



# City of Maricopa

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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.*

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m.*

*Director of Public Affairs for the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints John Beatty gave the invocation.*

*Councilmember Smith 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

*Mayor Price acknowledged former Mayor and Current Supervisor Anthony Smith, Judge Riggs, Constable Roberts, and School Boardmember Gary Miller in the audience.*

#### 3.1 [PROC 15-03](#) Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2015 as Mental Health Awareness month.

*Mayor Price read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of May as Mental Health Awareness month.*

**Read**

#### 3.2 [PROC 15-04](#) Proclamation proclaiming May 4-8, 2015 as Small Business Week.

*Mayor Price read the proclamation proclaiming May 4th to May 8th as Small Business Week and presented it to Eric Lacz.*

**Read**

#### 3.3 [PRES 15-10](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation acknowledging the completion of the spring session of the Maricopa Citizens Leadership Academy (MCLA).

Mayor Price introduced Assistant to the City Manager, Jennifer Brown. Mrs. Brown introduced the 2015 Spring Graduating Class of the Maricopa Citizen Leadership Academy. She gave a brief background on the academy and noted this is the 11th graduating class.

The following graduates were recognized with certificates and pins: Albert Brandenburg, Dean Tevault, Delphene Armstrong, Diane Zavala, Dorrine Tevault, Elias Escalante, Frances Soto, Henry O'Bryant, James Irving, Joel Saurey, Kristena Dugan, Lee Feiles, Lucia Rodriguez, Mary Bounds, Mary Kimball, Nancy Steinle, Raquel Hendrickson, and Gary Miller. The graduates posed for pictures after receiving certificates.

Mrs. Brown congratulated the graduates and stated the fall session would start on September 30th, 2015 through November 2015. She directed interested parties to register through the city website and to contact her directly with questions at (520)316-6841.

**The Presentation was heard.**

#### **4. Report from the Mayor**

Mayor Price invited Finance Director Brian Ritschel and Public Works Director Bill Fay to the podium. He announced that Purchasing Manager Pattie LaCombe would be retiring after working with the City for 8 years. He presented Pattie with a plaque of recognition and a bouquet of flowers. Finance Director Brian Ritschel gave a brief statement commending Mrs. LaCombe's work and wished her well on her retirement.

Next, Mayor Price invited John Bemis to the podium. He stated Mr. Bemis has worked for the City for 10 years as the Superintendent of Street Maintenance. He commended his work and presented him with a plaque of recognition. Public Works Director Bill Fay gave a statement commending John Bemis' work and dedication. He noted that the Public Works Department worked really well with other departments under Mr. Bemis' leadership and thanked him for his years of work. Mayor Price presented John Bemis with a commemorative shovel.

Mayor Price reported he was invited to speak at Sequoia Pathway High Schools GIVE event. He gave a brief description of the event and noted their Province-Pathway partnership. Next, he reported that he and Councilmember Chapados and Councilmember Manfredi presented the Pathway boys basketball team with a certificate of recognition and the girls basketball team with medals for winning their state division. Next, he stated he has remained active with the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) and had the opportunity to market Maricopa and Copper Sky in the ABC 15 Sonoran Living segment. He stated he received a lot of phone calls as a result. Next, he reported that the city is trying to attract more banks and has been reaching out to bank presidents from Bank of America, Great Western, Wells Fargo, Chase and Compass Bank. Finally he reported that the Maricopa Station Starbuck's had their opening.

#### **5. Report from the City Manager**

City Manager Rose recognized Interim Assistant to the City Manager, Ainsley Legner and announced this would be her last council meeting. He commended her work in the 2014 Salsa Festival, the opening of Copper Sky, and her collaboration with Carl Neu during the 2040 Vision Program. He thanked both Mrs. Legner and Mr. Neu.

Next, he reported that 2 agencies are attempting to increase the primary property tax

rate that would negatively impact the City of Maricopa. He stated staff has met with representatives from Pinal County and Central Arizona College (CAC) and expressed their concerns. He stated the increases should at a minimum be delayed until a more collaborative legislative solution can be adopted.

Mayor Price added that the City of Maricopa Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 8 to 9:30 a.m. He directed current volunteers interested in attending to RSVP by email or to contact Sara Delgadillo at (520) 316-6827. He added that refreshments would be available in the lobby during the rest of the meeting in honor of John Bemis and Pattie LaCombe.

## 6. Call to the Public

President of the City of Maricopa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78 and Chairman of the Maricopa Officer's Council, Justin Thorton approached the podium addressed the Mayor and Council. He spoke in favor of the Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU) in tonight's agenda. He commended the Police Department and the officers. He provided statistics of the decrease in crime in the last year and added that in 2014 the City of Maricopa made it to the list of top 10 safest cities and this year it was in the top 5.

Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) board member, Gary Miller approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He thanked them for the Mental Health Awareness proclamation. He provided enrollment statistics for schools in Maricopa and stated that the Surgeon General's office estimated that 1 in 5 youth experience a diagnosable mental disorder or addiction disorder. He added that only 20% of the youth with diagnosable mental disorders seek help and estimated that about 1,600 students in Maricopa are not receiving services. He stated it is a national trend, but in Maricopa there are a limited amount of non-profits that offer services. He urged the Mayor and Council to look at the limited sources and not to cut funding to the non-profits.

Chad Chadderton with Awahtukee Realty approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that in conjunction with Marla Lewis of the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce they initiated a program to recognize youth who are performing good deeds. He stated nomination forms are available in the Chamber of Commerce and Awahtukee Realty's websites. He introduced the first recipient, 9 year old Delani. Miss Delani stated that for her 9th birthday she requested donations to The Humane Society instead of birthday presents. Mr. Chadderston presented her with a check for \$100. They posed for pictures with Mayor Price.

Chris Labye (resident of Maricopa since 2004, civil engineer since 1997, and member of the Transportation Advisory Committee) approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He expressed concerns with the work session presentation on the longevity of the capacity of S.R. 347 north of the community. He stated that the north of the community needs to have the same push from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in terms of developing a study. He elaborated on the complexity and recognized one of the biggest issues is funding. He stated that other improvements should be looked at such as an overpass along Riggs Road, and treating the SR 347 to the I-10 as a freeway to freeway connection.

John Beatty approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that Maricopa citizens need to be applauded for the decrease in crimes. He directed anyone interested in pocket-sized copies of the Declaration of Independence to see him during the meeting.

*President of the Professional Firefighters of Maricopa Local 4561, Carlos Schultz approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He informed the public of the Water Safety event to be held at Copper Sky on May 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. Next, he echoed Justin Thorton's comments on public safety. He commended the changes that have been implemented in both the Police Department and Fire Department. He stated that the MOU's in tonight's agenda are a reflection of the cooperation between labor and management.*

*Diana Rexinger approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. She spoke in support of the Police Department noting that her husband has been part of the department since 2007. She encouraged the Mayor and Council to consider the families and friends of the officers that put their lives on the line when looking at the MOU's.*

*Joseph Matricien approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that during a previous council meeting a gentleman sat next to him and smoked from his e-cigarette. He suggested the Council consider following the trend of other cities and passing a ban on smoking e-cigarettes in all public spaces and restaurants in the City.*

## 7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 15-57](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2015 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

## 9. Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to Adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item 9.3. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 9.1 [CON 15-14](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of a one-year extension of the Master Planning and Marketing Agreement with The Boyer Company L.C. for the planning, design, marketing, disposition and future development of land within the Estrella Gin Business Park for light industrial, flex and office space purposes. Discussion and Action.

**This Contract was Approved.**

- 9.2 [PUR 15-05](#) 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 six (6) portable radios in an amount not to exceed \$53,000 to be paid from the Fire DIF Fund, Fire Support, Non-Capital Equipment (34422528 55690-32006). Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

**9.3**      **MISC 15-19**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the initiation of a multiple-department effort, including emergency responders, to pursue five (5) street name changes throughout the City in effort to improve public safety pursuant to the City Street Name Change Policy (Resolution 14-11). Discussion and Action.

*Senior Planner, Kazi Haque gave a brief history of the development in the City. He stated that between 2005 to 2006 street names did not receive much scrutiny due to a high volume of permits approved either by the City or the County. He stated that as a result there are a number of streets that do not meet protocol standards. He provided a map of the Santa Rosa Sub-Division. He stated that the Fire Department needs the most accurate information for responding. He stated the City Street Name Change Policy is in its final draft and that public comment will be available through public hearings and that staff will send out notifications to residents within 300 feet of the affected area.*

*Councilmember Smith expressed concerns that small home businesses would be negatively affected and asked that they be given priority. Mr. Haque stated that it would be taken into consideration and added that the Post Master, Police Chief, and Fire Chief will coordinate their effort to make it as easy as possible.*

*Councilmember Smith inquired if there needs to be 100% consensus from property owners. Mr. Haque stated a percentage would be hard to determine because there are many factors to consider and elaborated.*

*Councilmember Wade inquired if owners and residents would both be notified during the notification process. Mr. Haque stated that notices are based on the tax parcel information and therefore go to the taxpayer. He explained there are not enough resources to identify actual residents or renters. Councilmember Wade asked if there is any follow up on return addresses. Mr. Haque responded that staff can make the attempt however sometimes the post-office is not notified of change of addresses.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Chapados, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.      Regular Agenda**

*Mayor Price moved the order of Agenda Items 10.7, 10.8, and 10.9 to be discussed before Agenda Item 10.1.*

**10.1**      **APP 15-10**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on making an appointment to the Board of Adjustment. Discussion and Action.

*Councilmember Wade nominated Vincent Vitale to the Board of Adjustments. He gave a brief statement on Mr. Vitale's background and invited him to stand for recognition.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.2**      **APP 15-11**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on making an appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Discussion and Action.

*Councilmember Smith gave a brief statement on Mr. Ken Austin's background and nominated him to the Transportation Advisory Committee.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember**

**Kimball, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.3**     **MISC 15-24**

The Mayor and Council shall hear and discuss a presentation of Community Engagement Survey results pertaining to the Maricopa Senior population and public transportation and proposed new transit service, by David R. Maestas, Transportation/Transit Planner and COMET Manager. Discussion and Action.

*Transportation/Transit Planner David Maestas greeted the Mayor and Council and acknowledged Chris Hager, General Manager of Total Transit. Mr. Maestas reviewed the City of Maricopa Express Transit's (COMET) current services: It is currently a demand/response service offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m., it serves as a regional shuttle on Tuesday to Chandler Regional Hospital and Thursday to Casa Grande's Banner Regional Hospital. He noted that in addition they provide charter shuttles to City events and special shuttles during summer and New Year's Eve. He explained service limitations and stated it is currently rated poorly by FTA efficiency standards. He reviewed the target population: CAC students, Pinal County Public Health Clinic patrons, and Maricopa seniors. He discussed the results of the recent engagement survey that went out to seniors 55 years and older. He stated 39% indicated they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with public transportation. He added that seniors comprise approximately 13.1% of the population. He explained that advertising is part of the issue as he consciously made the choice not to advertise due to full scheduling capacity. Next, he discussed the recommended new service including; (1) A new demand/response service to be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; (2) A new limited fixed route to be offered Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Mr. Hager passed out route maps to the Council. Mr. Maestas explained that shuttles would complete one route cycle per hour starting from City Hall, CAC, Walmart, Pinal County Health Clinic, Basha's, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, Copper Sky, to the Copa Center.*

*Mayor Price asked if permission was acquired for the shuttle stop at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. Mr. Maestas stated that the new fixed route services had developed very quickly and he had not coordinated with Ak-Chin, he pointed out that during the last summer shuttle services Ak-Chin was happy with the services. Mayor Price stated he would like to make sure that permission and understanding is sought out first. Mr. Maestas responded staff will thoroughly vet that out with Ak-Chin.*

*He continued his presentation, stating there is still a lot of work to do in the manner of bus stops and benches but the funding is available to start the fixed route. He announced that 3 new minivans would be received tomorrow and stated they would be used for the demand/response service so that the 21 passenger shuttle can be used for the fixed route. He stated that on April 20th the Age-Friendly Committee made a formal recommendation for the proposed new COMET services to go forward to TAC and then for Council approval. He commended the Age-Friendly liaison, Arnold Jackson for all his input. He stated that on April 28th TAC recommended the proposed services go forward for Council approval. He discuss the suggestions brought forward by the Age-Friendly Committee such as; Rider Palm Cards for easy reference, posting route maps in all vehicles, punch cards or coupon books, bicycle racks, and easy to find bus stop signs. He stated Council approval would put the suggestions in motion, and approve the new proposed services without needing additional funding or cutbacks. Next he briefly discussed the Veteran Affairs (VA) shuttle. He stated the park and ride shuttle was discontinued due to low ridership. He stated the VA has proposed to provide a van full time if there are 3 or more qualified volunteer drivers. He opened the floor for questions or comments.*

*Councilmember Wade asked if there is currently a fixed route. Mr. Maestas stated*

there is a current route that was approved by Council last year however he explained that no specific route stops were identified at that time.

Councilmember Manfredi commended the presentation and asked if the summer shuttle would be a separate service. Mr. Maestas explained and elaborated. Councilmember Manfredi stated it was a success and added he would like to see it offered again.

Vice Mayor Brown asked if there was an explanation for the low ridership of the VA shuttle. Mr. Maestas explained that when attending the Veteran Town Hall he found out there were services offered in the Phoenix VA Hospital that were not offered at the Gilbert VA Hospital and the shuttle only went to the Gilbert facility. He stated that the new proposal would make the Phoenix VA the primary location.

Councilmember Manfredi asked if there were any interested volunteers for the VA van. Mr. Maestas stated that not at the moment but that staff is reaching out in various forms.

Councilmember Chapados clarified that volunteers do not need a special license, they would just need a valid Arizona Drivers License and be able to pass the application process which includes a backgrounds check.

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

**10.4**      [MISC 15-22](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the allocation of up to \$5,000 in available matching funds to the applicants of the Maricopa Academic Scholarship Match Program from General Fund, Non-Departmental, Technical (10010000-53340). Staff also requests Mayor and City Council to provide the authority to the City Manager to execute the agreements. Discussion and Action.

Community Programs Manager Mary Witkofski stated the 2 applicants for the Maricopa Academic Scholarship Match Program are the Maricopa Friends of the Public Library and the Maricopa Rotary Club. She stated their combined request total was \$5,000 and summarized the scoring process from the Non-Profit Evaluation Committee. She stated the committee recommends fully funding both applicants.

Councilmember Wade expressed concerns with fully funding both applicants due to recent budget discussions. Mayor Price clarified that the total out of pocket for the City would be \$5000 and elaborated.

Councilmember Manfredi stated he wished the City could give more and moved to approve Agenda Item 10.4.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi and Councilmember Nancy Smith

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Henry Wade

**10.5**      [MISC 15-21](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the City of Maricopa Non-Profit Funding Program applicants and evaluation results and make a recommendation for funding consistent with the formal adoption of the FY15-16

budget under General Fund, General Government, Program Awards (10010000-53380). Staff also requests Mayor and City Council to provide the authority to the City Manager to execute the agreements. Discussion and Action.

*Community Programs Manager Mary Witkofski presented the recommendations of the Non-Profit Evaluation Committee regarding the Non-Profit Funding Program applicants. She stated there were a total of 12 applications received and displayed the order in which they were ranked.*

*Mayor Price stated the City is experiencing a challenging budget year and elaborated. He stated that the City of Maricopa is one of the few cities that still have a non-profit funding program. He pointed out that the process of evaluating the non-profits hit a new pinnacle with the creation of the committee, and while it was not perfect, the committee did a great job. He stated that the best thing to keep the budget balanced, until it is known for sure how much the state would be cutting, is to suspend the Non-Profit Funding Program. He clarified that suspending does not mean it would be eliminated and that it can be reassessed when all the numbers are in.*

*Councilmember Smith agreed with Mayor Price and encouraged residents to participate in public meetings regarding property tax increases. She stated the Council received a letter from the Tohono O'odham Office of the Chairman and Vice Chairman asking the City of Maricopa to consider partnering with non-profits to apply for grants issued from their nation to municipalities as part of Proposition 202. She asked for Council to consider the option and explained the process. She noted the City would act as the fiscal agent. Mrs. Witkofski elaborated. Councilmember Kimball asked for further details. Mrs. Witkofski explained the City would receive the funds from the Tohono O'odham nation and distribute checks to the non-profit organizations. Further discussion ensued regarding the fiscal agent role and responsibilities of the non-profit organizations.*

*Vice Mayor Brown explained that Chairman Norris sends those letters out every year and expressed concerns that the process would put additional burden on Mrs. Witkofski. He added that every year municipalities lose funding and that while the City has been generous, funding non-profits might not be realistic in the near future.*

*City Attorney Denis Fitzgibbons stated that historically the City cannot charge administrative fees for those funds. He stated that past councils agreed to only act as fiscal agents for agencies that would benefit Maricopa. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Wade indicated he was under the impression that the City would be the one applying for the grant, Councilmember Chapados reiterated Mrs. Witkofski's explanation that each non-profit would be responsible for applying for the funds. Councilmember Smith handed the letter to Mrs. Witkofski and Mrs. Witkofski confirmed that it is an agreement between the organization, the City as fiscal agent, and the tribal nation.*

*Councilmember Chapados reiterated Mayor Price's statement that it has been an arduous process and moved to suspend the Non-Profit Funding Program until mid-year of fiscal year 2015/2016.*

*Councilmember Manfredi agreed that the City should work with the Tohono O'odham nation and help the non-profits with the application process as long as it is not too burdensome. He suggested that if the program is suspended the non-profits should be allowed to go back and amend the amount of funds they are asking for to allow for partial funding. Mayor Price stated it would change the application process and might be viewed as unfair. He clarified that the program always included the possibility that*



*no funds would be granted depending on the City budget.*

*Councilmember Manfredi suggested that if any of the non-profits needed funding for rental of City facilities, perhaps the facility usage can be offered at a zero rate.*

*Councilmember Chapados called a point of order and stated that would be a separate discussion. Councilmember Kimball concurred. Vice Mayor Brown supported the motion on the table.*

*Councilmember Manfredi reiterated that if the City is able to help the non-profits by letting them use facilities, that it should be considered. Mayor Price stated that that discussion would have to go back to the Non-Profit Evaluation Committee and called attention back to the motion on the table. City Attorney Fitzgibbons stated the motion can be carried and then direction can be discussed.*

*Councilmember Chapados amended her motion to include; that if the Non-Profit Program is suspended this year, it would not count as one of the 3 years for the applicants.*

*Mayor Price noted direction from Councilmember Smith for staff to explore the Tohono O'odham grant proposals and partnerships with the City. Next, he noted Councilmember Manfredi's direction for the PRL Committee and the Non-Profit Evaluation Committee to discuss the use of buildings by the non-profit organizations.*

*Councilmember Wade asked for clarification on the direction to the PRL Committee and the Non-Profit Funding Committee to discuss the use of buildings by the groups. He expressed concerns that it would be considered unfair to other non-profits. Councilmember Wade stated that it was not part of the process and therefore does not support it. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Chapados spoke in opposition of directing the committees to discuss discounts for facility usage. She stated it is not equitable, and added there are always hard costs.*

*Councilmember Kimball spoke in support of Councilmember Smiths direction for staff to explore working with the Tohono O'odham nation, and added that directing the committees to discuss possible discounts for facility rentals is not the way to go.*

*Councilmember Chapados added that Mary Witkofski should not be burdened any further and elaborated.*

*Consensus was to go forward with direction to staff to explore partnering with the Tohono O'odham nation. Mrs. Witkofski clarified that the City would need to submit a letter agreeing to work with the non-profits and that the deadline was fast approaching. City Manager Rose stated that staff would have to gauge how many non-profits would be interested and then go from there. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Manfredi stated he would like to see the City work with the non-profit organizations by allowing them to use facilities that are of no additional costs to the City. Councilmember Kimball, Councilmember Wade, Councilmember Smith and Mayor Price spoke in opposition. City Manager Rose pointed out that there is a fee waiver policy that was recently established and that non-profits can benefit from it.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, that the Non-Profit Funding Program be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.6**     **RES 15-22**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona approving and adopting the 2040 Vision and Strategic Plan. Discussion and Action.

*District Manager with the Flood Control District David Alley approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He commented on the bullet point on Goal 3 under the Environmental Stewardship and Flood Mitigation which reads "Take control of the Maricopa Flood Control District." He stated the statement is troublesome because one state entity cannot take over another and urged that the line be removed before making the document official.*

*City Manager Rose invited Chairman of the 2040 Vision Committee, Dan Frank to present. Chairman Frank reviewed the 2040 Vision process starting with approval from Council in Fall 2014, the community outreach, forums, creation of the Steering Committee, Issue Project Teams, the drafting Sub-Committee, and tonight's recommendation for Council approval. He identified the Vision Elements: (1) Well planned quality growth and development, (2) Economic development, (3) Community resources and Quality of Life Amenities, (4) Safe and Livable Community, (5) Community Pride, Spirit, and Relationships, and (6) Fiscal Policies and Management. He stated that as part of the recommendation for approval, in order to keep the plan current the committee also recommends bi-annual reviews by the Steering Committee, progress evaluations, and recommendations for changes and updates. He commended the steering committee and opened the floor for questions.*

*Councilmember Smith spoke in support of including an element of an airport either through partnerships or City support.*

*Councilmember Kimball asked City Attorney Fitzgibbons if he can comment on Mr. David Alley's suggestions. City Attorney Fitzgibbons stated that the statues that created the flood districts also created a way to dissolve them. He added that Pinal County Flood Control District acts as the flood plain manager for the City of Maricopa. He stated that statue also provides a way for the City to assume the Pinal County Flood District powers and duties of flood plain management.*

*Mr. Frank stated that initially approximately 27 to 29 people identified an airport as a critical issue; however when they had to boil down the issues to 6 essential issues, an airport did not make it to the list. Councilmember Smith responded that she considers an airport a big vision element that should be included.*

*Councilmember Wade spoke in support of an airport being part of the 2040 Vision Plan. Councilmember Kimball inquired if anyone saw a sport complex as part of the 2040, and paralleled the idea of an airport. He stated that while it is important, it is not necessary.*

*Councilmember Manfredi inquired as to the type of wording Councilmember Smith would like to see included. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Smith suggested that it could be added under Transportation, Goal 1 similarly to "Explore addition of high-speed trains." Councilmember Manfredi supported her recommendation. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Wade explained that in 2008 he voted against it due to lack of financial resources. He stated that in 25 years it could be considered along with partnerships. Chairman Frank stated that the 2040 Vision plan is a living document and would be subject to bi-annual reviews, changes, and updates. Mayor Price emphasized that partnerships would be important and elaborated. He stated he would support including it in the 2040 Vision Plan in its general form, as a document that can be changed over time.*

*Vice Mayor Brown spoke in opposition, he provided history of the former proposal for an airport. He stated that not one residents ever approached him about bringing an airport into the City, but that residents did approach him to thank him for opposing bringing an airport into the City.*

*Councilmember Smith moved to approve the 2040 Vision Strategic Plan with the amendment to include language that includes exploring airport options/ viability of regional partnerships.*

*Vice Mayor Brown thanked Chairman Dan Frank, Ainsley Legner, and Carl Neu.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Resolution be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.7**     [MOU 15-02](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2015-2017 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maricopa Sergeants Council - Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78. Discussion and Action.

*Human Resources Director Kathleen Haggerty reported that management met with the Maricopa Sergeants Council-Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78 once a week beginning on January 2015 through April 2015 to negotiate a new 2 year agreement to be effective on July 2015. She reported the discussions were focused and professional, and added there are no unresolved issues.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Memorandum of Understanding be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.8**     [MOU 15-04](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2015-2017 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maricopa Officers Council - Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78. Discussion and Action.

*Human Resources Director Kathleen Haggerty reported that management met with the Maricopa Officers Council-Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78 once a week beginning on January 2015 through April 2015 to negotiate a new 2 year agreement to be effective on July 2015. She reported the discussions were focused and professional, and added there are no unresolved issues.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Memorandum of Understanding be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.9**     [MOU 15-03](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2015-2017 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Professional Firefighters of Maricopa, IAFF Local 4561. Discussion and Action.

*Human Resources Director Kathleen Haggerty reported that management met with the Professional Firefighters of Maricopa once a week beginning on January 2015 through April 2015 to negotiate a new 2 year agreement to be effective on July 2015. She reported the discussions were focused and professional, and added there are no unresolved issues.*

*Councilmember Chapados moved to approve the MOU and thanked all the public safety officers and staff for the negotiations. Mayor Price echoed her gratitude and explained the meet and confer process. He thanked staff and the Police and Fire Unions for their negotiations.*

*City Manager Rose recognized Mrs. Haggerty for leading the negotiations. Mayor*

*Price invited all the public safety officers to sign the MOU's and pose for pictures.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Memorandum of Understanding be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.10**    **MISC 15-26**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to cancel or reschedule the May 19, 2015 City Council regular and work session meetings. Discussion and Action.

*Mayor Price explained that moving the next Council meeting to a different day was considered because the CAC taxation meeting is on the same day. He encouraged residents to attend. He stated 3 members of the Council would be attending an ICAC conference but that 4 other members would be present to have a quorum. He stated that there were other issues at hand so the meeting cannot be rescheduled. City Manager Rose explained that there are scheduled Public Hearings for that meeting and that notices have already gone out.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that this Miscellaneous Item be Disapproved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**11.        Executive Session**

*The City Council regular meeting moved to executive session at 10:08 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.**

**11.1      ES 15-12**

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 to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding the process, legal obligations and legal liabilities of becoming the floodplain administrator for the City of Maricopa, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

**11.2      ES 15-13**

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and designated representatives of the City to consider its position regarding potential revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding with Global Water, evaluate the City's legal options concerning the MOU and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding how to proceed with the MOU negotiations pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

**12.        Adjournment**

**This City Council regular meeting was Adjourned.**

**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 5th day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2015.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk