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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith
Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Church of Celebration (COC) Pastor, Ben Gores gave the invocation and Councilmember Vitiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Manfredi was present telephonically.

Present: 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 20-03](#) Juneteenth Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation and proclaimed Friday, June 19th as Juneteenth in the City of Maricopa. The meeting went into recess at 7:10 p.m. to present the proclamation outside.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Vice Mayor Smith announced that Pinal County had awarded the City funds for the senior center. Next, she thanked Chief Stahl for the Lunch & Learn on police policy via Zoom and elaborated. She stated the next Lunch & Learn with the Chief would be via Zoom on June 15th at noon.

Councilmember Wade announced he would conduct conversation with the Maricopa Police Department and the Chief on Friday, Juneteenth from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Leading Edge Academy. He stated the conversations were aimed at youth and added that social distancing would be observed and masks would be required and provided if

needed.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Minutes

- 6.1 [MIN 20-22](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2020 City Council Regular meeting.

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

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, seconded by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 7.1 [RES 20-20](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending 5.0 Leave Policy of the City of Maricopa Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook regarding Sick Leave. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.2 [RES 20-21](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, supporting the submission of a grant application to the Ak Chin Indian Community for funding Boys & Girls Clubs of the Casa Grande Valley and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent of such funding. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.3 [IGA 20-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Pinal County Animal Control Department to provide shelter and kenneling services for animals brought to the facility from and within the incorporated limits of the City. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

- 7.4 [MOU 20-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Professional Firefighters of Maricopa- IAFF Local 4561. Discussion and Action.

This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [MISC 20-13](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action regarding rollout and administration of the Maricopa AZCares program. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Horst summarized the AZ Cares funding recommendations including

creating two categorizations, the Small Business Reemergence Program and the Non-Profit Program. He stated the approximate allocation for the small business was 1.1 million and \$600,000 for the non-profits. He noted a minor amendment was recommended so that, should there be money left over from the Non-Profit Program, Council authorized a transfer to the small business program where there was a higher need. Mayor Price asked if the amount had to be decided right away. Councilmember Brown supported the question and stated that consideration should be given individually. City Manager Horst stated that the amount on the non-profit program could be reduced and added to the small businesses. He suggested the amount be lowered to anywhere between \$300,000 to \$400,000 and adding the difference to the small businesses.

Councilmember Vitiello asked if any of the funds could be held back in case there was another spike with the virus. City Manager Horst advised helping businesses now and stated there may be other incentive programs coming from the federal government that would help address future shut downs. He stated the State held some money back. Vice Mayor Smith explained it was part of the plan to hold approximately 3% back and further elaborated that businesses needed help as soon as possible. Mayor Price reported that on a phone call with Congressman O'Halleran, they stated they were working on a potential secondary act. Discussion ensued on possible future incentives. Mayor Price stated he didn't oppose keeping a reserve however, he stated many businesses would not make through the summer. Councilmember Wade asked about the requirement for organizations to be located within Maricopa and inquired if it could be adjusted. Mayor Price explained that organizations outside of Maricopa had similar opportunities for help from the County. Discussion ensued.

City Manager Horst continued and stated that the Non-Profit Program scope was increased to include capital needs to enhance present and future capabilities. He explained that language was added under the prioritization criteria to let applicants know that they would not be disqualified by checking any of the boxes. He concluded his report and asked for the Council's support.

Councilmember Manfredi stated he supported leaving the amount for the non-profits at \$600,000 and approving any money left over to be transferred and elaborated. Vice Mayor Smith concurred in approving it as is. Mayor Price discussed whether the \$600,000 could be approved with direction to staff to stay within a recommended amount, unless enough non-profits applied that the entire amount was needed. City Manager Horst reiterated his recommendation to reduce it by allocating \$350,000 to the non-profits and transferring the remaining \$250,000 to the small business side immediately, and authorize the transfer of any amount left over.

Councilmember Brown motioned to approve the recommendation of allocating \$350,000 for the non-profit program and transferring the \$250,00 to the small business program. Councilmember Wade seconded.

Councilwoman Gusse asked about the timeline and deadlines. City Manager Horst stated the programs would roll out next week.

The motion was amended to authorize the City Manager to make any non-substantive changes as necessary should legal issues come up.

City Manager Horst clarified that they applications would open as soon as possible but no later than next week and noted it would be announced through all media platforms. Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Brown stated the easiest place to see the

announcement was on the City's website www.maricopa-az.gov. She encouraged the public to sign up to be part of the constant contact list to receive email announcements. She added it would also be on all media, including Facebook. Consensus was to open the applications on Thursday, June 18th for 2 weeks until Monday, July 6th at 6 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding a date for Council approval of the applications, consensus was to hold a special meeting on the week of July 14th.

City Manager stated that the application review team would include himself, Jennifer Brown, Nathan Ulyot, Nathan Steele, Adam Shipley as the point of contact, and someone from finance to track the financials. Mayor Price recommended simplifying the name to the Business Reemergence Program. City Manager asked about the Food and Aid Distribution Assistance Non-Profit. Councilmember Brown encouraged businesses to apply now, and not wait for a possible second incentive that might not be approved. Mayor Price asked for clarification on the limitations of the programs such as, that the funding was for expenditures related to COVID -19. City Manager Horst elaborated that it would not include loss revenue, but could include mortgage or lease payments from March to May, and any PPE related expenses. A small discussion ensued. Mayor Price thanked the Council and staff and noted there would still be some legal issues to work out and elaborated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that \$350,000 be Approved for the City's Food & Aid Distribution Non-Profit Assistance Program, and authorize the transfer of any remaining amount to the City's Business Reemergence Program.

Councilmember Brown Amended his motion, seconded by Councilmember Wade to allow the City Manager authorization to make any non-substantive changes as necessary should legal issues come up.

Mayor Price moved to amend the motion, and the amendment was seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, to include the previous motion to approve allocation of \$350,000 to the City's Food & Aid Distribution Non-Profit Assistance Program, and authorize the transfer of any remaining amount to the City's Business Reemergence Program, to authorize the City Manager to make any non-substantive changes as necessary should legal issues come up, and add the approval of rolling out both programs on Thursday, June 18th and as discussed. Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Wade accepted the amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, to Adjourn at 8:13 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 16th day of June, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2020.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk