



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Special Meeting

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Wednesday, July 15, 2020

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Special meeting was called to order 6:11 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Manfredi was present telephonically and Councilmember Wade was present via Zoom.

Present: 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Vice Mayor Henry Wade, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, and Councilmember Rich Vitiello

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [RES 20-28](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, authorizing the allocation of funds, in the amounts and for the purposes as approved by the City's Review Committee, to businesses through the Maricopa Business Reemergence Program and to non-profits through the Maricopa Food & Aid Distribution Non-Profit Assistance funded through the AZCares allocation of federal funding passed through the State of Arizona to the City of Maricopa and approving the AZCares Grant Agreement for each recipient of such funds. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Ricky Horst gave background on the process of the programs. He thanked Economic Development Coordinator, Adam Shipley. He stated that two programs were created; the Business Reemergence Program, which could only include rent/mortgage for March, April and May and Personal Protective Equipment, PPE, and the non-profit program for Food & Aid Distribution Non-Profit Assistance. He elaborated on the review process and stated a few more businesses were added last minute, including Fyrestorm Enterprises awarded \$14,182, Liquidate Arizona awarded \$8,975, Karen Kramarczyk Family Dentistry awarded \$16,911.31, Against Abuse awarded \$18,756 and a contingency of \$100,000 for the Boys and Girls Club. He opened the floor for questions.

Councilwoman Gusse asked about the organizations added last minute. City Manager Horst stated that there were technical difficulties with their submissions but they sought to submit on time. He reiterated the amount awarded to Karen Kramarczyk Family Dentistry. Mayor Price stated that some businesses on the lists, such as gyms and bars, would be closed for longer due to executive orders, and asked if a contingency could be granted to cover an additional month or two. City Manager Horst stated it could be part of the motion. He also recommended staff could evaluate those organizations closed due to the Governor's executive orders. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Price asked City Manager Horst to elaborate a bit on the non-profit process. City Manager Horst stated that some agencies that applied were not directly located within the City limits and the City considered awarding a contingency if they did not receive funding through Pinal County. He stated the City was informed that the Maricopa Pantry was fully funded by Pinal County and their needs were met. Councilmember Manfredi stated he wanted the contingency of \$35,000 be left for the Maricopa Food Pantry and elaborated. Councilmembers Brown and Wade supported the recommendation. Vice Mayor Smith supported leaving the contingency and elaborated. Councilmember Manfredi spoke against funding the Boys and Girls Club because they were not in the City yet and elaborated. Vice Mayor Smith proposed approving a contingency amount and have the Boys and Girls Club present a plan to determine whether funding would be awarded. Councilmember Vitiello asked how long it would take before the contingencies had to be used. City Manager Horst stated the programs would only last until December. Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Smith stated that resolutions typically took 30 days after approval to go into effect, so an emergency measure would have to be incorporated for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City.

Mayor Price clarified the amendments discussed that would be made in the motion including; an additional month as a given, with a potential extra if the Governor extends it, for gyms and other businesses closed down by the Governor at this time, a contingency grouping of \$100,000 for the Boys and Girls Club and \$35,000 for the Maricopa Pantry, with the stipulations that the Council would discuss further before final approval and lastly, adding an emergency clause to the resolution.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Resolution be Approved as Amended to include adding one month rental to gyms and businesses closed by executive order, and an additional one month rent as a contingency should closures continue into the month of August, a \$100,000 contingency for the Boys & Girls Club of America, a \$35,000 contingency for the Maricopa Pantry, and addition of an emergency clause as necessary. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye; 7 - Mayor Price, Councilmember Gusse, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Wade, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Manfredi and Councilmember Vitiello

3.2 **[RES 20-29](#)**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, authorizing the allocation of funds, in the amounts and for the purposes as approved by the City's Review Committee, to businesses through the Maricopa Business Reemergence Program funded through the AZCares allocation of federal funding passed through the State of Arizona to the City of Maricopa and approving the AZCares Grant Agreement for each recipient of such funds. Discussion and Action.

City Attorney Denis Fitzgibbons explained that this resolution was the same as the first one, but it broke out Kooline Plumbing and InMaricopa due to potential conflict of interest. Discussion ensued that if both Councilmember recused themselves, the Council would lose two voting members and in order to add the emergency measure, the vote needed be approved by three quarters of the Council. He recommended breaking the resolution into two, Resolution 20-29 for InMaricopa and creating Resolution 20-30 for Kooline Plumbing. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to break down the Resolution into two.

Councilmember Manfredi stated that as a minority owner of InMaricopa 85239.com, LLC, he recused himself from voting. Councilwoman Gusse asked if the sublease

amount was deducted from the rent amount. City Manager Horst responded no rent had been applied to the funding for 85239.com.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Resolution be Approved as Amended to approve \$8,900 funding for InMaricopa, 85239.com LLC and incorporating the emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health safety and welfare of the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye; 6 - Mayor Price, Councilmember Gusse, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Wade, Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Vitiello

Recused; 1 - Councilmember Manfredi

3.3 RES 20-30 RES 20-30

Councilmember Vitiello recused himself from the vote due to being employed by Kooline Plumbing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Brown, that this Resolution be Approved as Amended to approve \$5,500 funding for Kooline Plumbing, LLC and incorporating the emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health safety and welfare of the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye; 6 - Mayor Price, Councilmember Gusse, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Wade, Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Manfredi

Recused; 1 - Councilmember Vitiello

3.4 GRAAC 20-01

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify the Grant Agreement Terms and Conditions with the State of Arizona Governor's Office for the distribution of federal financial assistance to the City of Maricopa from the State of Arizona AZCares Fund. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Horst stated item 3.4 was to ratify the grant agreement. City Attorney, Fitzgibbons stated that the City would have individual grant agreements for each of the organizations awarded funds. Councilmember Brown inquired about a timeline. Mr. Fitzgibbons stated everything needed to be spent before December 31, 2020, and then receipts could be provided. City Manager Horst stated rent and mortgages were already reimbursed, and the rest of the funds were mostly for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and that inspections would be done to ensure the funds were used properly. Councilmember Wade thanked the community and Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Vitiello, that the ratification of the Grant Acceptance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye; 7 - Mayor Price, Councilmember Gusse, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Wade, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Manfredi and Councilmember Vitiello

4. Executive Session

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, seconded by

Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adjourn at 7:09 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 special meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 15h day of July, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2020.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk