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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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, August 4, 2015

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council work session was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Price informed the public that Agenda Item 3.3 would be pulled due to a cancellation.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [WS 15-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no comments or concerns.

3.2 [WS 15-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

There were no reports from Council.

3.3 [WSPRES 15-29](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from the AZ Department of Administration regarding Arizona FirstNet.

This presentation was canceled.

3.4 [WSPRES 15-28](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on Smart Cities.

Assistant to the City Manager, Jennifer Brown and Chief Information Officer, Cary Gielniak introduced the presentation on Smart Cities. Mrs. Brown stated that the Innovation Team was established by City Manager Rose to explore options on how to make the city more efficient. Mr. Gielniak stated the Innovation Team defined smart cities as the following, "A smart city leverages technology to improve the quality of urban services, reduce costs and resource consumption, and engages more effectively and actively with its citizens." They presented a small video by Intel on

smart city possibilities. Mr. Gielniak stated that the City is already using predictive policing, electronic permitting and plan review, social media, paperless agenda process, and electronic recruiting and selection. Mrs. Brown reviewed some of the challenges including, funding and resources, security, creating city-wide coordination, fixing connectivity gaps, identifying and prioritizing projects, and rapidly changing technologies. Mr. Gielniak explained the role of the Innovation Team is to research and recommend innovative solutions using Smart City concepts to improve efficiency and quality of life, and suggest implementation strategies to the City Manager. Mrs. Brown stated that in the next 4 to 6 months they hope to deliver the benefits, best practices, costs and plans for implementation of the priority recommendations. Mr. Gielniak identified the priority recommendations as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Fiber Optic Strategic Plan. In conclusion they invited question from the Council.

Councilmember Chapados inquired if it would be possible to include citizen involvement in the discussions.

City Manager Rose stated that citizen involvement is still a vital part of the visioning project. He explained that the purpose was to first identify critical areas, and once all areas are identified then the possibility of a task force could be revisited.

Councilmember Chapados stated that she signed up for Smart Cities and encouraged anyone interested so sign up for free. She suggested including the developer community in some of the major projects such as installing infrastructure.

Mayor Price commended the presentation and added that he receives the Smart Cities publication. He stated the issue is to become more efficient, effective, and integrated with the community. He stated the purpose is to become more responsive without overspending.

City Manager Rose added that the Innovation Team intends to also pursue other endeavors.

The Presentation was heard.

3.5 **[WSPRES 15-30](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation of the draft Age-Friendly Maricopa Implementation Plan by Arnold Jackson, Age-Friendly Maricopa Coordinator.

Age-Friendly Maricopa Coordinator, Arnold Jackson presented the draft of the Age-Friendly Maricopa Implementation Plan. He invited Age-Friendly Maricopa Advisory Committee member, Joan Koczor to provide background. Mrs. Koczor gave an overview of the June 17, 2014 Maricopa Aging in Place presentation by City Manager Rose and Amy St. Peter. She stated that on July 1st, 2014 the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 14-20 that supported development of an Age-Friendly Initiative, created the Age-Friendly Maricopa Advisory Committee and authorized the City Manager to hire a part time coordinator. She reviewed the expectations for the Age-Friendly Maricopa Advisory Committee including community outreach, data analysis, identifying priorities, a business plan development, and implementation. She reviewed the accomplishments of the committee so far and then turned the presentation over to Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson reviewed the Draft Age-Friendly Maricopa Implementation Plan. He stated that the primary goal of the implementation plan was to connect people 60 years and older with people of all ages in order to improve social interaction and to increase access to resources, services, social opportunities and recreation. He stated the primary concerns from the community surveys and interviews were in

transportation, healthcare, and communication. He stated the primary concern with transportation was getting to medical appointments and errands. He reviewed the enhanced transportation options and stated that there is currently one potential volunteer for the Phoenix Veteran shuttle and that there is a need for 2 more volunteers. Next he reviewed the survey and interview results under healthcare. He stated the concerns were affordability, lack of home delivered meals, understanding the benefits and services associated with Medicare or Medicaid, their spouse's health and personal health. He stated that to address the concerns, City Manager Rose approved establishing an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Health Coalition to further define community health needs and added the next step would be to present it to Council for approval. Next, he discussed the concerns under communication. He listed the concerns such as the lack of public awareness regarding resources, services and initiatives for those 60 years plus and for those caring for older parents; a need to better understand senior terminology preference; a need to better define and communicate the specific healthcare needs identified in the survey; and a need for a comprehensive Age-Friendly Communications Strategy. He stated that to address the communication concerns he plans to work with the Assistant to the City Manager who has a strong communication background. He stated that in addition they will plan a Senior Informational Health Exposition. He stated that if approved they would implement a Senior Informational Health Fair with the involvement of the Age-Friendly Committee and Council liaisons, Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Chapados and added the tentative date would be Saturday, January 16, 2016. He stated the next step would be to develop a Comprehensive Communication Strategy to increase awareness of existing services and create mechanisms for on-going dialogue with the community. He invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Wade inquired if the issue of resources for seniors caring for their grandchildren was addressed at any time. Mr. Jackson stated that it was discussed and stated that the Health Exposition could gather information on the resources available. Next, Mr. Jackson stated that that an Age-Friendly Center (multi-inter-generational, non-traditional, multi-use senior center) and senior living options would be facilitated. He stated the goals are to facilitate strategic planning, review options with the City Manager and the Age-Friendly Committee, develop an implementation plan, and implement sometime in 2017.

Vice Mayor Brown commended Reverend Jackson and stated that the country has not been very age friendly. He stated that other cultures honor their aging population and anything that the city does can help. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Price stated that while there are a lot of needs and concerns, the issues were broken down and goals were clearly defined to address them. He commended the committee.

Councilmember Smith recognized Joan Koczor and Lee Ann Clark. She commended the committee, David Maestas for addressing transportation issues, and Councilmember Chapados for collecting information.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the Age-Friendly Center and senior living options. Mr. Jackson responded that Copper Sky has been talked about as well as other options.

Mr. Jackson thanked Mayor Price and the City Council, City Council liaisons Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Chapados, the Age-Friendly Committee members (Chair Joan Koczor, Ben Murray, Co-Chair Delphene Armstrong, Lynn Bernier, Lee Anne Clark, and Tom Rein), City Manager Rose and staff, and

Transportation Planner David Maestas.

Councilmember Chapados thanked Mr. Jackson and the committee. She stated that there is currently an opening in the committee and encouraged anyone interested to contact the City Clerk.

City Manager Rose stated that initially it was planned to conclude the majority of the work within a year and while it was not possible, funding opportunities are being explored. He noted there has been positive feedback from the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), and a possible grant from Ak-Chin. He stated that Mr. Jackson's contract would expire at the end of August but the intention would be to float it until September at which point they would have heard back from the grant applications.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

The City Council work session entered into executive session at 6:23 p.m.

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

4.1 ES 15-03

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

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 4th day of August, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2015.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk