



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Nancy Smith
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Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Journey United Methodist Church Pastor, Gary Williams gave the invocation and Councilmember Goettl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Amber Liermann, Councilmember Bob Marsh, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Mayor Nancy Smith, Vice Mayor Rich Vitiello and Councilmember Henry Wade

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 23-01](#) Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Smith read the proclamation and proclaimed the Month of February, 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Maricopa. Councilmember Wade gave a brief statement in honor of Black History Month.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh shared that he had heart surgery but kept up with meetings. He reported attending the Pinal County Board of Adjustments meeting and the Water Augmentation Authority meeting. He elaborated on water issues and how it could potentially impact the City in the future.

Councilmember Manfredi reported attending a Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) meeting which talked of Proposition 416 and 417 and elaborated. He encouraged citizens to write letters in support of House Bill 2013 to be able to get money from PRTA. He gave an update on other legislative bills that could potentially impact the city and emphasized that local control was important.

Mayor Smith reported attending the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) board meeting in Sierra Vista on guidelines on how to get on the 5-year plan. She reported meeting with the Arizona Department of Safety (DPS) and elaborated on

safety and increased patrolling on SR 347. She reported attending the Senior Info/Expo and the groundbreaking of Lakeview Park in Rancho El Dorado. She reported going to the capitol two times in the last couple of days for Legislative Days, and for HB 2063. She elaborated on HB 2063, other legislative bills and encouraged citizen involvement. She reported attending the Maricopa Unified School District's, State of the District Address, and commended Superintendent Doctor Lopeman, the teachers, and students. She mentioned that the Maricopa High School Performing Center received a piano donated by the Maricopa Arts Council with their first fundraiser funds. She reported attending the Budget and Finance Committee meeting and commended staff. She reported having a lunch with City Manager and staff. She announced groundbreaking for the new Police Department building would be tomorrow (February 8, 2023), at 9 a.m. in front of the library.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst gave a PowerPoint presentation update on projects at Copper Sky Park and City Land Holdings. He provided a visual map and detailed the zoning of land marked as "private owned," park, and commercial development. He explained that on August 3, 2021 there was a public meeting held that presented the concept to commercialize the current dog park property and create a minimum of three new dog parks throughout the community. He stated the multi-dog park option was presented with a transition plan to match or exceed the current acreage and elaborated on the plan. He discussed the future amenities including benches, agility features, shades, and directional signs. He stated the three locations were Canine Crossing at Pacana Park, The Bark at Copper Sky, and the larger of the three behind City Hall, Central Bark at City Center Park (names selected are holding places). He invited the public to provide input on preferred amenities at BarkParks@maricopa-az.gov.

He clarified that most of the land being developed was originally zoned for commercial purposes. He provided an update on District 3 at Copper Sky. He stated the project would include a medical campus that would include an emergency room, hospital, medical office, luxury lofts, extended stay suites, physical therapy, and sports psychology. He stated it would also include an innovation campus with that would include an innovation center, life and science center, residential tower, apartment homes, sports and science academy and a maker shop/movie academy.

Next, he gave an update on the Shea-Connelly Project at Copper Sky. He stated the senior living center was ready to go, but then Covid hit, and they had to restructure and replan. He stated the company was acquired by a larger company, but it was close to done. He discussed the Copper Sky Mixed-Use concept that would include retail and multi-family on top. He stated it was currently conceptual and elaborated. He gave an update on the Maricopa Station Project, stating that the City issued a request for bids and elaborated on developer interest. Lastly, he reported he planned to convene a study committee charged with the review and potential restructure of Standing Committees consisting of the Parks, Recreation and Library Advisory Committee, the Age-Friendly Maricopa Advisory Committee, and the Cultural Affairs and Art Advisory Committee. He stated the Study Committee would consist of one member from each of the above listed committed, the City Manager, two staff representatives, and up to three members of the City Council. He stated any findings and recommendations would then be brought forward for public and Council consideration. He thanked Councilmember Goettl for the idea.

6. Call to the Public

Age-Friendly Advisory Committee member, Elizabeth Howell announced that the annual citywide Shred-a-ton/food drive would be the last Saturday in February (Saturday, February 25) in the north parking lot of Copper Sky, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She encouraged Council to attend and acknowledged Councilmember Manfredi, Vice Mayor Vitiello, Councilmember Wade and Councilmember Marsh. She encouraged participation and stated the event was free. She stated the event was sponsored by the Age-Friendly Committee and the truck was provided by AARP.

Kent O'Jon, who resides on Shelby Dr., asked Council to consider reinstating the Veteran Affairs Committee. He was directed to contact City Manager Horst.

Torri Anderson, with Against Abuse Inc. gave information on their upcoming fundraising gala. She stated the Seeds of Change Gala would be on Saturday, February 25th at Harrah's Ak-Chin. She stated all the fund collected went to the women's domestic violence shelter and outreach. She stated tickets were almost sold out and directed those interested in attending to get tickets and more information at seedsofchangegala.org or email her at TorriLAnderson@gmail.com.

Chad Moliner reported he recently had the opportunity to complete a construction project on Taft Avenue and worked with city staff. He stated during the process there were surprises about the requirements that he had not seen when doing other projects. He stated staff helped him get through the process. He stated he wanted to do more projects in Maricopa and wanted to pave the way for others in similar situations. He stated he would like to offer the knowledge he gained in a form of a committee or similar, to streamline the process. He was directed to contact City Manager Horst.

Andrew Crawford, 18-year resident, expressed concerns for pedestrians in City streets. He stated that as a cyclist he makes himself as visual as possible, but often has near misses with cars almost hitting him. He stated he brought concerns about a specific cross walk to the Police Department, and he was directed to contact the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and when he contacted ADOT, he was told that signal was now maintained by the City. He stated that Maricopa pedestrian needed help and elaborated. He was directed to contact Public Works Director, Keith Brown.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- 7.1 [SUB 22-32](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Case # SUB22-32 Desert Sunrise High School, a replat of the final plat for Cortona Parcel 5 and a replat of tract parcel H1A and G1A of the final plat for Cortona Phase 1A. Discussion and Action.
This Subdivision was Approved.
- 7.2 [ORD 23-06](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, approving and adopting an amendment to the City's Zoning Map to rezone approximately 308 acres of land generally located at the southwest corner of Steen Road and the Anderson Road alignment within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits, from the existing Hartman

Ranch Planned Area Development to the Arden Trails Planned Area Development (PAD) as described in Zoning Case # PAD22-15, which will be renamed Hartman Trails as part of the final plat approval process. The land is located in a portion of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 6 East, of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

- 7.3 [RES 23-05](#) 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 Santa Rosa Crossing Phase 3 subdivision, into the city street/road maintenance system H. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.4 [ORD 23-07](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending Section 12.20.020(P) of the Maricopa City Code regarding age restrictions at designated off-leash areas and dog parks owned and/or operated by the City and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

- 7.5 [LIQ 23-01](#) 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 submitted on behalf of Carniceria Sonora which is located at 19590 N. Maricopa Road. Discussion and Action.

This Liquor License was Approved.

- 7.6 [MIN 23-05](#) Approval of Minutes from the January 17, 2023 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

The Minutes were Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [APP 23-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on making appointments to the various committees. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Liermann nominated Jeanine Edaakie to the Parks, Recreation and Library (PRL) Advisory Committee.

Vice-Mayor Vitiello nominated Carol Machovec to the Age-Friendly Maricopa Advisory Committee, Cynthia Portray to the Cultural Affairs and Arts Committee (CAAC), Kevin McDill to the PRL, and Alfonso Juarez to the Planning and Zoning (PZ) Commission.

Councilmember Manfredi nominated Dorrine Tevault for reappointmen to the Age-Friendly Committee, Maria Pour to the CAAC, Tom Davis to PRL and Bill Robertson to the PZ Commission.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Marsh, that those nominated be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 8.2 [PRES 23-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation by Christian Price, President & CEO of the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance. Discussion only.

Christian Price provided a Semi-Annual Report from Maricopa Economic Development Alliance. He gave background on MEDA and their role in economic development. He provided PIF's (proposal information form) submitted for first and second quarter. He detailed how many PIF's they received and elaborated on why not all leads were followed. He detailed the process starting with the PIF and explained the role of the Chamber of Commerce, including during the quality-of-life interview. He discussed the lack of existing buildings and shovel-ready sites. He discussed teamwork, site selectors and critical location factors including: property size and configurations, surrounding land use suitability, transportation access/site highway access and : utilities; overall ease of implementation/low timeline rise; access to work force; community fit. He discussed traveling to drive awareness. 7 major sales missions/conferences. He detailed the contacts made. He discussed what esd ahead for MEDA.

Councilmember Goettl, commended Mr. Price and staff.

The Presentation was heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

This meeting was Adjourned at 7:32 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 February, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2023.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk