



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Special Meeting

Meeting Location  
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**Mayor Christian Price**  
**Vice Mayor Edward Farrell**  
**Councilmember Marvin Brown**  
**Councilwoman Julia Gusse**  
**Councilmember Bridger Kimball**  
**Councilmember Leon Potter**

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Monday, November 19, 2012

6:00 PM

MUSD Board Room

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**1. Call to Order**

*The City Council Special Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Agenda Items**

**3.1 [APP 12-010](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on selecting and swearing in one citizen to fill the vacancy on the City Council. Discussion and Action.

*Mayor Price introduced the item for discussion. He stated that there were currently 16 applicants for consideration. He provided a brief history of the process that led to the evening's selection process. He then explained the process for how council would proceed that evening. He stated that each councilmember provided two questions to the Mayor to be asked during the interview. He indicated that the applicants would remain sequestered in a different room until after they were interviewed by the Council. He explained that this method would allow each applicant a candid response. Once their interview was complete, the applicant could remain in the room to observe the other applicant interviews.*

*Councilmember Kimball stated that after the interview process when votes are cast, he would like the top two vote getters to be voted upon by the council, if there was to be a tie of the top two, another vote should take place where each councilmember would pick their top candidate. He also stated that a tie vote for first and second top candidates should result in another vote between the top second place candidates.*

*Discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of not giving one applicant an advantage over another by limiting their time and the pressure of responding with an unscripted answer.*

*The questions asked were:*

*Although fully entitled to your own thoughts and opinions on where and how the City should move forward, you are also part of a seven member team, which must work*

*together regardless of these differences of opinion to accomplish the greater good of serving ALL of our 45,000 residents. Considering this statement, our limited resources, our available options, and the overall big picture; where and what do you think this Council is trying to accomplish and how would you be an effective part of that team?*

*In order to be an efficient and effective City Councilmember, one must have a very clear understanding of what it means to operate within the legal parameters set by Federal and State laws, as well as our City Code. Please explain what it means to operate within the legal parameters set by Federal and State laws, as well as our City Code. Please explain how you, as a Councilmember, will "balance operations and communications" in our "City Council/City Manager" form of government?*

*The City's "Strategic Plan" has five key priorities to achieve all at once, including Economic Sustainability; Quality of Life Transportation; Public Safety; and Quality Municipal Services. If you had to pick just one of those priorities to focus on exclusively, which one would you select and why?*

*What are the three main obstacles that you see the City facing today?*

*If you do have a desire to be a City Councilmember, why didn't you run for a seat in the election that was just six months ago? Given that we has a City Council meeting election for three seats a few months ago, why did you not submit a packet to run for office then?*

*Describe a time you had to deal with a difficult situation, including how you dealt with it and the outcome.*

*How do you determine or evaluate success and what do you think it would take to make the city successful?*

*If you are selected as the new interim-Councilmember, how much time do you plan to dedicate to this position?*

*What do you believe are the two most critical decisions the City Council had to make over the past year?*

*Describe a leadership role (present or past) you had at work (or volunteer, school, church, civic or other activities) which demonstrates the qualities you would bring to City leadership. Provide an example of how your specific leadership in that role made a difference in addressing or resolving a particularly challenging matter or issue.*

*What does being a leader mean to you?*

*Excluding yourself...of the remaining applicants/candidates for the Councilmember; who would YOU appoint and why?*

*The Council submitted their votes for their top three candidates to City Clerk Vanessa Bueras.*

*The first round of votes submitted resulted in the following applicants selected for interview:*

	<i>First Choice</i>	<i>Second Choice</i>
<i>Mayor Price</i>	<i>Peggy Chapados</i>	<i>Rachel Leffall</i>

<i>Vice Mayor Farrell</i>	<i>Peggy Chapados</i>	<i>Phyllis VonFleckinger</i>
<i>Councilmember Brown</i>	<i>Lee Fieles</i>	<i>Rosalinda O'Hare</i>
<i>Councilwoman Gusse</i>	<i>Peggy Chapados</i>	<i>Rachel Leffall</i>
<i>Councilmember Kimball</i>	<i>Scott Blevins</i>	<i>Shawn Shlegel</i>
<i>Councilmember Potter</i>	<i>Marlene Pearce</i>	<i>Peggy Chapados</i>

*The randomly selected interview order was:*

*Rosalinda O'Hare*

*Rachel Leffall*

*Lee Fieles*

*Scott Blevins*

*Shawn Shlegel*

*Phyllis VonFleckinger*

*Peggy Chapados*

*Marlene Pearce*

*Each candidate responded to the above listed questions. Each candidate was also given two minutes to provide any other information they desired.*

*Upon completion of the interviews. The Council cast their votes for their top candidate. Peggy Chapados and Shawn Shlegel were the two finalists.*

*Vice Mayor Farrell asked both candidates what the three biggest obstacles the city was currently facing.*

*Ms. Chapados stated that constrained revenue, the economy as a whole and the challenges that will be faced with the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget were the three biggest obstacles.*

*Mr. Shlegel stated that infrastructure in the Industrial, Seven Ranches area and The Heritage District.*

*Councilwoman Gusse asked both candidates what their largest contribution to the city was.*

*Ms. Chapados stated that her time was the largest contribution, citing her various areas of involvement.*

*Mr. Shlegel stated that he had made many contributions, citing his involvement in the recent business expansion of the Sunrise Cafe. He also stated that his time with the newspaper was his biggest contribution.*

Mayor Price asked what the candidates thoughts were on development impact fees.

Mr. Shlegel stated that most cities weren't built on fees. He said that that revenue stream is gone when the boom is over. He added that housing and a strong commercial base are the true fundamental base for the city.

Ms. Chapados stated that she understands that the fees are required to give the community the services it expects. She said it needs to be looked at from a cost recovery standpoint.

The Council once again cast their votes for their top candidate. Again, it was a tie. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Potter congratulated both candidates for their participation and effort. He acknowledged that many of the interviewed candidates indicated that they would vote for Peggy Chapados if they had to choose a candidate besides themselves.

Councilmember Kimball stated that Ms. Chapados is active in the community and is well known, but that Mr. Shlegel was a better candidate because of his strong business skills and his involvement.

Vice Mayor Farrell noted that Mr. Shlegel's responses were impressive, but that Ms. Chapados attends every meeting and is more involved than anyone.

Discussion continued.

Council again cast their votes. The deciding vote was as follows:

Mayor Price                      Peggy Chapados

Vice Mayor Farrell              Peggy Chapados

Councilmember Brown      Shawn Shlegel

Councilwoman Gusse      Peggy Chapados

Councilmember Kimball      Shawn Shlegel

Councilmember Potter      Peggy Chapados

Councilmember Potter motioned to appoint Peggy Chapados as Councilmember, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse.

City Clerk Vanessa Bueras conducted the official swearing in of Councilmember Chapados. There was applause and congratulations.

Mayor Price thanked everyone for their time.

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

**4. Executive Session**

- 4.1 ES 12-01**      The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining

legal advice from the City's Attorney on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3).

**5. Adjournment**

*The City Council Special Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Leon Potter, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**