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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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, April 7, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**

The City Council work session was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

3. **Agenda Items**

3.1 [WS 15-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no questions or concerns.

3.2 [WS 15-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Chapados reported that on March 19 she attended, (with Councilmember Manfredi, Vice Mayor Brown, and Mayor Price) a presentation by Maricopa High School freshmen students in the blended learning project. She stated students were asked what the biggest hurdles are for the City of Maricopa and for possible solutions. She commended all the ideas, especially the idea of having an alternate power source such as solar power. She reported that later on the day she attended (with Councilmember Manfredi and Mayor Price) the Casa Grande State of the City Address, and the Stand-Up for Vets event at Copper Sky. She commended Councilmember Kimball, Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson, and Sara Delgadillo for gathering all the resources for the veterans. Next, she reported that on March 24th she attended the training for the Boards, Committees, and Commission (BCC) members and commended City Clerk Vanessa Bueras for the program. She reported attending the Salsa Festival on March 28th and volunteering at the city booth. She encouraged other members of the Council to consider the opportunity. In conclusion she reported meeting with 4 members of the Youth Council to discuss possible joint projects.

Councilmember Smith reported that on March 19th (along with Councilmember Wade), she attended a blended learning rocket launch for the Maricopa Wells Middle

School and Desert Winds Middle School. She reminded residents that there are many ways to get involved with the schools. Next she commended the Fire Department for being present and supporting the event.

3.3 **WSPRES 15-11**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding Copper Sky Veteran membership discount rate change.

Recreation Manager Rocky Brown presented the proposed fees for veterans. He stated that currently any Copper Sky member with a military veteran status receives a 5% discount. He indicated that staff was asked to look into increasing the discount from 5% to 10% and gauge the financial impact. He stated that 138 memberships would need to be adjusted and would result in an estimated loss of \$4,460.25 annually. He invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Smith spoke in favor of an increased veteran discount and inquired if discounts for other groups (such as teachers, police, fire, and city employees) have been vetted. She spoke in favor of researching possible discounts for other groups.

City Manager Rose stated that the proposed increased discount was the result of a request from Councilmember Manfredi who wanted an estimate of what the financial impact would be if the discount for veterans was the same as the discount for seniors. He noted that the scope of the request was limited.

Councilmember Chapados asked if the changes in the discount fees would need to be posted for 60 days and then brought back for approval. Mr. Brown explained that reduction of fees can be applied immediately and do not require posting. Next, Councilmember asked for clarification about the way the discount would be applied and that there would be no refunds. Mr. Brown clarified that the discount would be applied going forward as new memberships come in or upon renewal. Mr. Brown stated that the 138 memberships are out of an estimated 5,900 total memberships.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the impact of the overall 10% discount Mr. Brown explained it would be double the \$4,460.25. Discussion ensued regarding estimated revenue.

Mayor Price cautioned against extending the categories for discounts, especially with expected state cuts. He noted that the City of Maricopa is the only one offering a veteran discount and elaborated.

Councilmember Smith stated she was not aware that the City of Maricopa was the only city that offers a veteran discount. She recommended holding off on increasing the veteran discount until the budget allows for other categories to be included.

Councilmember Wade spoke in support of the increased discount. Councilmember Kimball supported Councilmember Wade's statements.

Councilmember Manfredi thanked Rocky Brown. He stated that some veterans mentioned that they were not members at Copper Sky because it was too expensive, but they would join if the discount was increased. He stated that the discount encourages membership and does not see it as a loss.

Councilmembers Kimball, Manfredi, Chapados and Wade were in favor of moving forward with the increased discount for veterans. Councilmember Smith supported the discount but added that she would eventually want to discuss extending discounts to other categories. Vice Mayor Brown spoke in support of the increased veteran discount and commented on Councilmember Smith's recommendations. Discussion ensued. Mayor Price spoke in support of the increased discount.

Rocky Brown stated that staff reached out to Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) and offered 'teachers only' classes. He elaborated and noted that the classes are well attended.

The Presentation was heard.

- 3.4 [WSPRES 15-12](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss the creation of a Public Safety Council Subcommittee.

City Manager Rose indicated that the request to discuss the possible creation of a Public Safety Council Subcommittee was made by Councilmember Chapados and Councilmember Kimball.

Councilmember Chapados explained why a Public Safety Council Subcommittee is worth Council consideration. She clarified that personnel issues would not be involved in the subcommittee.

Councilmember Kimball stated that from a budgetary standpoint it would be a good idea.

Mayor Price explained the difference between an advisory committee versus a council subcommittee. He suggested the committee be an advisory committee and that the City Attorney and magistrate be carved out.

Councilmember Smith spoke in support of Mayor Price's suggestion that it be a citizen-based advisory committee. She explained that there are visionary and discrete activities and expressed concerns that a subcommittee would deal with some visionary but mostly discrete activities. Next, she stated she is not comfortable with the idea of receiving summaries from a subcommittee instead of all the details, but noted she has not experienced the BFO (Budget, Finance, and Operations Council Subcommittee). She reiterated she is in favor of an advisory committee.

Councilmember Chapados discussed her experience as chair of the former public safety advisory committee. She stated it makes sense to separate the courts and magistrate but when it comes to code issues, legal is sometimes necessary. She stated she would be in favor of a citizen-based advisory committee, but disagreed with Councilmember Smith's stand on council subcommittees. Councilmember Smith responded and a brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Kimball discussed the pros of having a council subcommittee.

Vice Mayor Brown spoke in support of a citizen advisory committees.

Councilmember Manfredi spoke in support of a citizen advisory committee, and carving out magistrate and legal aspects. He suggested that the BFO meet a quarter sooner for updates.

Councilmember Wade spoke in support of a citizen advisory committee. He discussed concerns that a council subcommittee would not allow for a free flow of ideas or that it might be perceived as such.

Councilmember Kimball stated he is in favor of a council subcommittee but not a citizen advisory committee because it would not serve the same purpose.

Councilmember Chapados discussed the previous public safety advisory committee and stated she would support either one. She asked for additional comments from

City Manager Rose, and both the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

City Manager Rose listed the items the Council should consider: The role of the City Council, the role of the City Manager, and the roll of staff. He stated that normally subcommittees are established in larger cities to provide overviews when there are numerous items on the agenda. He stated he does not believe the City of Maricopa is at that point because there are still only a few items on the agenda and all members of the council want the same level of information. Next, he discussed the roles of the City Manager and the staff. He cautioned that an advisory committee could easily become a police review committee. He recommended clearly defining the role of the committee.

Police Chief Stahl discussed his previous experience with council subcommittees and spoke in opposition of a citizen advisory committee. He added he already has a citizen advisory committee and Coffee with Chief. He expressed indifference towards a council subcommittee and noted that in the past it has not been a positive experience.

Fire Chief Leffler discussed his previous experience with council subcommittees. He concurred that it was a lengthy process but the results were great because items were fully vetted. He stated the need for the subcommittee was based on the nature of the items and not so much the volume. He concurred with City Manager Rose that sometimes the direction of citizen advisory committees can get skewed. He stated he likes the idea of a council subcommittee.

Mayor Price acknowledged that having a public safety subcommittee bears merit in larger jurisdictions and inquired from both Chiefs if the City of Maricopa needs a committee. Chief Leffler stated that in his previous experience it was not an issue of volume as much as the nature of the issues considered. He stated a subcommittee was effective and elaborated. Chief Stahl stated that a subcommittee that thoroughly vets all issues could mean that items would be approved without discussion and concluded by stating it would ultimately be Council's decision.

Vice Mayor Brown stated he sensed restraint from both Chiefs and asked if there is a need for a subcommittee. Chief Stahl stated that he does not see a need and elaborated. Chief Leffler stated there it is not a burning need, but it has merit.

Councilmember Wade emphasized that transparency is important to the community. Councilmember Kimball stated that subcommittee meetings are opened to the public and elaborated.

Councilmember Chapados thanked everyone for the feedback and indicated that the City is not ready. Consensus was to withhold the topic.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

- 4.1 ES 15-07** 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 is representatives regarding entering into a Presiding Judge Agreement, and the potential terms thereof, with Tresa Georgini and for legal advice regarding the same pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.2 ES 15-08** 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 Second Amendment and Restatement of 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, 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).

- 4.3 ES 15-09** 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 Second Amendment and Restatement of 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, 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).

- 4.4 ES 15-10** 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 Fifth Amendment and Restatement of 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, 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).

5. Adjournment

The City Council work session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to adjourn. 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 work session of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of April, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2015.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk