



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

This City Council Regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor David Anderson gave an invocation and Vice Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Vitiello was present telephonically.

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PRES 21-08](#) Recognition of Rock Star Cheer National Champions

Councilmember Wade introduced the Rockstar Cheer team and announced they won the All Star World Championship. He gave statistics of the championship and turned it over to co-owners Beth Mundell and Jam Davis. The cheer team members gave a demonstration. Mayor Price discussed the difficulty of being a small business owner and commended B. Mundell.

The Presentation was heard.

3.2 [PRES 21-10](#) Maricopa Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Councilmember Wade acknowledged the following recipients of the Maricopa Community Foundation Scholarships: Alex Forman (not present), Madison Tyler, Erin Fortunado (not present), Kathy Hawks (not present), Amelia Guzman, Amy Canjana, and Sheila Anderson. He asked members of the scholarship foundation to pose for pictures with the recipients.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported attending the following events: the Friends of the Arts meeting at the library, a Historical Society meeting, two Pinal County Water

Augmentation Authority Board meeting, the Pinal Partnership Basin Study, and the Central Arizona Project University Training and Update. He elaborated on items discussed.

Councilmember Liermann reported attending the Chamber Breakfast meeting and elaborated on the new business offering mental health services.

Vice Mayor Smith elaborated on the new Friends of the Arts group. She stated that she, along with Mayor Price and Councilmember Lierman, they listened to the needs of the arts group.

Councilmember Wade announced there would be a Juneteeth celebration at Pacana Park from 6 to 9p.m. He also announced that the U.S. Senate passed the resolution to declare the Juneteeth a national holiday. Lastly, he stated the Councilmember on the Corner was hosting the youth mock city council every Sunday, except the following Sunday due to Father's Day.

Mayor Price stated that as Chair of the Transportation Sub-Committee of the League of Cities and Towns, they were working to create a rural sub-committee of transportation and elaborated. Next, he gave information on Proposition 416-417 and elaborated on the half-cent sales tax. He encouraged residents to reach out to friends and family in Maricopa County to vote on 400. He reported that the Gila River Indian Community recently sent the congressional delegation of Arizona and the Arizona Department of Transportation Director a letter stating that SR 347 was one of their top 3 priorities in transportation needs.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Gale Randolph gave information on the new organization, Citizens Supporting Our Community. She stated the organization would be introduced on the Juneteeth at the library from 10 a.m. to 12 pm. on Saturday. She invited the public to attend.

Princess Blessing stated that due to the needs in the city, they opened a 24 hours residential group home. She elaborated on the group home and the services offered. She encouraged members of the council to tour the facility.

Councilmember Wade gave information on the second annual LGBTQ Family Festival at the library on June 26 at 8 a.m.

Gala inquired why the Maricopa Police Department did not have a complaint form. She was directed to contact Chief Hughes.

Mrs. Bellinger spoke in opposition of LGBTQ book displays in the library.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember

Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 7.1 [IGA 21-09](#) The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County and through Pinal County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility and the City of Maricopa for the detention of adult misdemeanor inmates arrested, held, booked and/or convicted under the authority of the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**
- 7.2 [RES 21-30](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled "Amendment to Title 3: Administration and Personnel," regarding the update of rules and regulations relating to the Acting City Manager, authority to contract and duties of the Purchasing Director and amending Section 3.10.100, Section 3.10.140 and Section 3.65.040 of the Maricopa City Code. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.3 [ORD 21-09](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting "Amendment to Title 3: Administration and Personnel" by reference to amend Section 3.10.100, Section 3.10.140 and Section 3.65.040 of the Maricopa City Code and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.
- This Ordinance was Approved.**
- 7.4 [RES 21-32](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, condensing and updating the previously adopted City logo and brand standards manual and approving and adopting a revised streamlined City of Maricopa Branding Guidelines manual, and authorizing the City Manager to make future revisions to the guidelines as necessary. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.5 [RES 21-33](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona designating the City's Chief Fiscal Officer for purposes of submitting the City's Fiscal Year 2021 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.6 [CON 21-13](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with Desert Cedars Equities East, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, and Picacho Landing Equities L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company, for the purchase of 2 acres generally located on Alterra Parkway between N. John Wayne Parkway and N. Gantun Avenue for \$871,200.00 and authorizing the City Manager to make minor amendments and execute any necessary documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.
- This Contract was Approved.**
- 7.7 [RES 21-34](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting the Third Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Maricopa, Copper Sky Commercial Senior Housing, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, Copper Sky Commercial Mixed Use North, LLC, an Arizona limited liability

company, Copper Sky Commercial Mixed Use South, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, and Shea Connelly Development, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.05 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the exhibits and related documents. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.8 [IGA 21-10](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Maricopa and Pinal County for the management and control of the Maricopa Family Advocacy Center. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

- 7.9 [MIN 21-31](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 1, 2021 City Council Regular meeting.

The Minutes were Approved.

- 7.10 [CON 21-14](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with S3 BioTech, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, for the sale of approximately 4 acres generally located on the southeast corner of W. Bowlin Road and N. John Wayne Parkway, for \$1,375,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [PRES 21-09](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation by Chief James Hughes on the 2020 annual report of the Maricopa Police Department, regarding the use of force by the department Discussion Only.

Maricopa Police Department (MPD), Chief Hughes gave a PowerPoint 2020 annual report on the department's use of force. He discussed the department's use of force procedures including on scene investigations and reporting. He detailed the procedures of the review board, the total number of incidents, the frequency of force being used and the use of force demographics. He compared the statistics to the 2019 numbers.

Mayor Price thanked the police department and commended their focus on de-escalation and level of transparency.

Councilmember Wade asked if there was a process to identify individuals/officers who use force more often. Chief Hughes responded there was an early warning system and elaborated. A brief discussion ensued.

The Presentation was heard.

- 8.2 [PRES 21-11](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a Public Safety update. Discussion only.

City Manager Horst discussed the Future Planning Process and the requirements for navigating the path forward. He elaborated on the city's background and growth. He detailed the list of guiding principals used to determine whether the police dispatch was serving the public in the best way. He elaborated on the evolution of emergency communications. He played a video from the City of Chandler dispatch and the

services they provide. He stated that the City of Chandler asked to pause the study process and elaborated. He stated that the State of Arizona encouraged consolidation and offered funds, and elaborated on the benefits. He stated that based on the objectives and the desire to upgrade services, it was determined that the best option was to pursue a new facility within the city, large enough to meet the city's present and future needs, and the capability of hosting future partners and other inner-city services and functions such as 311. He stated a study would be propelled by the condition and functionality of the existing facility, the opportunity to repurpose the existing facility in support of potential new development and the end of the life cycle of current software/hardware components. He stated the City of Maricopa Fraternal Order of Police Union Lodge 78, and the City of Maricopa Police Association (COMPAA) expressed opposition and concern in regard with dispatch operations. He stated he sat down with union representatives along with Assistant City Manager, Brown, Chief Hughes and Public Safety Communications Manager, Jennifer Hagen and all concluded to let the study continue until findings were presented. He announced that the land at Copper Sky would be repurposed to a medical campus with a specialty emergency, (ER) hospital and elaborated. He stated a new police station would be built and upgraded by the court house. He explained how the new police station could be built without debt and benefit everyone. He announced Jennifer Hagen would be charged with the project.

Mayor Price thanked staff, City Manager Horst and all those involved.

The Presentation was heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Bob Marsh, to Adjourn at 8:30 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 June, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2021.

**Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk**