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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Mayor Christian Price
Vice Mayor Edward Farrell
Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Bridger Kimball
Councilmember Leon Potter

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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 - Councilmember Leon Potter, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, and Mayor Christian Price

3. Agenda Items

3.1 WS 14-01 The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no questions or concerns.

3.2 WS 14-02 The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilwoman Gusse reported participating in the Banner Health Center's Walk With A Doc event on Saturday. She stated they will host the walks for four consecutive Saturdays and they will start at 9 a.m. Next, she reported she also attended the Community Emergency Response Team's (CERT) banquet and noted three groups have been certified through CERT. Lastly, she stated that the Let's Move program, initiated by First Lady Obama, has completed it's fourth year. She added that the City of Maricopa has participated from the beginning and will be completing the fourth year this summer.

3.3 WSPRES 14-07 The Maricopa City Council shall hear a presentation and discuss a proposed draft Council Chamber and Foyer Use Policy.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson presented the proposed draft Council Chamber and Foyer Use Policy. He stated that since fees are involved, if Council decides to go forward, the proposed policy will be posted for sixty days before it goes to the regular Council meeting for approval. He listed the core assumptions as; usage of the chambers is to benefit the residents of the city, the policy will be fair and equitable, the fees should reflect direct costs to the City, City Hall will not be left unattended, and there will be no access to the AV room. He explained usage

priorities and noted that Council would have first priority over other events and staff would be exempt from reservation fees. He explained that events must have a City or regional relevance and the type of activities that would not be allowed include commercial, fundraisers, and private social functions. He detailed the usage limits, hours and fees, liability, audio/visual services, and room configuration and clean-up. He reviewed miscellaneous items that included that usage of the Council Chambers is not an endorsement of the views of the event holder and endorsement should not be implied. He added there will be no food, drinks, nor alcohol allowed and noted that that there will be a one week cancellation notice requirement. Next, he stated that the City Manager would have the authority to waive requirements and/or fees. He concluded his overview by opening the floor for question from Council.

Councilmember Brown asked if any citizens or groups have expressed interest. Mr. Jepson stated Councilmember Chapados has expressed interest for a non-city related event. Next, Councilmember Brown inquired about religious affiliations. Mr. Jepson stated that it is not addressed in the policy and Councilmember Brown recommended doing so. Discussion ensued regarding which organizations can use the chambers.

Councilwoman Gusse expressed concerns that the refundable \$50 clean-up fee is too low and that there is nothing in the policy that addresses animals. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to modify the refundable fee to \$100 and specify that only service animals will be permitted.

Councilmember Chapados inquired about making reservation in advance and recommended extending it to six months. Councilwoman Gusse expressed concerns about locking the chambers six months in advance. Discussion ensued regarding priority details. Mayor Price stated that it will be specified that Council events take precedence.

Councilmember Chapados asked whether the hours can be adjusted to 7a.m. to 5 p.m. on non-business days. Councilmember Chapados inquired about food regulations. Discussion ensued. Mayor Price stated concerns regarding food. Councilmember Brown stated he is opposed to allowing food. Mr. Jepson suggested that meals can be allowed in the foyer with special event permits. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to require a special events permit and/or insurance for food and beverages.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Adjournment

The City Council work session meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Leon Potter, seconded by Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, 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 meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 4th day of March, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of March 2014.

*Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk*