



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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Mayor Christian Price
Vice Mayor Edward Farrell
Councilmember Marvin Brown
Councilwoman Julia Gusse
Councilmember Bridger Kimball
Councilmember Alan Marchione
Councilmember Leon Potter

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

6:00 PM

MUSD Board Room

1. Call to Order

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, Councilmember Marvin Brown, Councilmember Julia Gusse, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, and Councilmember Leon Potter

Absent 1 - Councilmember Alan Marchione

3. Agenda Items

3.1 WS 12-001 The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no items discussed.

3.2 WS 12-002 The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilwoman Gusse stated that she and Councilmember Potter attended the Police Awards Ceremony.

Councilmember Potter stated that he and Councilmember Gusse attended a Helping Children Succeed event hosted by the Maricopa Wells Middle School.

Mayor Price stated that he and Councilmember Brown attended the annual ICSC, International Council of Shopping Centers, conference in San Diego to help promote the City of Maricopa. He stated that it was a great conference.

Councilmember Brown stated that he too was very impressed with the conference and with the Economic Development staff.

3.3 WSPRES 12-031 The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on staff's efforts to advance the goals set forth in the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan during

FY11-12.

Economic Development Director Micah Miranda presented.

Mayor Price asked if the Maricopamatters.com website was linked to the City's main website. Mr. Miranda stated that it was.

Mayor Price asked for Mr. Miranda to discuss the incubator program. Mr. Miranda stated that the Incubator corridor serves as a centralized location for businesses who receive assistance to help alleviate some small business start up issues.

Discussion ensued regarding interest from prospective businesses. Councilmember Potter stated that there has been much progress in the past year and commended staff for their efforts.

**3.4 WSPRES
12-032**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation introducing Maricopa Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Steven Chestnut who will discuss the goals, vision, and accomplishments of Maricopa Unified School District.

Assistant to the City Manager Paul Jepson introduced Dr. Stephen Chestnut with the Maricopa Unified School District.

Mr. Chestnut presented his beliefs about public education and the accomplishments made by the district. He also discussed challenges including the upcoming proposed ballot override.

Councilmember Potter asked how the district is addressing the gap between a low scoring high school performance and high scoring elementary performance. Mr. Chestnut stated that they are doing the right things to make improvements. He stated that their goal is to make Maricopa the school of choice for children in Maricopa.

Councilmember Brown asked if there was an attendance requirement from the County for scholarship opportunities discussed. Mr. Chestnut stated that he did not know if such requirements existed.

Councilwoman Gusse stated that she knows the school district is working with Central Arizona College to offer these scholarships.

4. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

4.1 ES 12-002

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice from the City's attorney and to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(7).

4.2 ES 12-005

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorney to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the pending claims and lawsuits filed against the City pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4).

5. Adjournment

The City Council Work Session adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Julia Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Leon Potter, to Adjourn . The motion carried unanimously.