



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith
Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.*

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Mayor Price apologized for the delay due to technical difficulties. Bishop Eli Carpenter, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder-Day Saints, gave the invocation and Councilwoman Gusse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Due to COVID-19 and the recommended social distancing guidelines Councilwoman Gusse, Councilmember Manfredi and Councilmember Wade were present via Zoom, video conferencing, and Councilmember Brown was present telephonically.

Present: 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

4. Report from the Mayor

Vice Mayor Smith gave an update on Copa Cares' efforts to help local seniors. She stated they have worked together with the Pinal Gila Senior Council and the FOR Maricopa food bank.

Councilmember Vitiello thanked all first responders and encouraged the community to continue to support local businesses.

Councilmember Wade recognized all the young students who would be graduating or promoting this year during quarantine. He encouraged the community to congratulate them however possible.

Mayor Price gave an update on the City's COVID-19 response. He stated the City continues to follow the executive orders from Governor Ducey and elaborated. He stated the City would follow the executive order by reopening nail and hair salons on May 8th and dine-in restaurants by May 11th with additional social distancing precautions. He elaborated that decisions would be made at the state level and explained he continually petitioned on the behalf of the community. He stated the stay-at-home order was anticipated to be lifted by May 15th.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst, gave a PowerPoint update and discussed Residential Development including Single Family Development in Homestead, Lakes at Rancho El Dorado, Province, Rancho Mirage, Santa Rosa Crossings, Santa Rosa Springs, Tortosa, bungalows on Bowling, and Oasis at the Wells. Next, he detailed the following public projects: the Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway Improvements, the City of Maricopa Public Library, the Fire and Medical Administration Building and the traffic signal at the intersection of White & Parker Road and Honeycutt. He discussed Commercial Development, including new office spaces, the Estrella Gin Business Park, the Pinal County Complex, Madison Pointe, the AAMCO building, Maricopa Towne Plaza, Iconic Tires, Maricopa Animal Hospital, Riliberto's, Sonoran Creek Marketplace, Copper Sky Commercial North, Seasons Living at Copper Sky, Copper Sky Commercial South, La Quinta Inn and Suites, MC Estates, Bahama Buck, Walgreen, retail shops, Fast & Friendly Express Carwash, Omni Self-Storage, and A+ Charter School.

6. Minutes

6.1 MIN 20-18 Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2020 City Council Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Vitiello, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Consent Agenda

There were no items in the consent agenda.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

8.1 MISC 20-07 The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 (FY20-21) and the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Horst gave highlights of the tentative operating budget. He discussed the following achievements: the reauthorization of the risk management insurance and services, the reauthorization of health management insurance, the bond refund that would allow a reduction of the secondary property tax rate, taking over the waste transfer station and a multitude of other small cost savings. He reiterated some of the public projects and economic development. He discussed MEDA, the North Santa Cruz Wash preliminary design concept plan and the FEMA CLOMR application which could take out 11.2 square miles out of the flood plain. He reiterated that one of the most exciting thing was the Council's directive to reduce taxes. He discussed the COVID-19 contingency. He thanked the Mayor, Council, the Budget and Finance staff, the department heads and staff. He opened the floor for questions.

Mayor Price stated that, as member of the Finance and Operations Subcommittee along with Councilmember Manfredi and Vice Mayor Smith, they reviewed the tentative operating budget and the Capital Improvement Plan in depth and elaborated.

Gusse thanked the subcommittee members. She inquired about memberships to the

Arizona Mexico Commission (AMC) and the Canada Arizona Business Council (CABC). Mr. Horst elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse proposed eliminating membership to both organizations. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Brown supported discontinuing the memberships and elaborated. Councilmember Vitiello commented on his experience with CABC and supported continuing membership. Vice Mayor Smith reported on the CABC meetings she attended and commended the networking. She stated she would like more information about the benefits of CABC and supported discontinuing membership to AMC. Councilmember Wade reported on his experience attending CABC meetings and commended the networking and elaborated. He stated he would also like continued membership to AMC and elaborated. Councilmember Manfredi supported cancelling membership to both organizations and added the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, GPEC.

Mayor Price explained his experience with economic development organizations. He elaborated on the direct and indirect benefits and stated he would be hesitant to end those relationships. Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Gusse asked if the possibility for Maricopa Economic Development Alliance, MEDA to take over the membership had been explored. She stated she would like to have more information and asked whether the memberships could be carved out for review later. Mr. Horst responded there was time to get more information because the final budget would be approved in late June and elaborated. Discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Smith suggested she and Councilwoman Gusse could have individual memberships to AMC and forgo the membership as a Council. She commended the City's budgetary process and decision making.

Councilmember Wade motioned to approve the tentative budget and to carve out the memberships to the Arizona Canada Business Council and the Arizona Mexico Commission until further information is gathered. Councilmember Brown requested that GPEC be added into the motion.

Councilmember Wade restated his motion to approve the tentative budget and to carve out the memberships to the Arizona Canada Business Council, the Arizona Mexico Commission and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council until further information was gathered.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.2

[RES 20-13](#)

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, authorizing and providing for the sale and issuance of City of Maricopa, general obligation refunding bonds, series 2020; delegating the authority to approve certain matters with respect to the refunding bonds and the bonds being refunded; authorizing the selection of a bond registrar and paying agent; approving the form of the refunding bonds, a bond registrar and paying agent agreement, a continuing disclosure undertaking, a purchase agreement, a preliminary official statement and an official statement, and authorizing completion, execution and delivery thereof; delegating the authority to approve and deem final a form of official statement; and ratifying all actions taken and to be taken with respect to the refunding bonds in furtherance of this resolution. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Horst explained this was a preliminary process and elaborated. He stated that it was necessary to move forward, but it was not the final say. Councilmember Brown asked if the City was a triple A rating. Mr. Horst responded that it was not, but he elaborated that it was anticipate that it would go up.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.3 **APP 20-02** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on making an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Cultural Affairs and Arts Committee. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Manfredi nominated Maria Pour. Councilmember Wade recused himself from the motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Vitiello, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

Recused: 1 - Councilmember Henry Wade

9. Executive Session

9.1 **ES 20-10** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Professional Firefighter of Maricopa IAFF Local 4561 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for firefighters of the Maricopa Fire Department which will be effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).

9.2 **ES 20-11** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maricopa Sergeants Council Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for sergeants and officers of the Maricopa Police Department which will be effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).

9.3 **ES 20-12** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maricopa Officers Council Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for sergeants and officers of the Maricopa Police Department which will be effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).

9.4 **ES 20-13** 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 for legal advice concerning the Executive Order signed by Governor Doug Ducey on April 29, 2020, the Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency in the City of Maricopa signed by Mayor Christian Price on March 20, 2020, and to discuss the potential liability related thereto, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, to Adjourn at 8:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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 5th day of May, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2020.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk