



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Christian Price

Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith

Councilmember Amber Liermann

Councilmember Vincent Manfredi

Councilmember Bob Marsh

Councilmember Rich Vitiello

Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Troy Skounsen with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gave the invocation and Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 PRES 21-19 Maricopa Youth Council Recognition

Councilmember Wade recognized the following members of the Youth Council for their participation in the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference: D. Lemorin, M. David, C. Garner, S. Stolle, I. Guilford, A. Fierro, F. Rivera, A. River and M. Pulliam.

D. Lemorin, M. David and C. Garner gave a brief statement on their experience at the AZ League of Cities and Towns Conference. They thanked Marisela Bandin and James Schultz for their mentorship.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported attending the following events: The Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission meeting, a Maricopa Senior Coalition meeting, a Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority meeting, a State water shortage meeting, the La Quinta Hotel ribbon cutting ceremony, and the Age-Friendly Committee meeting. He announced there would be a non-profit foundation expo on Saturday, September 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and the Salsa Night Market from 6 to 10 p.m.

Mayor Price briefly discussed water issues. He reminded the community of the Salsa Night Market on Saturday and the upcoming State of the City Address on Wednesday, October 20th at Copper Sky between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Peggy Chapados and Ed Michaels gave information on Proposition 457, the continuation of the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Override. She encouraged the community to vote in support of the proposition. She stated the election would be on November 2nd and it would be an all-mail-in ballot. She stated it was important for the community. She directed anyone who wished more information to www.yesformusd.com.

Ed Michael, member of the Vote Yes committee in support of Prop 457, stated he printed information out for the members of the Council. He provided statistics of the student population in the City of Maricopa. He discussed the importance of supporting schools and encouraged the community to vote yes on Prop 457. He clarified that there would be no increase to the amount, and that it would only be a continuation of the current tax.

Councilmember Wade spoke in support of Prop 457.

Christine Bellinger addressed the Council and stated she would like to know more about the desegregation tax. Next, she expressed concerns with books at the library and added she was not happy with the response after she asked books to be removed from the library.

Colin, stated he understood the schools had a list of all books, textbooks and students materials used. He stated they were public information and requested that the list be sent to him before the next meeting. He was directed to contact the Maricopa Unified School District Board in the MUSD administration building for public school records and to contact each charter school directly for their records.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Price asked for clarification on Agenda Item 7.4 for the public's benefit. The item was explained before approval of the consent agenda, see item below.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Rich Vitiello, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.1 CON 21-24

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve a purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with Shea Connelly Development LLC, and Arizona limited liability company for the sale of approximately 4.22 acres of real property generally located on the southeast corner of Edison Rd. and Wilson Ave for \$1,287,738.14 and authorizing the city manager to execute any necessary extensions and closing documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

7.2 [RES 21-39](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting the Second Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Maricopa, Hogenes Farms, an Arizona limited partnership and TRS 15, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.05. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

7.3 [IGA 21-12](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Maricopa and the AZ Department of Public Safety for a one (1) year contract to enhance law enforcement services concerning criminal gang member activity through cooperative efforts. Funds are available for this IGA under the Grants, Funds, Police Uniform Services, Regular Employees (22022122-51100) and the General Fund, Police Operations, Regular Employees (10022122-51100). Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

7.4 [IGA 21-14](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving an Intergovernmental Transportation Funding Agreement between the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) and the City of Maricopa for the East West Corridor Reimbursement. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Horst explained that the Pinal Regional Transportation (PRTA) Plan was approved by voters on November 7, 2017 and under that plan, the voters approved the East-West Corridor Roadway Element. He explained this agreement would cover the City of Maricopa portion of the corridor. He noted the tax was never intended to fund the project one hundred percent and that it funded approximately twenty percent of the project. He stated the matter was pending in the Supreme Court and that this would be the preparatory work to exercise the use of those funds should the tax be held by the Supreme Court. He stated this would position the City to receive 4.2 million dollars reimbursement towards the cost of that road.

Mayor Price explained the East-West Corridor was a portion of the Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway that would connect to Interstate 10. He elaborated.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

7.5 [IGA 21-15](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving an Intergovernmental Transportation Funding Agreement between the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) and the City of Maricopa for Public Transportation Expenses. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

7.6 [MIN 21-50](#) Approval of Minutes from the September 7, 2021 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

These Minutes were Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

There were no items on this section of the agenda.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, to Adjourn at 7:46 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 21st day of September, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2021.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk