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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Pastor Francisco Arboleda with the Shiloh Fellowship gave the invocation and Mayor Price led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Vice-Mayor Selection

3.1 [MISC 17-54](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss the selection of a Vice-Mayor from among the members of the City Council.

Mayor Price discussed changes made to the City Code regarding terms which would allow more opportunity for Councilmembers to serve as Vice Mayor. Mayor Price thanked Vice Mayor Brown for his work. Vice Mayor Brown expressed his gratitude to the Council and the City during his term as Vice Mayor and elaborated. He made a motion to nominate Councilmember Chapados as Vice Mayor.

There was a recess to switch seats and name plates and Mayor Price invited those in attendance to come up to the front and congratulate Vice Mayor Chapados.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

4.1 [PROC 17-20](#)

Achieve60 AZ Proclamation

Mayor Price called Donna Davis with Expect More Arizona to the front. He read the proclamation and proclaimed the City of Maricopa to be in support of the program.

Pictures were taken.

5. Report from the Mayor

Vice Mayor Chapados announced that the Maricopa Marketplace would take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE) parking lot. She also announced that there would be an Maricopa Arts Festival formerly known as Art on the Veranda at the Duke from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. She briefly discussed the Maricopa Christmas Concert and discussed the Maricopa Medical and Fire Maricopa Ride with a Toy event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pacana Park. She announced that the 2018 Senior Info and Expo Event would be held on January 20th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a promotional video with additional information was shown.

Mayor Price discussed the success of Merry Copa. He announced that the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) propositions passed on the ballot and elaborated on the details for the project. He discussed the importance of partnerships and elaborated on the need for studies and environmental assessments in order to move into additional phases. He discussed a recent meeting with different individuals from local, state and federal departments and discussed the importance of building relationships and finding common ground and elaborated.

6. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose spoke about the Merry Copa event and invited Interim Community Services Director, Fred Gray to the front. Mr. Gray discussed the success of the event and a video was shown. He thanked the departments for all their help with the event and thanked everyone from the community who attended the event.

City Manager Rose recognized Jennifer Brown, Assistant to the City Manager, and her staff for their work in creating the videos.

Mayor Price announced that City Manager Rose had accepted a position in Missouri and stated that his last meeting would be on December 19th. He thanked Mr. Rose for all his work and wished him well. Mr. Rose received a round of applause and a standing ovation.

7. Call to the Public

Judith Zaimont announced the Grand Holiday Concert on Saturday December 8th. She announced that there would be guest artists, dancers and chorus carolers and elaborated. She discussed the Nutcracker and additional movements of the program. She invited everyone to attend and stated that tickets were available for \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and could be purchased online or at the door. She announced that the Maricopa Arts Festival and Artisan Festival would be on Saturday December 9th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. She announced the opening of Pam Suttons art exhibit at the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE) on Thursday and Carl Diedrich's exhibit displayed at City Hall.

Shelley Gillespie provided an update on the Copa Shorts Film Fest. She announced success stories within the community and the needs of the program. She encouraged the community to help the program by making contributions through PayPal and elaborated.

Kristal Hoeh announced that the 4th Annual Maricopa Arts Festival would be Saturday

December 9th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Duke in Rancho El Dorado. She provided additional information about the event and stated admission was free and encouraged the community to attend.

Rusty Akers congratulated City Council on the 347 Overpass Ground Breaking. He congratulated City Manager Rose on his new position and wished him luck. He recognized Chief Stahl, Police Chief and Chief Leffler, Fire Chief on the successful year for first responders and asked for a round of applause for their hard work. Lastly, he announced two events at the Community of Hope Church, the Living Nativity on Saturday December 9th and the Watoto Children's Choir on Sunday January 21st.

Supervisor Anthony Smith provided an update with the Board of Supervisors. He discussed the passing of both propositions for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and discussed the next steps. He stated that the half cent revenue would be collected on April 1st and stated that the monies would fund the RTA in May or June. He discussed the funding of phases through bonds with the County and stated that Maricopa was in a good position and discussed future projects and activity. He discussed additional studies and elaborated on expansion of services and facilities. He discussed flood mitigation and elaborated.

Priscilla Behnke, with the Be Awesome Youth Coalition discussed alcohol use and consumption issues. She discussed a partnership with Copa TV and stated that there would be a community wide teen dance and elaborated. She thanked sponsors and recognized Councilwoman Gusse and Councilmember Wade and thanked Vice Mayor Chapados for her donation. She provided additional details of the event and invited teens to attend and get involved. She announced ticket prices and provided information on where to purchase tickets. Councilmember Wade announced that there were flyers available for additional information.

A member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) discussed the mission of the organization. She talked about the back ground check and training requirements for members of the organization. She discussed ways the organization assists children. She announced that the organization is available for presentations and that donations can be made through the website and provided contact information.

8. Minutes

- 8.1 [MIN 17-112](#) Approval of Minutes from the November 21, 2017 City Council Work Session.

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

- 8.2 [MIN 17-113](#) Approval of Minutes from the November 21, 2017 City Council Regular meeting.

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

9. Public Hearings

10. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda . The motion carried unanimously.

- 10.1 [SPEVLIQ 17-07](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application submitted by Reverend Marcos C Velasquez on behalf of Our Lady of Grace to host a beer garden for a special event known as The Annual Parish Festival from February 9-11, 2018 at Our Lady of Grace Church located at 18700 N. St. Gabriel Way, Maricopa, AZ. Discussion and Action.

This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.

- 10.2 [MISC 17-50](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the purchase of roadway signs from Main Street Signs eligible for complete reimbursement by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Funding for this purchase, in an amount not to exceed \$66,950, will be drawn from Grants CIP-Engineering, Non Capital Equipment, Highway Safety Improvement Program (35255155-55690-35060). Pricing for this purchase was determined through ADOT solicitation and committed through Purchase Order No. ADOT18-182737. Discussion and Action.

This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.

- 10.3 [SPEV 17-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request by Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church to hold a special event known as the Annual Parish Festival on February 9, 10, and 11th 2018 at 18700 N. St. Gabriel Way. Discussion and Action. ITEM RELATED TO SPEVLIQ 17-07

This Special Event Permit was Approved.

- 10.4 [CON 17-57](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with Devau Human Resources for temporary general staffing in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 10.5 [CON 17-58](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with Devau Human Resources for Temporary Sports Personnel in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 10.6 [RES 17-38](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for all local internal streets within Parcel 14 of the Homestead North subdivision into the City street/road maintenance system. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

11. Regular Agenda

11.1 [PRES 17-44](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation by Donna Davis with Expect More Arizona entitled Arizona Education Progress. Discussion only.

Economic Development Director Denyse Airheart spoke about focus areas within Economic Development and building partnerships. She introduced Donna Davis with Expect More Arizona who gave a PowerPoint presentation and introduced Evelyn Casuga with the Center for the Future of Arizona. Ms. Casuga spoke about the partnership with Expect More Arizona and discussed the purpose of the organization and adoption of the proclamation and provided additional information about the agency. Ms. Davis discussed the Arizona Progress Meter and provided statistical data. She discussed the goals of the Achieve 60 program, the vision of the 50 metrics and discussed the timeline for meeting each goal and elaborated on the process. She discussed shared goals through partnerships and support from local government. She discussed the proclamation and roles within the program and elaborated on proposition 301. She invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Wade asked if they have had any conversations with the Maricopa Unified School District in reference to the program.

Ms. Davis replied yes, and stated that they have been partners for 6 months to a year.

Councilmember Brown discussed working with the Legislature to resolve items. Ms. Davis spoke in agreement and elaborated on advocacy within the program.

Councilwoman Gusse asked if the metrics addressed the issues concerning digital divides for students who do not have high speed internet and asked about any discussion in the District of Columbia (D.C.) about the issues. Ms. Davis responded yes, and stated that the Department of Education recently secured a grant for broadband throughout the State and elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse asked when they would see the implementation of the Broadband. Ms. Davis stated that she believed School Districts needed to apply by April 2018. Councilwoman Gusse asked if this information is being communicated. Ms. Davis replied yes.

The Presentation was heard.

11.2 [CON 17-61](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the first amendment to the contract agreement with Patricia Lacombe, not to exceed \$35,000, to perform Purchasing services including assisting with all aspects of the purchasing process and discuss and possibly take action to approve a budgetary transfer request by the Financial Services Department in the amount of \$60,000 from General Fund, General Government, Contingency (10010000-99000) to General Fund, Finance, Professional and Occupational (10011313-53320). Discussion and Action.

Finance Director, Brenda Hasler discussed the previous contract and provided a status on the vacant position. She discussed the needs of the department and provided clarification on the current item.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11.3 [CON 17-62](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the two year contract for calendar years 2017 and 2018, with HR Workplace Services to produce the mandatory, individualized, employee tax forms associated with the Affordable Care Act and approve a budgetary transfer in the amount of \$9,600 from

Contingency (10010000-99000) to General Fund, Finance, Other Professional (10011313-53330) to cover the cost of this service. Discussion and Action.

Finance Director, Brenda Hasler provided clarification on the item.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11.4 [ORD 17-12](#)

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending section 18-4-2 of the Maricopa City Code regarding pets at parks owned and operated by the City of Maricopa and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

Interim Community Services Director, Fred Gray provided clarification on the Ordinance. He discussed the existing rules and regulations and discussed the changes being made and elaborated.

Councilmember Wade asked about the timetable for changes needing to be made to signs. Mr. Gray replied that signs would need to be updated and stated it would be done as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

11.5 [CON 17-60](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to name Patricia Sorensen as Interim City Manager and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with her in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per month to be paid from General Fund, City Manager, Professional & Occupational (10011115-53320). Discussion and Action.

Mayor Price provided clarification on the Council- Manager form of government and discussed the role of Council in hiring a new City Manager.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to enter in to Executive Session at 8:08p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

12.1 **ES 17-50**

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City attorney and designated representatives of the City in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding entering into a real estate purchase agreement with Durkee & Company, LLC and the potential terms thereof, reviewing the applicable appraisals and to give staff direction on how to

proceed with this agreement and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

12.2 ES 17-51 The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and designated representatives of the City in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding allegations contained in a letter received by the City Council from volunteers, to get direction on how to proceed and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

12.3 ES 17-52 The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney regarding the public body's position regarding the recruitment process for the new City Manager, entering into an agreement with a recruiting firm and to get direction on how to proceed, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4).

12. Adjournment

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 5th day of December, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2017.

*Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk*