



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Nancy Smith
Vice-Mayor Amber Liermann
Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Henry Wade

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in lieu of the invocation and Vice Mayor Liermann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Mayor Nancy Smith, Vice Mayor Amber Liermann, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Bob Marsh and Councilmember Henry Wade

3. **Proclamations, Acknowledgements, Awards and Presentations**

3.2 **[PROC 24-06](#)** Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Smith invited Community Support Specialist, Jim DeVenezia and everyone present for Domestic Violence Awareness to accept the proclamation. She read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of October, 2024 and Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Maricopa.

Read

3.3 **[PROC 24-07](#)** Veteran's Day Proclamation

Mayor Smith invited Janice Vitali with the American Legion Auxiliary and all veterans present in the audience to accept the proclamation. She read the proclamation and proclaimed November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day in the City of Maricopa.

Read

3.1 **[PROC 24-05](#)** Alzheimer's and Caregiver Month Proclamation

Mayor Smith invited Merry Grace and everyone present for the Alzheimer's proclamation to accept the the proclamation. She read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of November 2024 to be Alzheimers and Caregiver month in the city of Maricopa.

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4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported most of the Council attended the ribbon cutting at the Heritage Park honoring the new Mike Ingram Historical Walk. He reported on the Senior Lunch & Learn that featured senior living expert, Ron Smith and that Council had a kick-off meeting for the general plan update process with staff. He reported on the Home Depot grand opening neighborhood night and encouraged equal support for Ace Hardware. He reported attending the Pinal Board of Adjustments meeting in Florence and the Pinal Partnership Breakfast meeting.

Councilmember Goettl reported attending the Maricopa Unified School District's (MUSD) Safety Town Hall and commended Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Chief Goodman, his staff, MUSD and their staff. Next, he reported on Maricopa Kids Day hosted by Dr. Donahue and his wife, May. He stated the event was greatly attended. He reported attending the Alzheimer's Round Table meeting with Vice Mayor Liermann and commended Merry Grace for hosting it. He announced that Wednesday, October 9th would be the Domestic Violence Awareness night at Central Arizona College (CAC) campus, then on October 26 the Maricopa Mini Market at Maricopa High School (MHS) hosted by DECA from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and lastly, he reminded the community of the November 5th general election and the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade.

Councilmember Wade reported participating in a barbershop talk and elaborated on the event. Next, he reported representing the city in a function in the City of Phoenix to name downtown's transit hub after U.S Representative and former Phoenix Mayor, Greg Stanton. He commended him for always being supportive to the community and thanked Mayor Smith for the opportunity.

Councilmember Knorr reported attending Maricopa Kids Day and commended Dr. Donahue and his wife, May. She stated she was able to attend the community leaders' luncheon at the school district and elaborated it was a great opportunity for the city leaders to get together and talk about important issues coming forward and to brainstorm and collaborate on those. She added there had been uncertainty around the AARP free tax return preparation, but MUSD was providing space for those services and announcement would be made soon. Lastly, she announced October was red ribbon week and elaborated on meeting with the Be Awesome Youth.

Vice Mayor Liermann thanked everyone wearing purple in support of Domestic Violence Awareness and Alzheimer and Caregiver's proclamations. She acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month was from September through October and noted the theme was Pioneers of Change and elaborated. She reminded everyone the Leadership Academy would start on Wednesday and gave information on the sign-up process. She reported on the Alzheimer's Roundtable hosted by Merry Grace. Lastly, she reported on the grand opening of Home Depot and the Maricopa Kids Day. She thanked Dr. John and his wife May.

Councilmember Manfredi reported attending a Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA) meeting and elaborated on the issues with State Route (SR) 347 funding. He encouraged support.

Mayor Smith reported attending the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) town hall and reiterated ideas brought up at the event. She encouraged the community to go to the website 347facts.com and fill out the information so an email goes to numerous people. She reported also attending the pre-planning meeting for the General Plan and

added the community would hear more about it, and there would be opportunities for open public comment. She explained the process would take about a year and would be advertised shortly. Lastly, she reported on the Home Depot grand opening. She recited facts that the project started 18 years ago and congratulated Home Depot, the staff, and the members of Council. She noted it added 112 employees from the City of Maricopa and they planned to raise that number.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Bitter discussed the construction work that started at the intersection of Smith-Enke and SR 347 and elaborated that it was part of the process when ADOT turned over sections of SR 347. He stated it allowed the opportunity to make improvements he added it would be an inconvenience during the construction, but it would be improved.

6. Call to the Public

Peg Chapados announced that on Wednesday, October 9th the next session of You Talk, We Listen would be hosted at the MUSD administration building from 1 to 2:30 p.m. She stated the session would feature the presidents of the fire and police union and added the next session would be November 13th featuring Ron Smith, James Singleton and Randy Jackson on navigating the various city resources, including the city website. Next, she announced that on Thursday, October 17th the Cultural Affairs and Arts Advisory Committee would host a reception at the library called, Toast to the Artist and would feature the artist that have been featured in the library galleries this year. She added the event was open to the public and elaborated on the event. Next, she stated that on October 26th the Maricopa Friends of the Arts would host an informational and demonstration session to plan for the next fundraiser for next year around March 2025. She stated the session would be at the MUSD administration building and the topic would be Taste the Arts, the Art of Giving and Paying it Forward. She elaborated on the fundraiser. Lastly, she reminded everyone to vote in November and support Proposition 488.

Anthony Smith stated that the Pinal Partnership was created in 2005 to help the county, and its communities maintain a safe and dependable road system. He stated it was called on again by the county and its communities to help advocate for Proposition 486. He stated the message was very simple: to maintain its roads without raising taxes. He elaborated that the funds would be used for the most basic maintenance such as repairing guardrails, restriping, fixing potholes, paving dusty and gravel roads. He explained maintained roads helped police and fire departments be efficient by responding timely, it also helped the residents with the wear and tear of their vehicles and economic development. He explained that it was not a new tax, it was merely an extension of a tax that was created back in 1986 and had been continually renewed every 20 years. He encouraged voting in support of Prop 486.

Torri Anderson with Against Abuse Corporation thanked the Mayor and Council and noted that in 2005, the City also had the first Domestic Violence Awareness proclamation and thanked the City for the 20-year dedication to bringing awareness to the issue. She stated in 2006, they held their first annual Seeds of Change Gala to raise funds for the local domestic violence shelter. She stated this year the event would be on October 19th, 2024 and all the funds would stay local. She noted the theme was 'All that Glitters' and gave details on the Christmas tree auction and other activities. She stated she had a few tickets left available on the website, seedsofchagegala.org or by calling (520) 560-3665. She reiterated her gratitude.

Rich Vitiello gave information on the 8th Annual Izzy Calderon Softball Tournament Fundraiser. He stated the tournament would take place on Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 p.m. at Copper Sky and all the funds would go to support the Calderon family. He provided background information on Mr. Calderon's accident on State Route 347 nine years ago. He encouraged the community to donate. He stated there would be a special person throwing out the first pitch and elaborated on previous guest that have thrown the first pitch. He thanked everyone in advanced and stated he would be umpiring all day. He encouraged participation.

Leon Potter, member of the Veteran's Day Parade Planning Committee, invited everyone to the Veteran's Day Parade that would take place on Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. He stated the parade route would start from Central Arizona College (CAC) on Bowlin Road west to north on Porter Road to Leading Edge Academy towards Pacana Park. He stated a free luncheon for veterans and their families would follow at 10:30 a.m. at Leading Edge Academy. He encouraged participations.

Kenneth Golacki stated he wanted to add to the Domestic Violence Awareness proclamation and elaborated. He stated there were no resources available to take in families or programs to make it more affordable for victims to leave their abusers and expanded. He discussed false police reports. Next, he talked about the city's growth and lack of services and competitive alternatives. He discussed recent power outages and a letter from Global Water about too much fluoride on the water. He stated other cities managed their own water and power departments and suggested the City of Maricopa should look into it. He elaborated on growth and water and power usage.

Vanessa with Hope Women's Center gave gifts to the council and invited them and the community to attend the In Her Shoes programming on domestic violence awareness. She detailed the programming and stated it would be on October 19th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for adults and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for teen dating violence awareness at the Hope Women's Center.

Community Support Specialist, Jim DeVenezia gave a statement on domestic violence awareness month. He acknowledged Vanessa, Tiffany and Torri for their services from their organizations. He stated he was proud to be able to partner with the organizations that help victims of domestic violence. He stated to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness week he and Vanessa would attend the briefings of the Maricopa Police Department and provide reminders to officers.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

7.1 [ORD 24-10](#)

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting the document filed with the City Clerk and entitled "Amendments to Chapter 2.30: Code of Ethics" by reference to amend that chapter of the Maricopa City Code and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

- 7.2 [MIN 24-63](#) Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2024 City Council Regular meeting.
Discussion and Action.

The Minutes were Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [RES 24-39](#) Public Hearing. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the sale of approximately 116 acres of city owned real property, Assessor Parcel Number 510-49-002B, generally located at the Southwest corner of Maricopa-Casa Grande Hwy. and White and Parker Rd., Maricopa, Pinal county, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

Economic Development Project Manager, Dr. Joshua Nkoom gave a presentation. He provided a parcel description and stated the parcel was purchased for Maricopa Business Park but it was not part of the lands approved for sale by Proposition 482. He discussed how it would fit in the grand scheme of the Maricopa Business park and opened the floor for questions.

The public hearing opened at 7:02 p.m. Attorney Tina Vannucci clarified that the public hearing and resolution would be part of the new process to sell city owned property due to new legislation. The public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Knorr, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Executive Session

There was no executive session held.

10. Adjournment

This meeting was Adjourned at 7:03 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 1st day of October, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2024.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk