ready to move forward with a matching grant funding from the federal government.*

## **6. Report from the City Manager**

*City Manager Bitter reported on the power outage then stated he'd forgo the rest of his time to allow discussion as part of the tentative budget.*

## **7. Call to the Public**

*Kim Kleinweber discussed the lack of resources in the City such as a Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Program, in comparison to the cities of Chandler, Mesa and Tempe. She stated residents often plead for assistance and elaborated on how residents helped the local ACE Hardware store with three litters of kittens. She stated their efforts were hindered by financial constraints because each cat sterilization costs \$55 dollars at a low-cost clinic. She stated many community cat advocates lacked the financial means to make a significant difference. She stated she reached out to Mayor Smith, by email, over a year ago and she appreciated the suggestion to utilize Pinal County's TNR program. She stated that, while she had used it many times, it was a challenge to transport animals with an over 70-mile round trip. She stated it was a significant burden for residents, already stretched thin and the program had limited capacity. She stated there were citizens willing and ready to undertake the necessary work and asked for*

*the support that their tax dollars should provide. She asked to harness collective resources and compassion to implement a comprehensive TNR program in Maricopa and added that it aligned with the City's mission statement.*

*Rich Vitiello thanked and congratulated AnnaMarie Knorr for her new appointment to Council. He commended the process and thanked the 13 candidates who submitted their applications. He expressed support for Councilmember Knorr and thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation recognizing police officers.*

## 8. Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- 8.1 [SUB 23-14](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Final Plat Case # SUB23-14, for Moonlight Parcel H, subdividing 36.31 gross acres of land into 129 single-family lots and twelve (12) open space tracts. Discussion and Action.

**This Subdivision was Approved.**

- 8.2 [SUB 23-15](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Final Plat Case # SUB23-15, for Moonlight Parcel I, subdividing 27.66 gross acres of land into 132 single-family lots and eleven (11) open space tracts. Discussion and Action.

**This Subdivision was Approved.**

- 8.3 [MISC 24-10](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve a Map of Dedication, Case # MOD23-01, dedicating to the City of Maricopa, the necessary right-of-way for a collector road in the Moonlight residential subdivision, Phase II. Discussion and Action.

**This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**

- 8.4 [LIQ 24-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding an application for a liquor license submitted by applicant Alane Jenet Kovach on behalf of Duke's Roadhouse, LLC located at 19395 N. Maricopa Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85139. Discussion and Action.

**This Liquor License was Approved.**

- 8.5 [IGA 24-07](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, on behalf of the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, for the purpose of participation in the Pinal Regional Special Investigations Unit ("PRSIU"). Discussion and Action.

**This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**

- 8.6 [SUB 22-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Final Plat Extension case # SUB22-33 for a six(6) month extension of the Final Plat for Villas at Stonegate. Discussion and Action.

**This Subdivision was Approved.**

- 8.7     [RES 24-17](#)     A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for all local internal streets within the Rancho Mirage Parcel 22, into the City Street/Road Maintenance System. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 8.8     [RES 24-18](#)     A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for all local internal streets within the Rancho Mirage Parcel 23, into the City Street/Road Maintenance System. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 8.9     [CON 24-18](#)     The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on a Public Roadway Participation Agreement between Meritage Homes of Arizona Inc. and the City of Maricopa related to the construction of improvements along a portion of N. Hartman Road. Discussion and Action.

**This Contract was Approved.**

- 8.10    [LIQ 24-03](#)     The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding an application for a liquor license submitted by applicant Amanda Mae Adler on behalf of Mandy's Wine Bar, LLC located at 41600 W. Smith-Enke Road, Suite 120 A2, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Discussion and Action.

**This Liquor License was Approved.**

- 8.11    [MIN 24-27](#)     Approval of Minutes from the April 16, 2024 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

**The Minutes were Approved.**

- 8.12    [MIN 24-28](#)     Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 2024 City Council Special meeting. Discussion and Action.

**The Minutes were Approved.**

*Amanda Adler (submitted a speaker card to speak after the consent vote) introduced herself as the owner of Mandy's Wine Bar, LLC that had the liquor license on the consent agenda, Item 8.10. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the approval and stated the mission of her business was to foster a sense of community. She stated she looked forward to opening their doors.*

**9. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 9.1     [MISC 24-13](#)     The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 (FY24-25) and the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

*Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer, Matt Kozloski presented the FY24-24 Proposed City Budget. He acknowledged Budget Manager, Lisell Blancarte and her staff. He stated the budget theme was Day One and presented the following headlines and highlights: the Budget and Finance Committee meeting took place on April 24, the proposed Budget Book was distributed to Council April 24, the tentative budget would be posted on the city's website for review no later than 7 days after today, no Truth in Taxation hearing was required this year, and the tentative budget was representative of the Future's Planning objectives identified and designed by the City Council and the Leadership Team. He provided an excerpt from City Manager, Ben Bitter's FY25 Budget Transmittal Letter that stated, "for the 6th consecutive year, our citizens and businesses will see significantly lower property taxes." He stated the proposal was to lower the Primary Property tax from 3.87% to 3.64% and elaborated. He stated the Secondary Property Tax was proposed to go from .78% to .69% and elaborated. He provided a chart five-year property tax review. He detailed the FY 24-25 General Fund Revenues and Expenditures and provided a graph to elaborate. He explained that per state statute, the city was not allowed to add, or exceed the annual budget and elaborated on the conservative fiscal management and maximizing investments. He discussed FY25 projected revenues and provided a graph. He discussed expenditures on talent, and the budget by departments. He gave a list of new positions for FY25 and elaborated on the city's mission. He discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and noted the 10-year CIP was put in place last year. He explained that only year one was fully committed and elaborated. He provided a visual map of the 10-year CIP Roadway Project plan and a chart on where the money was spent for CIP. He discussed funding sources for the CIP with a chart and detailed the following projects: the Eagle Wing Land Purchase, State Route (SR) 238 from SR 347 to two miles west, Smith Enke and SR 347 Intersection Improvements, and the Recreation Field House. He opened the floor for questions.*

*Councilmember Goettl thanked Matt and his team and stated he appreciated the attention given to public safety. He asked if he could highlight projects coming up such as the new Police Facility. Mr. Kozloski elaborated on the new PD facility and invited City Manager, Ben Bitter to pitch in. City Manager Bitter elaborated on the future planning for fire stations, fire services for Amarillo Creek, and the potential for a fire department ambulance service.*

*Councilmember Marsh congratulated Matt, Lisell and their team for their work on the budget book. Councilmember Wade jested on taxes and commended Matt and his team's efforts. City Manager Bitter stated the goal was to be as stable as possible to be responsible to the taxpayer and elaborated on growth and population. Mr. Kozlowski elaborated.*

*Councilmember Knorr expressed appreciation for the budget process crash course. She stated the budget highlights were great talking points for when asked what was going on in Maricopa and commended the investment on public safety. Vice Mayor Liermann commended the budget and discussed the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee meeting. She expressed pride in the budget reducing taxes for 5 years in a row.*

*Mayor Smith expressed prime that property taxes have been lowered 8 times in her 10-year tenure. She stated residents benefited, but the businesses benefited the most and elaborated. She stated it would not always be possible in the future, but she was proud of what the city had accomplished. She commended the amount of the budget going to public safety and added public safety positions. She stated she was confident that the community would stay safe and elaborated on how it was analyzed.*

*She commended the finance department and added that she was excited that the entire budget book and CIP would be available online.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Goettl, seconded by Vice Mayor Liermann, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10. Executive Session**

*No executive session was conducted for this meeting.*

**11. Adjournment**

**This meeting was Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

**Certification of Minutes**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of May, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 21st day of May, 2024.**

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**Vanessa Bueras  
City Clerk**