



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Special Meeting

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Mayor Nancy Smith
Vice-Mayor Henry Wade
Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

5:00 PM

Executive Conference Room

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present, 7 - Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Wade, Councilmember Goettl, Councilmember Knorr, Councilmember Liermann, Councilmember Manfredi, and Councilmember Marsh

3. **Agenda Items**

3.1 **[SP 25-03](#)**

The Mayor and City Council will meet with Legislative members representing District 16 to discuss key legislative issues.

Mayor Smith welcomed Representative Lopez and Representative Martinez, who later joined the meeting and thanked them for meeting with the council.

Representative Lopez provided updates on legislative successes like securing funding for fire, police, and veterans' services, while adding that the Boys and Girls Clubs would also see funding. Representative Lopez reported on employment opportunities that could come to the region through the potential construction of a natural gas pipeline from North Texas to Casa Grande and foreign companies looking for expansion in the region.

Representative Lopez reported on a bill that he co-sponsored with Representative Martinez that would allow local law enforcement agencies to keep money and revenues of firearms sold from seizures in drug arrests that occur in their jurisdiction.

Councilmember Liermann thanked Representative Lopez and Martinez for securing \$300,000 for mental health services in Pinal County. There was general discussion.

Councilmember Marsh shared his concerns about the upper basin states redirecting water from the Colorado River away from Arizona. Representative Lopez shared the ongoing concerns about the upper basin states' potential to divert water resources and assured that these efforts would remain a priority at the state level. There was general discussion.

Mayor Smith shared her concerns of the state stripping away authority from local planning and zoning commissions around the state. She offered a tour of the city to Representative Lopez to showcase the diverse housing options and proper land use that have come from sound decision making through the Planning and Zoning Commission. Representative Lopez agreed that authority should stay with local governing bodies and not be brought to the state level. There was general discussion.

City Manager Bitter reported on the city's infrastructure and capital improvement projects with Representative Lopez. There was general discussion.

Representative Martinez shared her appreciation for the teamwork council has shown her in assisting her push legislative matters at the senate. Mayor Smith reiterated her concerns to Representative Martinez regarding the state stripping away authority from local planning and zoning commissions. Representative Martinez also agreed with Representative Lopez's ideology of authority staying at a local governing level and not being brought to the state. There was general discussion.

Discussed

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of October, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2025.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk