



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Christian Price
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Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Maricopa Lutheran Church Pastor, Andrew Schlecht gave the invocation and Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Vitiello was present telephonically for the first part of the meeting, and arrived in-person later on.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilmember Amber Liermann, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Mayor Christian Price and Councilmember Bob Marsh

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported attending a seminar with the Arizona Commerce Authority. He gave information on the quick facts feature on the census.gov website. He reported attending a Maricopa Flood Control District meeting and announced they were holding elections. He encouraged those interested to go on their website to apply. He stated they also announced that FEMA approved funding for the Desert Cedars Flood Mitigation Project. Next, he reported attending the new Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) high school groundbreaking and the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority (PCWAA) Board meeting. He elaborated on PCWAA's discussion on the Central Arizona Project. He stated the Council on Foreign Relations was promoting a program against extremism. He elaborated on the Greater Phoenix Economic Council's (GPEC) discussion on carbon emissions. He reported attending the Pinal Partnership Breakfast hosted by Tony Smith and Jordan Rose, and the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice-Mayor Smith reported attending the Pinal Partnership Breakfast and elaborated. She reported participating in two teacher appreciation week celebrations. She announced that the Senior Lunch and Learn would be back in person this Friday (May 21) and elaborated. She stated next month's Lunch and Learn (the third Friday of the month) would be with Exceptional Healthcare and elaborated. She announced that last Thursday, her daughter gave birth to her first grandchild.

Councilmember Manfredi reported attending various meetings and events. He gave a legislative update on the Riggs overpass bill pushed by Representative Bret Roberts. He encouraged the public to reach out to representatives and voice their support.

Councilmember Liermann reported attending the Arizona League of Cities and Towns meeting on sustainability and quality of life. She reminded the community that MUSD was seeking renewal of the 2016 Budget Override and emphasized that it was not an increase, only a continuation. She encouraged support. She reported attending the Pinal County Business and Education meeting and stated the youth in Maricopa would have access to the Pinal County Mobile Fabrication Lab this summer. She thanked Nathan Ullyot for arranging the event. She reported participating the Maricopa Police Department's (MPD) Torch Run, attending the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) meeting on mobility and safety, doing a tour of the FOR Maricopa food bank with Wendy Webb and a volunteer, and attending MAG's Responsiveness and Preservation meeting. She stated she looked forward to Memorial Day. She stated that the community experienced a great loss this week and reminded the community that May was Mental Health Awareness Month. She shared the following local mental health agencies: La Frontera Empact, Northern Lights Therapy, Solutions Therapy, Reflections Counseling and Wells Counseling. She added that the Pinal County Crisis Line was available for free, 24 hours, 7 days a week at (866) 495-6735.

Councilmember Wade announced that the Councilmember at the Corner with MPD would be on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Library. He elaborated on the format. He stated that the second MUSD high school was in a great location and encouraged the community's support.

Mayor Price stated there would a blood drive next week, May 26 at the library and directed those interested in donating to the city's website. He stated he spoke to members in the industry of mental health and directed those interested in helping to the following websites: <https://training.sprc.org>, to get free training from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center; <https://qprinstitute.com/individual-training> for a \$30 training; and <https://www.livingworks.net/assist> for a \$28 training. He asked for a minute of silence in observance of the young man and woman who passed earlier in the week.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Barry McCain discussed the Pinal Partnership, the allegations of voter fraud and voter suppression. He encouraged the Council to continue to serve the people.

Lois Garcia read a statement regarding the recent passing of Adrien Villanueva. She stated it was hard to find resources and discussed the obstacles such as lack of insurance, long waiting lists, and lack of empathy. She asked for accountability, transparency, honesty, love and compassion, communication, voices to be heard, and working together to implement solutions.

Elizabeth Howell thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for all the work they do.

Prophet Kim Baker spoke regarding missing Arizona girl, Jhessye Shockley. He

stated they were organizing a protest to take place on September 11, 2021 outside the Butterfield Landfield. He encouraged support.

Darin Hahn, owner of the local food truck Coast to Coast BBQ stated local food truck's were looking for free events space to host a fund-raising event. He asked the City for assistance and stated the funds would go to various organizations. He was directed to contact City Manager Horst or Community Services Director, Nathan Ullyot.

Ashli talked about her personal experience with depression and her daughter's suicide attempt. She proposed a meeting place for those who needed help or those concerned for others to meet and talk to volunteers and elaborated. She stated the group dedicated to Adrien's memory would be a group of peers. She mentioned the possibility of naming a street in his honor and inquired if the Mayor could help. Lastly, she asked for support for those trying to act.

Ashli's daughter gave a statement about her own struggles with mental health and Adrien's passing. She stated she believed something should be done, such as establishing a crisis line. She encouraged the community to listen.

Christine Bellinger cautioned when listening to state and federal government. She encouraged promoting safety and health for children. She expressed concerns about MPD dispatch services moving to Chandler and stated she talked with City Manager Horst and met with Chief Hughes.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Rich Vitiello, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 7.1 [IGA 21-07](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Maricopa Police Department and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) for a five (5) year contract to enhance law enforcement services concerning regional SWAT response to law enforcement critical incidents. Funds are available for this IGA under the Grants Fund, Police Uniform Services, Regular Employees (22022122-51100) and the General Fund, Police Operations, Regular Employees (10022122-51100). Discussion and Action.
- This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**
- 7.2 [RES 21-23](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for the local internal streets within Parcel A of the Tortosa South Subdivision, into the City street/road maintenance system. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.3 [RES 21-24](#) 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 C of the Tortosa South Subdivision, into the City street/road maintenance system. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.4 [RES 21-25](#) 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 59 of The Lakes at Rancho El Dorado, into the City street/road maintenance system. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.5 [IGA 21-08](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of Amendment No. 2 to original Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) CON 19-23 (ADOT IGA 19-0007382-I) between the City of Maricopa and the State of Arizona for design and construction of sidewalk improvements on State Route 347, Smith-Enke Road to Edison Road. Total estimate for this project is \$495,530. This project is funded with Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) federal funds of \$453,450 (94.3%) and a local match of \$42,080 (5.7%). Funding for the local match will be drawn from the Streets HURF Capital and County Road Tax Fund in the tentatively approved FY 21-22 CIP budget. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

- 7.6 [MIN 21-27](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 4, 2021 City Council Regular meeting.

These Minutes were Approved.

- 7.7 [RES 21-28](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled "Chapter 5.25, Shopping Carts," related to the adoption of rules and regulations relating to shopping carts within the City of Maricopa and amending the Maricopa City Code by adding Chapter 5.25 related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.8 [ORD 21-07](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting "Chapter 5.25 Shopping Carts" by reference to amend the Maricopa City Code by adding Chapter 5.25 relating to the regulations of shopping carts and providing for the severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

- 7.9 [CON 21-07](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with PRLG Holdings, LLC, for the sale of 18 acres generally located on the southwest corner of W. Smith Enke Road and N. Loma Road, for \$1,182,264.00 and authorizing the City Manager to make minor amendments and execute any necessary documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.10 [CON 21-08](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with Copa Surf, LLC, for the sale of 21 acres generally located on the southwest corner of W. Smith Enke Road and N. Loma Road, for \$1,375,875.00 and authorizing the City Manager to make minor amendments and execute any necessary documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.11 [CON 21-09](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with E Jaicks, LLC, for the sale of 20 acres generally located on the southwest corner of W. Smith Enke Road and N. Loma Road, for \$1,306,650.00 and authorizing the City Manager to make minor amendments and execute any necessary documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.12 [CON 21-10](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Development, Operating and Maintenance Lease Agreement with PHX Surf, LLC for approximately 12 acres generally located at the southwest corner of SR 238 and N. Loma Road. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.13 [RES 21-26](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the rescission of Resolution 17-20 and the cancellation of the Interfund Balance Loan in an amount that was not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 for the SR 347 Overpass authorized thereby. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.14 [RES 21-27](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and Section 5.1 of the City of Maricopa Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook related to General Provisions and Weapons in the Workplace. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.**8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 8.1 [PH 21-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City of Maricopa is expected to receive approximately \$182,844 in FY2019 federal CDBG funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA).

Economic & Community Development Management Analyst, Dania Castillo provided a PowerPoint presentation. She summarized past funded projects and noted most were within the Heritage District. She discussed the process including the first public hearing held on May 6. She detailed the proposed project, Edwards Avenue Fencing. She provided photographs of the area as it stands now, and a conceptual visual of the project. She discussed the benefits of the project. She concluded the presentation and opened the public hearing for public comment at 7:58 p.m.

Councilmember Vitiello inquired whose responsibility it would be to maintain the block fence and gates. Mrs. Castillo clarified that the block wall would be within the city's right-of-way, but the gates would be the owner's responsibility. City Manager Horst added that if the owners cause damage to the block walls, it would be their responsibility and that the project would include some landscaping and roadwork. The public hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held.

- 8.2 [RES 21-21](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of an application for the FY2019 State Community Development Block Grant Funds, certifying the said application meets the community's previously identified housing and community development needs and the requirements of the State CDBG Program, authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said application. Discussion and Action.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Liermann, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 8.3 [RES 21-22](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, committing local funds as leverage for a FY2019 Community Development Block Grant application. Discussion and Action.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 8.4 [MISC 21-06](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (FY21-22) and the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

Matt Kozlowski, Chief Financial Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City Manager's proposed budget for 2021-2022. He acknowledged the finance department staff including: the Council, City Manager Horst, Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Brown, Mike Riggs, all directors, Budget Manager, Lisell Blancarte, Linna Zhou, Brenda Hasler, Gia Valenzuela, Brittany Treadway and Cat Prapha-Phatana. He commended Abel Acosta for the cover page. He provided budget headlines and highlights. He stated that City Manager's Horst Budget Transmittal Letter used the tagline "Doing more with less..." and explained how it applied to the proposed budget. He discussed the 2022 Primary Property Tax Levy Reduction and the reduction of the Secondary Property Tax. He detailed the Public Safety and Public Services total budget comparison, and noted it increased. He discussed Revenue Growth Year over year. He detailed the CIP Plan and highlighted future projects.

Vice-Mayor Smith stated she served on the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee and commended the City and staff. She stated her favorite projects were the two ball fields at Rancho Lakes, the outdoor market, and stated that the current police building (once moved) would be turned into an Arts Center. Councilmember Manfredi stated he served on the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee and commended the current process. Councilmember Wade concurred that the process was great and commended City Manager Horst and staff. Mayor Price stated that, he too, serves in the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee and elaborated on the budget approval process. He commended City Manager Horst for continually looking for ways to save money. He encouraged patience during all the road projects.

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

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adjourn at 8:25 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 regular meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 18th day of May, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk