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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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.

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Mat Balgaard, with Church of Celebration, gave the invocation.

Vice Mayor Brown led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 15-06](#) Proclamation proclaiming the month of July as Park and Recreation Month.

Mayor Price read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of July as Park and Recreation Month. He presented the proclamation to Community Services Director, Kristie Riester.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price reported on the 4th of July festivities at Copper Sky Regional Park. He commended the event and thanked everyone who participated. He reported attending an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting, and stated that for a second time the SR 347 Overpass Project was approved into their 5 year plan. He thanked the ADOT board and staff. Councilmember Wade credited the success to Mayor Price and his leadership skills.

Next, Mayor Price reported that the Maricopa Station had its grand opening and all the businesses in the station were now open. He reported meeting the new owner of O'Shay's restaurant and encouraged the audience to support the local businesses. He reported talking with the Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA) regarding the increase in property taxes. Next, he addressed the recent Electrical District No. 3 (ED3) solar issues, he stated he met with ED3 to discuss concerns from both sides.

In conclusion he discussed the special census. He stated the census would start on Fall, and that approximately 154 enumerators need to be hired. He stated testing would take place on August 12, training would start in September and enumerators would begin working door to door on October 1st. He gave information on how to apply and encouraged those interested to submit their information online or to contact Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Paul Jepson.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose introduced the new Director of Development Services, Martin Scribner. Mr. Scribner introduced himself and verified he is a Maricopa resident.

Finance Director, Brian Ritschel introduced new Finance and Budget Manager, Brenda Hasler. He gave a brief statement on the extensive knowledge and expertise she brings to the City.

City Manager Rose extended his condolences to the families of the victims of the South Carolina, Charleston church shooting.

6. Call to the Public

Eric Lacz approached the podium and invited the Mayor, Council and City Manager Rose to come to the front. He gave information on the organization VetIT and presented the Mayor and Council with t-shirts from the organization in appreciation of what the City does for veterans.

Rachel Leffall approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. She announced that the college prep program she facilitates is currently helping students apply for FAFSA. She encouraged any students from Maricopa who need help with FAFSA to reach out to her.

Eric Lacz approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that For Our City Maricopa would be teaming up with Wal-Mart and the Maricopa Police Department on July 24, 2015 to host the 2nd annual back pack give-away. He stated approximately 300 back-packs would be provided. He noted the event would take place at Copper Sky Regional Park and that lunch would be available for \$1. Next he stated that Honeycutt Coffee would be having a grand re-opening event on August 15, 2015, starting at 10 a.m. He stated City Council would be invited and encouraged people to attend.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 15-79](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2015 City Council Work Session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.2 [MIN 15-82](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2015 City Council Special meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.3 [MIN 15-80](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 16, 2015 City Council Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. Public Hearings

- 8.1 [PH 15-10](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment on the City-Initiated Proposed Street Name Changes.

The public hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m.

Senior Planner, Rodolfo Lopez stated the proposed street name changes were a multi-department effort that included the police, fire and post master, to improve street identification. He stated the public was notified through mailed letters, newspaper advertisements, posted notifications, website notifications, and media articles. He added that only one home based business would be affected by the changes.

There were no additional comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held.

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, to Adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 9.7 and 9.12. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9.1 [RES 15-31](#) A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the renaming of Ramona Street, which is located within the subdivision of Santa Rosa Springs in the City of Maricopa, to Rojo Street. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.3 [RES 15-33](#) A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the renaming of W. Orvieto Way, which is located within the subdivision of Sorrento in the City of Maricopa, to W. Meta Way. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.4 [RES 15-34](#) A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the renaming of N. Caven Drive, which is located within the subdivision of Rancho El Dorado in the City of Maricopa, to N. Braden Road. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.5 [RES 15-35](#) A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the renaming of N. Laural Road, which is located within the subdivision of Homestead in the City of Maricopa, to N. Lauren Road. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.6 [SUB15-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve subdivision case # SUB15-02, a request for final plat approval to replat portions of Parcels 1 and 2, and subdivide Parcel 3 of Province Phase 1 Final Plat, to create 20 single family residential lots. Discussion and Action.
- This Subdivision was Approved.**
- 9.7 [RES 15-36](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting a public trail and open space easement in the Province subdivision, which is generally located within the City of Maricopa in a portion of the west half of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 3 East of Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal County Arizona and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents related to this easement. Discussion and Action.
- Councilmember Smith inquired who would be responsible for the maintenance of the wash and if it was part of the budget.*
- Senior Planner Rodolfo Lopez stated that future maintenance has not been discussed and explained that the easement was a sort of placeholder for when there is a trail. He added that it is part of the Trails and Open Spaces Plan. Councilmember Smith followed by expressing concerns of ongoing maintenance of the wash associated with ownership.*
- City Attorney, Denis Fitzgibbons clarified that the City would not be responsible for maintenance until the trail is created. He emphasized that once the trail is in place, the City would only be responsible for maintenance of the trail.*
- A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- 9.8 [RES 15-37](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona supporting the submission of a grant application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for funding Maricopa Ak-Chin CAASA for a youth mentorship program and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent for such funding. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 9.9 [GRA 15-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to approve a grant application to Ak-Chin Indian Community 12% grant program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a homebound library service for persons with special needs. Consent to submit an application authorizes the City Manager to sign all documents necessary to complete the application. Discussion and Action.
- This Consent to Apply for Grant was Approved.**
- 9.10 [IGA 15-06](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Maricopa and the Arizona Department of Revenue regarding the uniform administration, licensing, collection, and auditing of transaction privilege tax, use tax, severance tax, jet fuel excise and use tax and rental occupancy taxes imposed by the State or cities or towns. Discussion and Action.
- This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**
- 9.11 [GRA 15-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to approve a grant application to Ak-Chin Indian Community 12% grant program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for an age friendly coordinator and senior health fair / expo. Consent to submit an application authorizes the City Manager to sign all documents

necessary to complete the application. Discussion and Action.

This Consent to Apply for Grant was Approved.

9.12 [MISC 15-32](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the proposed 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Plan). Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Smith stated that the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) was reviewed by the Budget, Finance and Operations (BFO) Council Subcommittee in full detail, however the rest of the Council primarily received a presentation only on the first year. She expressed interest in having a presentation during the City Council work session to include discussion of the entire document.

City Manager Rose stated that the intention is to start the CIP process in 3 months, and reiterated that the first year is integrated into the CIP and the remainder of the document was not discussed with the Council at large. He added that the document would change every year in response to discussion during Council retreats and so on. Mayor Price elaborated that discussion occurs along with the fiscal year budget.

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

9.13 [LIQ 15-03](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding an application for a new license submitted by Theresa Morse on behalf of O'Shays Pub and Grill, located at 20800 N. John Wayne Parkway, Suite 101, Maricopa, Arizona 85139. Discussion and Action.

This Liquor License was Approved.

9.14 [CON 15-32](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the reauthorization of Mr. Denis Fitzgibbons, Fitzgibbons Law Offices, P.L.C. for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, as the City of Maricopa City Attorney, as required by A.R.S. 9-237 and A.R.S. 9-271. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

10.1 [APP 15-12](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on making an appointment to the Board of Adjustment. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Chapados nominated Greg Campbell to the Board of Adjustment and noted that if appointed, he would resign from the Non-Profit Funding Evaluation Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.2 [CON 15-31](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possible take action on approval of a second amendment to the existing contract with Sunland Asphalt, adding compensation in the amount \$1,090,937.67 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, for street maintenance materials and services. Funding for this amendment will be drawn from ½ Cent County Road Tax Fund, Transportation, Street Projects-Capital, Street Maintenance (30044146-67750-34005). Discussion and Action.

Public Works Director Bill Fay presented. He provided a street inventory and discussed asphalt maintenance. He reviewed the existing revenue sources and preventive maintenance costs. He detailed the short and long range planning and invited questions from Council.

Vice Mayor Brown inquired if heat contributes to cracking. Mr. Fay responded that it does and elaborated.

Councilmember Chapados stated she noticed new striping in Honeycutt Road that included new bike lanes. She thanked Rob Dolson for the input that resulted in the bike lanes. Next, she inquired if resealed streets would include new striping and possible bike line striping or if they would be resealed to their original state. Mr. Fay stated the general rule is to replace the original striping, with the exception of adding bike lanes when possible. Discussion ensued on the possible addition of bike lanes.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the 5 year short and long planning. Mr. Fay stated that some sections have already been done and elaborated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.3 [IGA 15-07](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of a Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa Unified School District #No. 20 and the City Of Maricopa for the joint use of facilities. Discussion and Action.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson discussed the intergovernmental agreement. He stated that the agreement was passed by the Maricopa Unified School Board on May 27, 2015. He invited questions from Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Intergovernmental Agreement be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.4 [ORD 15-08](#)

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, levying separate amounts to be raised for primary and secondary property tax levies upon each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed valuation of property subject to taxation within the City of Maricopa for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Discussion and Action.

Mayor Price read the ordinance. Finance Director Brian Ritschel detailed the levying process including the primary and secondary property tax levies. He compared the property tax levies of last year to this years. Mayor Price requested clarification on the reduction of the secondary property tax levy. Mr. Ritschel explained that the higher rate from last year was due to a balloon payment to reduce the interest rate on the rest of the loan. He continued the presentation by discussing the calculations and inviting questions from council. No additional questions followed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10.5 [MISC 15-30](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve adding the following new job classifications to the City's Salary Plan effective July 7, 2015:

Public Safety Communications Dispatcher, Public Safety Communications Dispatcher Trainee, Parks Equipment Operator, Full time Recreation Services Lead, Grants Coordinator, System Analyst and Part Time Victim Advocate. Discussion and Action.

Human Resources, Kathleen Haggerty presented and noted that the Parks Equipment Operator should read as Parks Equipment Mechanic. She added that each of the positions have been budgeted, and that approval would add the positions to the salary plan. No additional questions followed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.6 [RES 15-30](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, authorizing the City Manager to offer a benefit package to non-represented employees that the City Manager determines is comparable to the negotiated Memorandum of Understandings with represented employees. Discussion and Action.

Human Resources, Kathleen Haggerty presented the item. Councilmember Smith asked if the packages were covered in the budget. Mrs. Haggerty responded the packages had been budgeted for..

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

10.7 [RES 15-28](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, authorizing the City Manager to initiate a six month pilot wellness program for all City employees. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Rose reviewed elements of the proposed six month pilot wellness program including, health risk assessments, assistance with health awareness and potential health risks, participation in exercise activities, health education seminars, and competitions. He stated the primary reason for the program is to have employees use the Copper Sky facility and to encourage annual employee physical exams. He stated the goals are to reduce impact on sick time, and have a positive impact on employee retention and recruitment. He discussed possible costs in workers comp and stated that the program is proposed as a pilot to analyze impact numbers and do a report.

Councilmember Chapados thanked City Manager Rose for bringing the pilot program forward. She inquired on the definition of 'employee.' Mr. Rose responded that an employee would be identified as anyone with a consistent paycheck. Councilmember Chapados followed by asking if part-time employees and City Council would be included. Mr. Rose reiterated that anyone with a consistent paycheck would be included.

Councilmember Chapados stated it was important to communicate that free memberships are being advocated for employees. She emphasized it is important for retention and recruitment and added that it would also increase morale. She stated that upon discussion with Human Resources staff it was clarified that it membership would not be an automatic perk. She indicated it would be optional and that employees would have to go through the membership process. She stated it would also be an advantage for those employees considering membership who are unable to get it because of the total costs for a family. Mr. Rose concurred that in that case they would only pay for the difference. He reiterated that in order to qualify, employees would need to enroll in the wellness program.

Next, Councilmember Chapados asked how success would be measured. City Manager Rose responded that a report would be compiled at the conclusion of the six months. Councilmember Chapados asked how soon the program would start and what impact would it have on employees who already have a membership. Mr. Rose explained that employees who currently pay for membership would be eligible for the program. Human Resources Director, Kathleen Haggerty stated that the program could begin within 30 days if approved.

Councilmember Wade asked for clarification on employees who already pay for membership. Mr. Rose concurred that those employees would have access to Copper Sky for free during the six month period.

Councilmember Kimball inquired if the program would be brought back to Council for approval after six months. Mr. Rose answered that the intention would be to come back with a report illustrating the impact and, depending on the impact, recommend termination or extension of the program.

Mayor Price spoke in support of the pilot program and reiterated that it might reduce costs. He stated that if an extension of the pilot program is necessary, it could also be considered. Councilmember Chapados encouraged employees to take advantage of the program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Chapados, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Executive Session

The City Council regular meeting moved to executive session at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11.1 ES 15-03** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorney to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the pending claims and lawsuits filed against the City pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4).

12. Adjournment

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 th 7th day of July, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2015.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk