



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

*Mayor Nancy Smith*  
*Vice-Mayor Vincent Manfredi*  
*Councilmember Eric Goettl*  
*Councilmember Amber Liermann*  
*Councilmember Bob Marsh*  
*Councilmember Rich Vitiello*  
*Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.*

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Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. Maricopa Springs Family Church Pastor, Grady Root gave the invocation and Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Bob Marsh, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Mayor Nancy Smith, Vice Mayor Rich Vitiello and Councilmember Henry Wade  
**Excused:** 1 - Councilmember Amber Liermann

### 3. Swearing in Ceremony

3.1 [OATH 22-02](#) The newly re-elected Councilmembers will be sworn in to office.

*Re-elected Councilmembers Rich Vitiello, Henry Wade and Vincent Manfredi were sworn into the Council individually by Honorable Judge, Lyle Riggs. The newly elected members of the Council posed for pictures and Mayor Smith congratulated them.*

*Councilmember Vitiello thanked his family, all Councilmember and the City of Maricopa. He congratulated all the re-elected councilmembers and stated he would continue to work hard. He thanked public safety for their support.*

*Councilmember Wade thanked the citizens of Maricopa for re-electing him and acknowledged his wife, Gale.*

*Vice-Mayor Manfredi stated that it was an honor although it was tiring at times. He encouraged others to run and thanked his family.*

**The newly re-elected Councilmembers were Appointed**

### 4. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

4.1 [PROC 22-12](#) Activism Against Gender Violence Proclamation

*Mayor Smith invited the Zonta Club of Maricopa to accept the proclamation. Mayor Smith read the proclamation and proclaimed November 25 to December 10, 2022 as Sixteen Days of Activism against gender violence in the City of Maricopa and encouraged all citizens to end gender violence. The Zonta Club gave a brief statement.*

**Read**

**5. Report from the Mayor**

*A moment of silence was observed in honor of Councilmember Liermann's son.*

*Councilmember Wade reported on the tree lighting ceremony on Saturday and the Kwanzaa celebration. He gave information on the holiday and thanked Joanne Vanderpool for her educative events on Kwanzaa.*

*Councilmember Marsh reported touring the Cactus Copper Mine in Casa Grande and elaborated. He reported participating on the Senior Lunch & Learn featuring ED3. He stated he and his wife volunteered at the F.O.R Foodbank food distribution. He reported participating in the Intergovernmental Affairs Director interviews. He reported attending a Pinal County Board of Adjustment meeting, and Trey Liermann's celebration of life. He reported on Merry Copa and on his participating in the new Chief of Police interviews. Lastly, he reporting doing a meet and greet at the Senior Center.*

*Vice-Mayor Manfredi stated his thoughts and prayers were with Councilmember Liermann. He reported attending a Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) meeting. He reported participating in the Intergovernmental Affairs Director interviews and elaborated on the process. He reported attending a Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) meeting, a Central Arizona Governments (CAG) meeting, and a Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) meeting along with Mayor Smith. He discussed future transportation meetings and encouraged the community to remain informed.*

*Mayor Smith asked Fire Chief, Brad Pitassi to stand and congratulated his recent promotion. She reported also doing the MEDA tour of the Cactus Copper Mine and elaborated. She reported attending the MEDA Strategic Planning meeting. Lastly, she asked Ron (in the audience) to stand and acknowledged his involvement in the influencer group for State Route 347 and elaborated on the citizens group.*

**6. Report from the City Manager**

*No items were reported.*

**7. Call to the Public**

*Richard Mueller expressed concerns with erosion issues in the Alterra community due to the realignment of State Route (SR) 347 when the overpass was built. City Manager Horst stated that piece of property was not being turned over to the church and noted the City Engineer would be meeting with Mr. Mueller to help resolve the issue.*

*Ben Owens commented on the recent rain and stated the wash on the Rancho El Dorado was closed. He stated the City needed to improve road closure communication and signage.*

*Rachell Leffall, Tortosa Subdivision resident, thanked the Council and staff for their commitment to the City. She discussed her experience as a small business owner and engaged resident, and helping Grace Scott get started in providing the services she does today. She encouraged residents to speak out and get involved.*

*Jelani Elliot reported meeting with Mayor Smith and Councilmember Liermann to discuss the youth in the City and working together to do things for them. He stated that since then, the recent tragedy happened and elaborated on mental health for youth. He discussed his Safe House program in partnership with Tania Thompson from Water and Ice, the O'Johns, and Brianna with Northern Lights Therapy. He elaborated on the program and stated it was hosted every first Saturday at Water and Ice between 9 to 11 a.m. He stated they were looking for volunteers and stated he had flyers for those interested.*

## 8. Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Eric Goettl, to Adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 8.6, which will be moved to the regular agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- 8.1 [CON 22-22](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with First Baptist Church of Maricopa, for the sale of approximately .8 acres of real property generally located west of N John Wayne Pkwy and north of W Alterra Pkwy, in exchange for certain improvements to be constructed on the property, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any future amendments to extend closing and any other necessary closing documents related to this agreement. Discussion and Action.
- This Contract was Approved.**
- 8.2 [CON 22-30](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving a Subrecipient Agreement with Pinal County for FY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding. Discussion and Action.
- This Contract was Approved.**
- 8.3 [SUB 22-41](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Case # SUB22-41, Final Plat for Home @ Maricopa, a request for a Plat of Lot 1, Fee No. 2022-064259. Discussion and Action.
- This Subdivision was Approved.**
- 8.4 [SUB22-48](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Case # SUB22-48, Final Plat Re-plat of Lot 16 of Maricopa Power Center The Wells, a request for a re-plat of Maricopa Power Center The Wells. Discussion and Action.
- This Subdivision was Approved.**
- 8.5 [IGA 22-22](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve an Agreement for Environmental Infrastructure Design and Construction Assistance Under Section 595 - Water Resources Department Act of 1999, As Amended, and authorize the City

Manager, and/or his designee(s), to execute this Agreement, in substantially similar form as presented, and any other documents necessary for the project completion (Maricopa Western Water Line, C.I.P. #40068). Discussion and Action.

**This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**

- 8.7 [MIN 22-56](#) Approval of Minutes from the November 15, 2022 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

**These Minutes were Approved.**

- 8.8 [IGA 22-19](#) The City Council shall discuss and take action on approving a renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Regional Metropolitan Phoenix Fire Service Automatic Aid. Discussion and Action.

**This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**

- 8.9 [IGA 22-20](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pinal County and the City of Maricopa for operation and administration of the co-located courts. Discussion and Action.

**This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**

- 8.10 [IGA 22-21](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to accept a grant award in the amount of \$15,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Maricopa and Ak-Chin Indian Community. This will support and expand an ongoing water safety program. Discussion and Action.

**This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**

- 8.11 [SPEVLIQ 22-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application for Special Event Liquor License submitted by Michael Wheeler on behalf of Native Grill & Wings for a special event known as the Night Market Time Machine on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Copper Sky Regional Park 44345 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Discussion and Action.

**This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.**

## 9. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.6 [MISC 22-39](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on initiating Board & Commission Role Revisions, including the preparation of any necessary code revisions for formal adoption by City Council at a later date, as set forth in the staff report and discussed at the December 5, 2022 work session of City Council. Discussion and Action.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Miscellaneous Item be Tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 9.1 [RES 22-65](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting the updated 2022 Pinal County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and replacing all previously approved mitigation plans. Discussion and Action.

Emergency Manager, George Burger acknowledged Pinal County Emergency Management Coordinator, Courtney Prock present in the audience. He gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Pinal County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the Pinal County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan that is reviewed and assessed every five years by the County and communities within the County. He stated communities that participate were eligible to obtain certain types of federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation grant funding and required formal adoption of the plan. He stated the City participated in the review and assessment process and identified potential hazards that could directly or indirectly impact the City such as flooding, severe wind, extreme heat, drought, dam failure and subsidence. He stated the following mitigation projects were identified as high priority: Design and construct culverts, bridges, drainage improvements near the Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa washes for areas with potential flood threats (in progress): Realignment of the Santa Cruz Wash (in progress): All-weather crossing design and construction at the Porter Road and Santa Rosa Was (in progress): Public education of the dangers of extreme heat in collaboration with utility providers. The Following mitigation projects were identified as medium priority: Coordination with Pinal County for implementing the National Flood Insurance Program and managing floodplains through various projects such as map revisions, elevation certificates, master drainage study, certification of levees, and construction project review and approval for projects within floodplains (in progress): Continue zoning and building code enforcement for new building and infrastructure projects to reduce effects of flooding, severe wind, and other hazards (in progress). The low priority project was to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for bridge inspections and maintenance. He detailed the current mitigation capabilities. He stated the City ensures that development and construction complies with the Pinal county Floodplain Management regulations by providing information and a permitting process and that it provides notification when changes to the flood zone occur. He stated the City was identified as having a low risk of wildfire and has a low ignition history.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Burger to elaborate on how an emergency would move through various avenues. Mr. Burger elaborated. Mayor Smith asked how the process would work if the City of Maricopa needed additional resources. Mr. Burger responded that Maricopa was a signatory in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC) and elaborated on additional agreements.

Councilmember Goettl stated that having a mitigation plan opened additional revenue streams to solve some of the issues and emphasized it was very beneficial. Mr. Burger agreed and elaborated. Councilmember Goettl thanked Mr. Burger and his team and everyone at Pinal County.

City Manager Horst acknowledged Mr. Burger and gave a brief background of his experience and role in the City.

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

**9.2**      **[APP 22-08](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on making appointments to the various committees. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Wade recognized the following committee members: Linda Huggins, Christina Dugan, William Andrew Lockridge, and Danielle Lemorin. He stated he would be reappointing Danielle Lemorin to the Cultural and Arts Advisory Commitee,

*appointing Susan Randolph to the Age-Friendly Committee, Joanna Vanderpool to the Parks, Recreation and Library Committee and James Hughes to the Planning and Zoning Commission.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Marsh, that the nominated be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**9.3**      **MISC 22-38**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss the selection of a Vice-Mayor from among the members of the City Council. Discussion and Action.

*Mayor Smith commended Vice-Mayor Manfredi for his term as Vice-Mayor. Vice-Mayor Manfredi thanked the Council for unanimously selecting him for the role last year and gave a brief summary of his tenure as Vice-Mayor. He elaborated on the annual selection process for Vice-Mayor and nominated Rich Vitiello for the position. Councilmember Wade seconded. Rich Vitiello accepted the nomination.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that the selection of Rich Vitiello as Vice-Mayor be Approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**10.      Executive Session**

*No executive session was held.*

**11.      Adjournment**

**This meeting was Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**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 6th day of December, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 17th day of January, 2023.**

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
**City Clerk**