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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados
Councilmember Bridger Kimball
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Pastor Ja'Meen Oliver from Jehovah Shammah Apostolic Faith Church gave the invocation. The Girls Scouts led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Nancy Smith and Councilmember Henry Wade

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 16-17](#) National HOSA Week Proclamation

Michelle Martinez introduced herself as the Coordinator of CAVIT in Coolidge, Arizona and gave some information on CAVIT. Mayor Price read the proclamation and proclaimed November 6-12 as National HOSA Week. CAVIT student, Raul Garcia gave a few words about CAVIT. CAVIT student, Marisa stated she was in the Vet Assistant program and gave a few words about HOSA. Mayor Price presented them the proclamation.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price reported attending the Pinal County Town Hall on economic development and transportation. He stated that there were representatives from the State Land Department, Deputy Secretary, Victor Mendez with FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) and former ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) Director, Amy Peters. Next, he reported attending the Appreciation Celebration at the VA (Veteran Affairs) center and thanked Councilmember Wade for helping to coordinate the event. Lastly he reported presenting the State of the City and noted it was posted on the city's website and social media.

5. Report from the City Manager

No items to report.

6. Call to the Public

Becky Check approached the lectern and gave information and statistics on breast cancer in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She directed anyone who wished for more information to cancer.org or Relay for Life Maricopa on Facebook. She announced that Councilmember Smith donated a pink first-aid kit to raffle off to the audience. Mayor Price picked the winning ticket.

Pinal County Sheriff candidate Kaye Dickson approached the lectern and pledged that as sheriff she would work with the City Council, the community, the police department and the Board of Supervisors. She stated that sharing statistical information and resources would help both cities and counties. She noted that she was particularly interested in the transportation of inmates and elaborated. She stated that if elected, she would work with the Police Chief, the City and community leaders to address the issues. She stated she was part of CAVIT and sat in their Law Enforcement and Fire Advisory Council and the Veterinary Technician Board. She commended CAVIT and thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Shelly Gillespie approached the lectern and gave information on the COPA Short Film Fest. She stated next week would be the cut-off for film and screen play submissions. She stated 341 students participated at the Performance Center in the high school workshop, and added that 51 students would be submitting projects for the festival. She stated they look forward to the festival on February 17-19 and invited the Council to the VIP evening. She indicated that there were many ways to get involved including through sponsorships. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their involvement. She reported that CAC (Central Arizona College) had a full day program on film-making and screen writing and the video created could be viewed through Vimeo.

Lillian Lowen with the senior group, Creative Sisterhood, approached the lectern and addressed the Mayor and Council. She stated the group met every Wednesday at the Copa Center for over 6 years and noted there were over 50 active members. She stated there were no membership fees or dues to join the group. She reported they have donated crafts to the Maricopa Police Department, the VFW, the Maricopa Food Bank, nursing homes and the Against Abuse shelters. She stated the group has also partnered with other local organizations such as the Mothers of Everyday Heroes. She stated they have donated 302 blankets, 300 pillow cases, 245 toiletry bags, 50 crocheted scarves, 96 Christmas stockings and 383 toys. She stated that this summer they had the opportunity to join a program through Savers Thrift Store in Chandler, called a Gift to Give and they would receive items and materials to keep donating to those in need. She stated the members of the group were on limited incomes and could not afford to buy needed items and relied on donations. She added that due to limited availability and because the group could not afford to rent rooms on a regular basis, the group was not able to use Copper Sky. She stated that once the Copa Center closed, their group would be displaced. She urged the City to create a safe place for their group to meet and be productive. She stated they look forward to creative answers for the challenge.

Ted Yocum approached the lectern and addressed the Mayor and Council. He noted he was an active member of MAP (Maricopa Advocate Program) and was known for being persistent. He spoke on behalf of the Maricopa seniors and explained that not all seniors were able to join the Silver Sneaker program. He discussed seniors' limited incomes and added that it needs to be considered when assessing the needs

of senior groups. He stated that he has met with representatives from MUSD including, Dr. Chestnut, Aaron Rausch and Jim Irving for discussion on the potential of partnering with them and noted it should be revisited. He stated that he has lived in Maricopa for 8 years and that when the Copa Seniors started they met at Arena Sports Bar and at Anytime Fitness until Vice Mayor Brown introduced them to the Copa Center. He stated the Copa Seniors were a social group with no revenue or income and further elaborated that there were no membership cards or fees. He stated the group was open to anyone over 55 years old. He stated their main concerns have been funding for their Halloween and Christmas parties however their concern now was where they would go come March. He asked the Council to consider their needs, their incomes and from time to time to make their concerns a priority. He elaborated and noted that at a minimum they just wanted a place to meet and socialize. He thanked the Council for their time.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 16-91](#) Approval of Minutes from the October 4, 2016 City Council Work Session.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 7.2 [MIN 16-93](#) Approval of Minutes from the October 4, 2016 City Council Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- 9.1 [PUR 16-17](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase exceeding \$25,000 pursuant to City Purchasing Code, Article IV, Section 3-223, Cooperative Purchasing. The expenditure will be for the purchase of three (3) portable radios and two (2) mobile radio in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to be paid from budget lines 34422528 55690-32006 and budget line 35022528 67741-32034. Discussion and Action.

This Purchase was Approved.

- 9.2 [SPEVLIQ 16-08](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application submitted by Kelly Garcia on behalf of Ultra Star to host a beer garden for a special event known as The Maricopa Mud Run on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Copper Sky Regional Park located at 44345 W Martin Luther King Blvd. Discussion and

Action.

This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

10.1 [PRES 16-27](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding the Palo Verde Regional Park. Discussion only.

Assistant to the City Manager, Jennifer Brown introduced Kent Taylor with Pinal County. Mayor Price acknowledged former Maricopa Mayor and County Supervisor Smith. Mr. Taylor acknowledged Jennifer Brown and Community Services Director, Kristie Riestler for their assistance with getting the word out on the project. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Palo Verde Regional Park Project. He stated the planning processes started over a year ago and added that the area was owned by BLM (Bureau of Land Management). He discussed the resource analysis and some of the factors looked at such as transportation routes, soils, utilities, visual resources and drive time analysis. He discussed the public comment including recreation activity evaluations and the number of responses received. He stated that in March they presented conceptual designs, took more feedback and chose 4 alternative designs. He stated Alternative A was the 'no action' alternative, Alternative B would have minimal change, Alternative C would have moderate change and Alternative D would have the most change. He stated the public review period from June 7 through July 15 had a total of 845 respondents and that 70% wanted some type of change. He noted that the highest responses were for Alternative D and Alternative A. He stated they continued with a Draft Preferred Alternative, Alternative C+, and provided a map to the members of the Council. He detailed the draft and noted it would be up on their website for public comment from October 11 through November 10. He discussed what the next steps would be including Revisions to the Draft Master Plan from November 11 through the 26, an Advisory Commission Special Meeting on November 29, a Board of Supervisors work session on December 14 and the final Board of Supervisors presentation for action on December 21. He invited questions from Council.

Mayor Price stated that he has heard opinions from those for and against the regional park and asked Mr. Taylor if he could elaborate on how the changes would be phased in. Mr. Taylor responded that the final master plan would include a proposed implementation schedule and elaborated. He discussed Maricopa County's planning process for their Regional Parks.

Vice Mayor reported he went on a tour of the proposed plan and was impressed. He acknowledged that it would take time for it to become a reality.

Councilmember Smith clarified that the purpose of the 30 day public comment was for all residents to provide any input on Alternative C+. She stated the City had forwarded the link to the community. She reported that she sat in two of the open forums and that midnight equestrian trails were a concern at both forums. She asked what elements would be free. Mr. Taylor stated that fees were addressed in the Master Plan and that BLM had federal guidelines. He stated that the fees would be addressed during the implementation period. A brief discussion ensued regarding fees and midnight equestrian rides.

Mayor Price stated that the park would be a benefit for the city's residents and inquired how the trail system might interconnect with the city. Mr. Taylor elaborated. Mayor Price encouraged the public to take a look at the document.

The Presentation was heard.

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to enter in to Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

11.1 ES 16-28

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City attorney and designated representatives of the City regarding the status of the Master Planning and Marketing Agreement with Boyer Project Company, L.C. and to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding entering into a lease and development agreement for the Estrella Gin Property, and the potential terms thereof, to give staff direction on how to proceed with this agreement and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

12. Adjournment

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 October, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2016.

**Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk**