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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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, July 18, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

3. **Agenda Items**

3.1 [WS 17-01](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

City Manager Rose asked that item 9.8 be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda because it needs to be amended. City Attorney, Denis Fitzgibbons explained the amendments were minimal and could be clarified during the work session so the item did not need to be pulled from consent. He detailed the following amendments: Page 1, Section 3. Term: the contract "shall terminate upon completion of the services or June 30, 2018." Page 5, Sub-section c. Professional Liability Insurance requirements to "\$1,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 all claims."

3.2 [WS 17-02](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Wade reported attending the Streets Don't Love You Back event which took place at Water & Ice. He acknowledged Robert and Lucinda Boyd who organized the event. He elaborated on his appreciation of the event and he thanked members of Council and of the community who attended.

Councilmember Chapados reported attending the exchange of ownership of the Zephyr from the County to the Historical Society which took place on July 15th. She acknowledged Paul Shirk, President of the Historical Society.

Vice Mayor Brown reported attending the Lower Santa Cruz River Alliance meeting held on June 22nd. He stated several items were addressed and the meeting touched on both issues and milestones. He indicated this was a great turnout and an ongoing process.

- 3.3 [WSPRES 17-25](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation about a Service Line Warranty Program available to National League of Cities Members through Utility Service Partners.

Ashley Shiwarski, a representative from the Service Line Warranty Program, with Utility Service Partners gave a PowerPoint presentation on the services they offer. She detailed their services and their program benefits. She elaborated on the different services, warranties available for purchase and what coverage includes. She provided a list of Arizona partners and discussed their success in the state. She invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Chapados inquired about the premiums for each service and asked if discounts for bundling were available. Miss Shiwarski stated the cost for the external sewer line coverage was \$7.45 per month, the cost for the external water line coverage was \$5.75 per month and the cost for the in-home plumbing coverage was \$9.99 per month. She stated there were no multi-product discount and elaborated. Councilmember Chapados asked how they would work with third party property management companies or neighbors who looked over the homes for seasonal residents. Miss Shiwarski responded that the homeowners would have to purchase the warranty but anyone could file a claim on their behalf and elaborated. Councilmember Chapados inquired about customer service related issues. Miss Shiwarski elaborated on account managers for municipalities. Councilmember Chapados asked how they handled complaints regarding vendors. Miss Shiwarski detailed their vetting and separation process. Next, Councilmember Chapados inquired if homeowners could request their own contractors. Miss Shiwarski responded that homeowners could choose any contractor within their network and stated that any contractor can contact them to begin the vetting process. Councilmember Chapados asked how long the vetting process would take. Miss Shiwarski stated that it depended on how responsive the contractor was but the average time period was 60 days.

Councilmember Wade asked if there were any provisions on pre-existing conditions. Miss Shiwarski responded that they do not inspect for pre-existing conditions and added that there was a 30 day waiting period when customers signed up for the program.

Councilmember Manfredi asked to clarify how much it would cost the city. Ashley confirmed there was no cost to the city. Mayor Price discussed meeting Miss Shiwarski at the League of Cities and Towns conference and elaborated. Consensus to move item forward onto a regular session for formal action.

The Presentation was heard.

- 3.4 [WSPRES 17-26](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation and provide direction to staff on possibly restricting left turns from Desert Greens onto Smith-Enke Road.

Public Works Director, Bill Fay presented information on the proposed Restricted Left Turn from Desert Greens onto Smith-Enke. He discussed standards regarding traffic control and detailed the requirements of warrant studies that determine how unsafe and crowded an intersection is. He stated that a warrant study was conducted on the intersection at Desert Greens and Smith-Enke and it concluded that the City could not provide less than a stop sign but changes such as restricted left turns. He provided the following options: 1- Leave it the way it is (which would allow both right and left turns), 2- restrict left turns all together. And 3- restrict left turns during certain hours. He elaborated on the process involved with signage. City Manager Rose asked Mr. Fay to share information regarding the warrants and accident reports. Mr. Fay elaborated that the intersection did not fail any of the warrants and that since the

widening there had only been one accident.

Mayor Price asked what the proposed hours would be for the left lane restriction during certain hours. Mr. Fay responded and stated restrictions could be applied during school hours and busy hours. He added that national standards did not dictate time restrictions. Mayor Price stated he would like to know the times that were more prone to accidents. Next, he expressed concerns that drivers would make u-turns at the next left turn signal. Mr. Fay concurred. Councilmember Smith stated that the safest option for drivers were to continue to the light at Santa Rosa Drive and turn left at the signal. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Chapados inquired if emergency responders would be exempt from the no-left turn. Mr. Fay responded that they would not be exempt unless it was an emergency and they had lights on. Councilmember Chapados stated she saw no benefit to changing the way it is unless public safety came back after multiple accidents to report it as a hazard. She asked Maricopa Police (MP) Chief Stahl and Maricopa Fire/Medical Chief Leffler to weigh in. Chief Stahl elaborated on accidents and expressed concerns with the speed limit at the intersection and possible traffic growth. He stated he predicted there would be a fatal accident. Mayor Price inquired about the hazards of making u-turns at the next possible light. Chief Stahl recommended restricting u-turns down Smith-Enke as well. Chief Leffler stated that it would not be an issue for the fire department. Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Brown, Councilmember Wade and Councilmember Manfredi spoke in favor of leaving it as is. Councilwoman Gusse recommended restricting left turns during high traffic hours. Mayor Price spoke in favor of the hybrid model that would limit left turns during high traffic hours. He elaborated on his reasoning. Councilmember Smith supported the hybrid model and spoke in favor of restricting left turns. She stated that if it created more havoc, it could be adjusted. Mr. Fay reiterated that since the last traffic impact analysis that was done about a year ago, there had only been one accident. Councilmember Chapados stated she was okay with the hybrid model and stated public safety should determine the best hours. She also suggested placing No U-Turn signs down Smith-Enke.

City Manager Rose recommended identifying the peak traffic hours to place a restriction for left-turns during those times. He stated staff would report back in 90 and 180 days on the activity and then make a decision after the 180 days. He clarified it would be a beta test and make a decision after the facts. Councilmember Manfredi supported the suggested and stated he did not want the No U-Turn signs. Mayor Price suggested the No U-Turn signs could also be done as a beta test. Mr. Fay explained that there were National Safety Standards that dictate which traffic control devices and signs should be used. A brief discussion ensued regarding the No U-Turn signs. City Manager Rose stated that if during the monitoring process, backups at the next intersection were observed, and then the signs could be pulled to give Public Works the opportunity to study the feasibility of a No U-Turn sign.

Consensus was to move forward with the beta testing of restriction of left turns at the intersection during certain hours and then come back with reports 90 and 180 day reports to make a final decision.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

- 4.1 ES 17-24** 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 including, but not limited to, the complaint filed regarding the proposed referendum of CUP 17-01 for Apex Private Motorsports Group, LLC to operate a motorsports facility within the City of Maricopa and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

- 4.2 **ES 17-25** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and representatives of the City in order to discuss doing business with City officials or employees, the potential conflicts of interest and process, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

5. Adjournment

adjourned at 7:09 p.m. mb, hw

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 18th day of July, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2017.

*Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk*