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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, May 3, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Maricopa Police Chaplain, Paul Ellis announced the loss of Maricopa Police Detective Steven Bribiescas and a moment of silence was observed in his honor.

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

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Nancy Smith and Councilmember Henry Wade

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bridger Kimball

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

Mayor Price stepped down to the lectern and introduced Pinal County Attorney, Lando Voyles.

County Attorney, Lando Voyles reported that as a result of county wide budget cuts during the last couple of years, the County and Police Department have explored creative ways to fund projects and elaborated on the impact of the budget cuts. He stated they also reached out to volunteers and emphasized the value of their volunteer work. Next, he acknowledged the entire volunteer victim assistance team by presenting them an award of recognition from the Pinal County Attorney's Office. The following Volunteer Victim Advocates accepted the award: Alan Rodricks, Jen Betts-Williams, Libby Pedrazzani and Pam Hume.

3.1 [PROC 16-07](#) Water Safety Month Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Water Safety Month in the City of Maricopa. He presented it to Firefighter Carlos Schultz and Fire Assistant Chief of Resource Management Lonnie Inskip. Mr. Schultz invited the public to attend the May 19th, Water Safety Day at Copper Sky from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Read

3.2 **PROC 16-08** Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness month in the City of Maricopa and presented it to Mary Witkofski, the Be Awesome Coalition and the Arizona Counseling & Treatment Services (ACTS), LLC.

Read

3.3 **PROC 16-09** National Small Business Week Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 1st through the 7th as National Small Business Week in the City of Maricopa. He discussed economic development and the importance of shopping local and presented the proclamation to Eric Lacz.

Read

3.4 **PROC 16-10** Economic Development Week Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation proclaiming May 8th through the 14th as Economic Development Week in the City of Maricopa and presented it Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart.

Read

3.5 **PRES 16-13** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation acknowledging the completion of the spring session of the Maricopa Citizens Leadership Academy (MCLA).

Assistant to the City Manager, Jennifer Brown gave a brief background on the Maricopa Citizens Leadership Academy (MCLA) and presented pictures of the activities of the 2016 spring class. She presented the following graduates with certificates of completion and a pin: Aundre Bell, Bernadette Kilroy, BobbiJo Asher, Christopher Shoemaker, Gregory Campbell, Jay Cook, Jennifer Scribner (not present), Jim Jordan, John Mulquin, Joi Ashli, Kim Cook, Lorena Valenzuela, Lucinda Boyd, Michael Sweet, Olivia Wauneka, Robert Klein, Rosemary Crawford, Stephanie Bores and Tracy Michelle Klein. The graduates posed for pictures with the Mayor and Council. Mrs. Brown gave information on registration for the fall class and directed anyone interested to call (520)316-6841.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price reported on the budget process and invited the public to attend the Budget Retreat on Tuesday, May 10 at 8 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Next, he congratulated Judge Lyle Riggs in his role in having the Arizona Supreme Court restore local control of the Maricopa/Stanfield Justice Court and the Maricopa Municipal Court. Lastly, he reported meeting with the Gila River Governor to discuss issues that affect both communities, such as the potential widening of State Route (SR) 347.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose reported that the City had a team in the Relay for Life lead by the Community Service Department and invited Community Services Director, Kristie Riester to give an update. Mrs. Riester reported on the event and credited Brenda Campbell for the team's success. She stated that the Relay for Life presented the

City with a certificate for being a 2016 Platinum Sponsor and elaborated. Next, she acknowledged the top 3 individual fund-raisers with all-star status: 1st place Evan Grace, 2nd place Councilmember Smith and 3rd place, Brenda Campbell. She invited Mrs. Campbell to share further highlights of the event.

Mrs. Campbell reported that the City's team reached gold status and that she was honored to receive the 1st place award on behalf of the team. She stated Mayor Price was the honorary Chair for the event, and declared City Manager Rose honorary Chair of the City's team and presented him with a tee-shirt from the event.

6. Call to the Public

Judge Lyle Riggs approached the lectern and addressed the Mayor and Council. On behalf of the court and staff, he expressed his condolences to the Maricopa PD on the loss of Detective Bribiescas. Next, he thanked the City, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors and the Pinal County Superior Court for working together to restore local control to the Maricopa/Stanfield Justice Court and the Maricopa Municipal Court. He discussed the operational review coming up in July and noted that once everything was resolved he would like to discuss offering additional services at the court.

Director of MVCC Food Bank, Jim Shoef and his wife approached the lectern and addressed the Mayor and Council. They discussed the value of volunteers to their organization and acknowledged Cristina Santo from Sequoia Pathway Academy (with over 215 volunteered hours) and Maya Thompson from Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) 20 (with over 400 volunteered hours). He invited Eric Lacz to join him as members of the council for Vet It and stated that Vet It would award the 2 students with \$75 gift cards.

Eric Lacz approached the lectern and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that he donated to Evan Grace's Bra Brigade in order for Mayor Price to participate in the walk. He thanked Mayor Price for attending the Maricopa Business Council networking event and highlighted the activities of the event. Next, he gave information on Ladies CEO's and added that on Friday, May 6th they would host a 'purses and pearls' event from 7 to 9 p.m. at the green zone in Honeycutt Drive. He explained that it would be a donation drive for purses, jewelry and toiletries for victims of domestic violence.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 16-48](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 19, 2016 City Council Work Session.

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

- 7.2 [MIN 16-49](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 19, 2016 City Council Regular meeting.

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

8. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- 9.1 [SUB16-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve and amend the existing final plat SUB12-06 for Sonoran Creek Commercial Center, and approve re-plat for three (3) separate lots, Case # SUB16-04, including one lot for Culver's restaurant Discussion and Action.

This Subdivision was Approved.

- 9.2 [CON 16-19](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on authorizing City Manager Gregory Rose to submit a Group Vision Application with Superior Vision regarding a new vision insurance plan in an amount not to exceed \$34,000 per year to be paid from the General Fund. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.3 [LIQ 16-02](#) 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 Andrea Lewkowitz on behalf of Starbucks Coffee, located at 21423 N. John Wayne Parkway Suite 101, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Discussion and Action.

This Liquor License was Approved.

- 9.4 [CON 16-18](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a contract with Healthiest You, a telemedicine provider, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a twelve-month period, to be paid from the General Fund. Healthiest You will provide telemedicine services 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, to all full-time employees who are enrolled in the City's medical plan. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

- 10.1 [MISC 16-19](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request for clarification regarding the inclusion of a request for funding for twelve (12) bus shelters in the Section 5311 Transit Grant FY 16/17/18 application. Discussion and Action.

Development Services Director, Martin Scribner clarified the request regarding funding for twelve bus shelters in the Section 5311 Transit Grant FY 16/17/18 application. He clarified that the total amount for 12 bus shelters was estimated to be \$120,000 and that the historical capital cost share has been 90% federal to 10% local, therefore the local estimated total would be \$12,000. He reported that since the approval of Resolution 16-09, they have backed off from 12 shelters and have instead cut them down to 6. He clarified that there would still be 12 bus stops, but only 6 would have shelters. He explained that the request was for \$6,000.

Councilmember Smith stated that the initial concern was that the 12 shelters would

be installed when it was not sure that the 12 stops would be the final stops.

Mr. Scribner elaborated that the installation of the shelters could be postponed, but the grant was time sensitive. Mayor Price agreed that the timing for grant money is sensitive and agreed with cutting back to 6 shelters.

Approved

10.2 [PRES 16-12](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding the Youth Town Hall. Discussion only.

Youth Coordinator, Heather Lozano invited the Youth Council members to report on the Youth Town Hall event.

Members from the Youth Council reported on the Youth Town Hall event. They stated that they reached out to students from Maricopa High School, Desert Wind Middle School, Maricopa Wells Middle School and Sequoia Pathway Academy High School. They reported Councilmember Chapados and Maricopa Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Chestnut were keynote speakers. Next, they highlighted the two main discussions on academic pressure and social pressure. They discussed the recommended solutions to address academic pressure, including creating an after-school health club, a parent announcement on their newsletters and a social media outlet. To address the issue of social pressure, they recommended having a spirit week, peer counseling, an ad campaign or a unity concert.

Miss. Lozano discussed the evaluations from the event and noted it was all positive feedback. She stated they plan to hold the event annually and add more schools in the future. She concluded by inviting questions from Council.

Vice Mayor Brown stated that he attended one of the sessions and there was a plethora of issues discussed, however education was not one of them. Miss Lozano stated that it could be a subject discussed in future Youth Town Halls.

Councilmembers Chapados, Councilmember Manfredi, Councilmember Wade and Mayor Price commended the Youth Council and Mrs. Lozano for their leadership skills.

The Presentation was heard.

10.3 [PRES 16-11](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear an Economic Development update for FY 2015-2016 and the goals set forth for FY16-17 to advance economic development efforts in the City of Maricopa. Discussion only.

Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart presented an Economic Development Update. She detailed the City's vision and listed the strategic plan goals: 1-To be a regional leader in economic development with properly aligned resources and tools, 2- To be a community recognized by site selectors and companies in target industries as having a high quality real estate product, 3-To have effective marketing that positions the community as a top of mind destination among key target sectors and audiences and 4-To be known as a community with a unique quality of place within the region. Next, she detailed the priorities of goal 1 (Align existing organization, build organizational capacity, strengthen BRE program and support Entrepreneurs), goal 2 (partner in the development of office space ,development of a business park to attract light industry targets and include mixed-uses in development of City Center), goal 3 (leverage and expand existing local partners for an internal awareness campaign, and external marketing) and goal 4 (leverage education and workforce partners, expand higher education, continue targeting retail and entertainment concepts and enhance place assets for tourism and

talent attraction). She stated the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 initiatives were: the Estrella Gin Business Park, Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurs business incubator, the business beat/shop local, business resources and marketing. Next, she discussed the unbalanced economic situation with 1 job per 2.3 rooftops, and the goal. She detailed economic development metrics and FY 2016-2017 initiatives. Next, she discussed the current director projects, followed by management analyst projects. She discussed filling the Economic Development Specialist position and concluded by inviting questions from Council.

Councilmember Chapados inquired about the hiring process for the Economic Development Specialist. Mrs. Airheart responded that interviews were conducted last week and elaborated. Councilmember Chapados inquired what other tools would help. Mrs. Airheart elaborated. Next, Councilmember Chapados inquired about business retention and expansion and asked whether there were any trends to be aware of. Mrs. Airheart explained that there was consistent growth and elaborated.

Councilmember Wade asked about internal operations that directly impact economic development. Mrs. Airheart responded. City Manager Rose acknowledged that the system was complex, especially for smaller scale developers and elaborated.

Vice Mayor Brown asked about the City of Gilbert deal. Mrs. Airheart elaborated. Vice Mayor Brown commended Mrs. Airheart.

Councilmember Manfredi thanked Mrs. Airheart and discussed the Economic Specialist position. He commended the Business Beat and asked whether other tools had been explored to spread the message further. Discussion ensued. Next, Councilmember Manfredi inquired whether any hotel developers had expressed interest in the City. Mrs. Airheart elaborated.

Mayor Price discussed the complexity of economic development and elaborated on the role of the Economic Development Department.

The Presentation was heard.

10.4 [PRES 16-10](#)

The Mayor and City Council will hear a presentation on the need for an updated Economic Development Strategic Plan and request for a budgetary transfer in the amount of \$75,000 Economic Development - Regular Employees (10011616-51100) to Economic Development - Professional and Occupation (10011616-53320). Discussion and Action.

Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart presented on the Economic Development Strategic Plan. She stated the current Strategic Plan was adopted in 2011 and explained why it was the right time for an update. She explained that some of the information is outdated and elaborated. She detailed a timeline and goals including publishing the RFP from May 16 to June 16, an initial review by the Evaluation Committee on June 30, vendor presentations from July 11 to the 13, vendor selection on July 28 and finally presenting the contract to the City Council on August 16, 2016. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline.

Councilmember Manfredi inquired whether the fund transfer would affect the ability to fill the vacant position. Mrs. Airheart elaborated that the funds were unutilized from the period that the position was vacant.

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

11. Executive Session

The City Council Regular meeting moved to executive session at 9:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

11.1 ES 16-14

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 in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding possibly entering into an amendment to the development agreement that was assigned to CAPDEVL060, LLC by Shea Maricopa, LLC, relating to the property generally located on the northwest corner of Maricopa Casa Grande Highway and Porter Road, and the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, 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 the 3rd day of May, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2016.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk