



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. There was an invocation by Bishop Ryan Hoffman from the Maricopa Wells ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Councilmember Vitiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

No items presented.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Liermann reported on the Arts for the Hearts and Chalk Art Festival. She commended the event and acknowledged Judith Zaimont from the Maricopa Arts Council, Maria Pour from Maricopa High School, and Taylor Stanton from Maricopa Friends of the Arts.

Councilmember Smith announced the passing of Jim Jordon who served in the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Board, as Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Chaplain and volunteered in the food bank among many things and asked for a moment of silence in his honor. Next, she gave information on the Pinal County redistricting process and commended Maricopa residents for their participation at Monday's meeting. She directed those interested in learning more to the articles on InMaricopa.com and encouraged residents to visit the Pinal County's website on redistricting and submit feedback. She reported on the Future's Planning event and directed those interested in learning more to articles on InMaricopa and Maricopa Monitor. She gave information on the upcoming Senior Lunch and Learn on the topic of taxes on Friday, February 18th at 11 a.m. at the Library. She reported attending Central Arizona College's (CAC) Stars dinner and elaborated on the event. Lastly, she commended the art horses on display in the lobby and encouraged the public to take a look.

Councilmember Marsh reported attending the Future's Planning meeting, the Pinal Partnership Breakfast, a Retirement Board meeting, the City Monument reveal with youth groups, a Pinal County Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting, a Morning Scoop with the Arizona State University (ASU) President Michael Crow, a redistricting meeting at the new county complex, a Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority Board meeting, a Maricopa Community Advocates meeting, an online discussion with Steve Wozniak, and a Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission meeting. He reported he would start attending a series of seminars on the infrastructure bill. He announced the upcoming events: Exception Health's groundbreaking ceremony on February 25th, the shredding event hosted by AARP on February 26th at Copper Sky, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors redistricting vote meeting on March 2nd in the Town of Florence, the Copa Flats groundbreaking at 17485 North Porter Road on March 3rd at 11 a.m., the Master Gardener's Plant sale at the ASU Agricultural Center on March 5th at 8 a.m., the Historical Society meeting on Monday, March 7th at the Library and an update on State Route 347 hosted by Mayor Price and Vice-Mayor Manfredi at the library on March 17 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Price reported doing a guest lecture at ASU on municipal governments. Next, he thanked the residents for participating with public feedback during the Arizona state legislative session on House Bill 2674 and added that as a result the bill was pulled. He elaborated on the bill and stated the City was currently running four bills.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Ervin Cutright and Aubrey Morris gave information on the Black Heritage Music Experience 2022. Mr. Morris presented the Mayor and Council with complementary tickets. Mr. Cutright gave information on the event happening February 18th at 6 p.m., and the 19th at 4 p.m. at Copper Sky. He elaborated on the event and proposed a partnership with the City.

Barry McCain discussed the importance of history and the legislature.

Elizabeth Howell gave information on the shredding event on Saturday, February 26 at Copper Sky from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She stated the event was free but encouraged donations of non-perishable.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

8.1 [PH 22-02](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment for the purpose of considering a Transit Program Section 5311 grant application from the Federal Transit Administration, through the Arizona Department of Transportation, that will be used to continue operations of the transit system. Interested persons or agencies shall be heard with respect to social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit oral or written evidence and recommendations with respect to the project.

Public Services Director Mike Riggs gave a brief summary. The public hearing was opened 7:36 p.m. There were no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

After brief discussion on Agenda Item 7.6, a motion was made by Councilmember Rich Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Nancy Smith, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.6 [ORD 22-05](#)

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adding Section 8.20.040(A)(2)(j) to the Maricopa City Code relating to prohibiting the storage or placement of debris or construction material on a public street and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

Mayor Price asked for clarification on the proposed ordinance. City Manager Horst explained landscaping material left on the street blocked storm water washes, blocked road access points, and impeded emergency traffic flow when it was done without permits. He added that it often times blocked stop signs or traffic signals and it used public domain for personal use.

Mayor Price inquired about the permit process. City Manager Horst responded that for large projects it would be an encroachment permit and that the process was already in place. He further elaborated that smaller projects should go on driveways and most likely would not require a permit. He discussed the possible dangers of landscaping materials in the street with dark sky communities and a brief discussion ensued. City Attorney, Denis Fitzgibbons added the proposed ordinance would also protect the City from liability. MPD Chief, James Hughes stated the department received many complaints over the last couple of years for landscaping material impeding traffic and damaging the road. He stated that with the growth of the City, the ordinance would be imperative in order to keep the roads clean. Discussion ensued. City Manager Horst elaborated that there would be a publication process to get the information out. He emphasized the initial goal was not to penalize anyone, but would instead focus on educating the suppliers. Discussion ensued regarding possible enforcement and fines.

This Ordinance was Approved.

7.1 [GRA 22-01](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to authorize City staff to complete all necessary paperwork for a Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 application for the Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program grant from the Arizona Department of Transportation, to continue operation of public transit services for the next two years and to authorize the City Manager to sign any documents related to this application. Discussion and Action.

This Consent to Apply for Grant was Approved.

7.2 [RES 22-05](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending the Street Naming and Addressing Procedures. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

7.3 [CON 22-05](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving a budget not to exceed \$87,800 for an update to the City's Development Impact Fees and related Infrastructure Improvement Plan and authorizing the City Manager or designee to

execute a Professional Services Agreement with Lewis Young Robertson & Burningham, Inc ("LYRB") and any subsequent agreements or documentation necessary to effectuate the update to the City's Development Impact Fees and related Infrastructure Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.4 [CON 22-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to ratify consent to the Assignment and Assumption of Development Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions between Copper Sky Commercial Mixed Use North, LLC and KOBA II Development, LLC related to the development of the Copper Sky Commercial property generally located on the northeast corner of State Route 347 and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.5 [SPEVLIQ 22-02](#) 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 Pat Kieny on behalf of Native Grill & Wings for a special event known as the CopaCultural Night Market on Friday, March 25, 2022 at Copper Sky Regional Park 44345 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Discussion and Action.

This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.

- 7.7 [IGA 22-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pinal County for the purpose of providing election services for the fall 2022 elections. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

- 7.8 [MIN 22-08](#) Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2022 City Council regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

These Minutes were Approved.

9. **Executive Session**

10. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Amber Liermann, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adjourn at 7:45 p.m. 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 15th day of February, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk