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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Maricopa Springs Family Church Pastor, Grady Root gave the invocation and Councilmember Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

There were no items presented.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh stated he was tired or wearing mask and social distancing and urged everyone to get vaccinated. He reported attending the following: Planning and Zoning Commission meeting (P&Z), Age-Friendly Advisory Committee meeting, a morning scoop, a Parks, Recreation and Library (PRL) Committee meeting, a Council of Foreign Relations update, a Cultural Affairs Committee meeting, a Board of Adjustments meeting, a Maricopa Flood Control District meeting, a legislative update, and a Pinal County Board meeting. He elaborated on the Pinal County Board.

Councilmember Smith invited the public to attend Friday's Lunch and Learn at the Library at 11 a.m. and elaborated on the speakers and themes. Next, she reminded the community that on Saturday, the Senior Info/Expo would be held from 10 am to 2 pm at Copper Sky. Lastly, she stated that free Covid-19 tests were available at covidtests.gov.

Councilmember Wade gave a statement in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Councilmember Vitiello reported on the balloon festival, Copa Glow and thanked city staff and the fire and police departments. He commended the event.

Mayor Price wished everyone a happy new year. He stated that on Friday, he would be

participating in a panel of mayors from Pinal County hosted by the Pinal Partnership and elaborated. Next, he reported attending the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting in the City of Globe in December and stated the next meeting would be held in Yuma and elaborated on the new members of the board. He elaborated on his discussion with ADOT Director John Halikowski and the process of road fixtures. He announced that Goodyear Mayor, Georgia Lord passed away and stated there would be a virtual service in her honor. He directed those interested to the City of Goodyear's webpage. Lastly, he invited Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Dale Wiebusch to make an announcement. Mr. Wiebusch announced that he would be leaving his employment with the City of Maricopa and that he had accepted a job offer from the City of Scottsdale. He thanked everyone and stated it was his pleasure and honor to work for the City.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Jonathan Bowman Jr. submitted a speaker card, but no one approached the podium.

Aubrey Morris stated he was a fairly new resident and commended the last event in honor of Black History Month and thanked the Mayor and the Councilmembers who attended. He announced there would be another event, the Black Heritage Music Experience 2022, on February 18th and 19th at Copper Sky and discussed the artist. He invited the City Council and community to attend.

Jessica Jantz stated she disagreed with Councilmember Marsh's statements made to InMaricopa back in September, 2021 regarding vaccine mandates. She elaborated on her concerns and personal beliefs. Councilmember Marsh clarified that vaccine mandates were out of his authority and that he had softened his stand on vaccine mandates since September.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Amber Liermann, seconded by Vice Mayor Vincent Manfredi, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 7.1 [MISC 22-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving the 2022 Legislative Platform. Discussion and action.

This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.

- 7.2 [SPEVLIQ 22-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Christine Longley on behalf of the Province Community Association for special events on January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21, 2022 to be held at 20942 N. Province Parkway, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Discussion and Action.

This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.

- 7.3 [RES 22-01](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for the local internal streets within Tortosa subdivision Parcel L, into the City Street/Road Maintenance System. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.4 [RES 22-02](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting the Fourth Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Maricopa, Copper Sky Commercial Senior Housing, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, Copper Sky Commercial Mixed Use North, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, Copper Sky Commercial Mixed Use South, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, and Shea Connelly Development, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.05 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the exhibits and related documents. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.5 [ORD 22-02](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting an amendment to the City's Zoning Map to rezone approximately 566 acres of land generally located at the northwest corner of Murphy Road and Farrell Road within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits, from General Rural (GR) to Planned Area Development (PAD) as described in Case #PAD 21-09. The parcel of land is located in Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 4 East, of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

- 7.6 [RES 22-03](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting a Development Agreement and Lot Sale Prohibition for Cortona Phase 1B between the City of Maricopa and Cortona, Inc., an Arizona corporation, in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.05. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.7 [RES 22-04](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona appointing Stephen McCarville as a Civil Hearing Officer for the City of Maricopa and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement setting forth the specific terms and conditions for these services. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.8 [MIN 22-04](#) Approval of Minutes from the December 7, 2022 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

This Minutes was Approved.

- 7.9 [IGA 22-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Seven Ranches Domestic Water Improvement District for the operation and management of a domestic water system. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

- 7.10 [CON 22-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on a Public Roadway Participation Agreement between the City of Maricopa and Paragon Development Group related to the construction of improvements along a portion of Edison Road. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [PH 22-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment regarding the Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Biennial Certification of Land Use Assumptions, Infrastructure Improvement Plan and Development Impact Fees for the July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

Budget Manager, Brenda Hasler gave a PowerPoint presentation on Development Impact Fees Biennial Audit. She gave background on SB 1525 that enabled cities to impose development fees and stated that in 2013 City decided on a biennial audit and elaborated on procedures. The public hearing was opened at 7:33 pm, there were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:33 pm

The Public Hearing was held.

- 8.2 [PRES 22-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a 2021 Crime Report presentation from Police Chief James Hughes. Discussion only.

Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Chief James Hughes presented the 2021 Crime Report. He discussed calls for service, violent crimes and how MPD was addressing it, including violence awareness, educational material and public service announcements (PSA). He discussed property crime and how it was addressed including increased patrols of construction sites, a dedicated property crime detective, crime prevention strategies, technology, and intelligence led policing. He explained what Part 2 crimes entailed and elaborated. He detailed the shift from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). He stated it was a federal mandate and explained NIBRS would be more comprehensive. He discussed traffic related activities and how they were addressed including greater presence, and higher percentage of warnings. He discussed use of force, demographics, police pursuits and department vehicle collisions. He concluded with statistics.

Councilmember Vitiello asked if there was a breakdown for DUI's incident involving alcohol and marijuana. Chief Hughes elaborated. Mayor Price asked if most cities were transitioning to NIBRS. Chief Hughes stated it was a federal mandate and elaborated. Councilmember Liermann commended the statistics and thanked MPD. Councilmember Wade asked if there was an increase in workload in transitioning to NIBRS. Chief Hughes explained further. Mayor Price thanked Chief Hughes for the presentation and gave a brief statement on the perception that a growing city meant higher crime. City Manager Horst commented reiterated on population growth and stated that other variables, such as COVID-19, had to be considered as well.

The Presentation was heard.

- 8.3 [PRES 22-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation by Adam Saks, Executive Director of the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance. Discussion only.

Adam Saks, Executive Director of the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) gave a six-month progress report presentation with highlights from Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022. He reviewed their objective and detailed prospect activity. He reported

having a meeting earlier with prospective site selectors and elaborated on other activity. He discussed the promotion and marketing of Maricopa as a prime business location.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the reported city rankings. Mr. Saks elaborated. City Manager Horst thanked Mr. Saks and Community Services Director, Nathan Ullyot and Mayor Price for hosting an international prospect group earlier today. He elaborated. A brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Vitiello asked for an update on the virtual goggle tour. Mr. Saks elaborated.

The Presentation was heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adjourn at 8:15 pm. 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 18th day of January, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2022.

**Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk**