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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados
Councilmember Bridger Kimball
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Maricopa Police Chaplain, Paul Ellis gave the invocation.

Councilmember Wade recognized United States Air Force Veteran and Maricopa resident Eric Kunins who was killed last week. He then led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Nancy Smith and Councilmember Henry Wade

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price reported attending the Grand Opening of the Element Events Center at the Ak-Chin Ultra Star and thanked the Ak-Chin Council for the invite. Next, he gave information on the special census and encouraged anyone interested in working to apply online at www.maricopa-az.gov. He stated testing begins August 12, 2015 and that the census count would probably run for 45 days from October through November. Next, he reported attending an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting in Payson. He stated he had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and Council of Payson and added that attending ADOT meetings is important to keep the State Route 347 Project on the forefront. He stated that ADOT recently chose EPS Group for the design of the SR 347 project. In conclusion he stated that members of the community and veteran residents organized a candle light vigil in honor of the 4 U.S Marines and sailor who were killed in the attack in Chattanooga, Tennessee last week. He stated the light vigil would take place on Thursday, July 23 at the Veteran Center at 7 p.m.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose recognized Finance Director Brian Ritschel. He announced that

Mr. Ritschel would be leaving the City. He commended his hard work and dedication and wished him the best in all of his endeavors. Next, he introduced Interim Finance Director Kent Brooksby. He stated Mr. Brooksby has extensive knowledge and experience and welcomed him to the City.

6. Call to the Public

Former Mayor and ADOT Board Chairman, Kelly Anderson commended Mayor Price for attending all the numerous ADOT meetings. He discussed his experience as mayor and his interaction with Electrical District No.3 (ED3) and Global Water. He commended ED3 General Manager, Bill Stacy. He stated that the recession hit ED3 the same way it hit everyone else. He explained and supported the recent changes to the Distributed Energy Generation (DG) Policy and rates.

7. Minutes

7.1 [MIN 15-84](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 7, 2015 City Council Work Session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.2 [MIN 15-85](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 7, 2015 City Council Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. Public Hearings

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda . The motion carried unanimously.

9.1 [CON 15-28](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving Line Extension Agreements with Global Water Resources for wastewater utilities to serve the Public Works/Fire Maintenance Facility on Edison Road. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

9.2 [CON 15-30](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving Line Extension Agreements with Global Water Resources for wastewater utilities to serve the Copper Sky Police Substation. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

9.3 [RES 15-32](#) A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the renaming of N. Robins Drive, which is located within the subdivision of Rancho El Dorado in the City of Maricopa, to N. Falcon Lane. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.4 [CON 15-33](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Line Extension Agreement with Global Water Resources for water utilities to serve the Public Works/Fire Maintenance Facility on Edison Road. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.5 [CON 15-34](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Line Extension Agreement with Global Water Resources for water utilities to serve the Copper Sky Police Substation. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.6 [CON15-37](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request to approve a contract with Nexus Consulting L.L.C. for lobbying services in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 to be paid from General Fund, General Government, Professional and Occupational Services, (10010000-53320). Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.7 [CON 15-38](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an updated agreement between the Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the City of Maricopa, in an amount not to exceed \$26,866.00, and will be funded from General Fund, Economic Development, Membership and Dues (10011616-55510). Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.8 [RES 15-38](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in support of funding Maricopa Unified School District Academic Success Project II as the designated fiscal agent. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.9 [RES 15-39](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of a grant application to Ak-Chin Indian Community in support of funding the F.O.R. Maricopa Food Bank program and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent for such funding. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.10 [RES 15-40](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in support of funding Copa Grande Rattlers Soccer nutrition and fitness program and act as the designated fiscal agent. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.11 [RES 15-41](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Ak-Chin Indian Community for funding VetIT and act as the designated fiscal agent. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.12 [RES 15-45](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of a grant application to Ak-Chin Indian Community in

support of funding Against Abuse, Inc. agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent for such funding. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 9.13 [CON 15-36](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of an amendment to the existing lease agreement with Revilo, L.L.C. to address the increased taxes between July 1, 2014 and February, 2015. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

- 10.1 [PRES 15-19](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from the Canada Arizona Business Council, an organization sanctioned to increase bilateral trade and foreign direct investment between Canada and Arizona.

Interim Economic Development Director Denyse Airheart stated that the Canada Arizona Business Council (CABC) was created to increase bilateral trade and tourism between Canada and Arizona. She introduced Founder and CEO of CABC, Glenn Williamson.

Mr. Williamson introduced himself and added that he is Chairman of EPCOR USA. He stated that CABC is a 501 C6 non-profit in Arizona. He added CABC represents 350 Canadian companies operating in Arizona and 150 Arizona companies operating in Canada. He stated that in the last 14 months CABC has included governments. He stated that Canada is the biggest customer of the US and buys more from the US than all 28 members of the European Union combined. He stated Canada is the largest supplier of energy to the US, and the two countries share the most secure border in the world. He stated that Canada sells to the US more in one year than to the rest of the world in 3 years. He stated that many of the decision makers that sit on boards in Canada have houses in Arizona. He stated that 75% of passengers going through Sky Harbor are Canadian. He stated they are target based and facilitates business relationships. He named some of the Canadian investors in Arizona such as EPCORE, Fortis, TransCanada and Circle K among others. He stated the benefits of being a member of CABC such as vetting of individuals with potential investments and getting to meet Canadian decisions makers when they are in town. He stated CABC has worked with GPEC to plan the upcoming Toronto trip, and talked of the possibility of charter flights. He stated the CABC also wants to help the City of Maricopa identify their Canadian population and elaborated. He stated that the City of Maricopa is also invited to VIP briefings, quarterly and strategic planning meetings. He added that Maricopa can also be featured at the CABC's meetings. He stated that CABC also offers topical research of relevant information between Canada and Arizona. He invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Wade thanked Mr. Williamson for his presentation and inquired about the charter flights. Mr. Williamson stated that a charter airlines and package deals are a big opportunity and elaborated.

There were no further questions. Mayor Price stated that Mr. Williamson knows a lot of prominent people. He stated that going to CABC's meetings is an honor and that he gets to market Maricopa to influential people. He acknowledged Mr. Williamson's son in the audience.

The Presentation was heard.

- 10.2 [PRES 15-20](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly give direction on a Council

Project Form for the evaluation of individual Councilmember Project Requests.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson presented the proposed Council Project Request Form for the evaluation of individual councilmember project requests. He provided some background of the current process stating that for the past 3 years staff has used council project lists to track requests from council to staff. He stated requests are documented to track the request until it is completed and added that the list is distributed in a report on a monthly basis. He stated the proposed Council Project Request Form would fully document the nature of the request to allow staff to analyze the impact on staff hours and the cost. He stated the form would allow Council members to understand the full impact of their requests but more importantly it would create a threshold for when a project transcends into a project that should be brought before Council for consideration and direction. He described the form in detail including sections for staff impact, project impact, funding type, funding source, and whether it needs Council action. He explained the criteria that would determine referral to Council including significant staff impact (based on 10 hours or more), broad policy or organizational impact on City, and if it went over and above individual discretionary funds. He invited questions or comment from Council.

City Manager Rose clarified that the recommended form is intended to better manage Council projects with fairness and consistency.

Councilmember Chapados stated that currently 2 councilmembers must request an item to be placed on the agenda. She asked for clarification on how that would apply to projects that are determined to need Council approval. City Manager Rose responded that if any projects meet any of the thresholds the item could be placed on a work session agenda for Council's consideration. Next, Councilmember Chapados inquired about the expectations from staff once projects are brought up. City Manager Rose stated that the more details, the better it would be for staff to analyze all areas. Next, Councilmember Chapados suggested reaching out to council members during the budget process to inquire about possible projects. City Manager Rose stated that there are at least 2 possible events at which council members can include project discussions and elaborated. Councilmember Chapados clarified that this process would not eliminate the need to go through other processes such as special event permits. City Manager Rose concurred. Councilmember Chapados supported the form.

Councilmember Kimball inquired if the 10 hour staff time threshold applied to one staff member or if it would be cumulative. City Manager Rose responded it would be an aggregate amount of staff time. Councilmember Kimball stated that while he likes the idea, the form seems to be another level of unnecessary paperwork. City Manager Rose emphasized that one of the main goals of the form is to create consistency at staff level and establish thresholds. He added that the time threshold could be moved around. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Kimball reiterated that he does not see the form as necessary.

Councilmember Chapados suggested adding a line to specify if the project would be a reoccurring event. City Manager Rose stated the form would focus on new items going forward and elaborated.

Councilmember Smith commended dialogue from the proposed form. She spoke in support of the proposed process.

Mayor Price expressed concerns that the proposed process would curtail Council's ability to move and change with the needs that occur within a given moment. He stated that it appears to over-legislate an area where there are no problems. He

added that Council members are aware of thresholds, and the proposed process could be an extra level of bureaucracy that would delay the process.

Councilmember Smith stated that as a new member of Council she is not aware of the thresholds. She expressed concerns with the amount of time the projects take away from staff. Mayor Price stated that the form does not reduce the amount of staff time and it would only add extra steps to the process. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Smith stated that she likes the idea of tracking the amount of hours of staff time and the structure of the process. Mayor Price expressed concerns with the unintended results.

Councilmember Manfredi spoke in opposition of the form. He stated that some projects need immediate attention. Mr. Jepson stated that the process would not get on the way in the event that something requires immediate attention. Councilmember Manfredi reiterated concerns with unintended consequences.

Councilmember Chapados suggested a process that would improve the tracking without adding the layer of bureaucracy. City Manager Rose stated that the form and the level of analysis intend to identify thresholds that determine whether an item should be brought to Council for consideration. Councilmember Chapados inquired if there have been recent projects that caused concern. City Manager Rose stated that as the City grows, the amount of projects has increased and that staff might not be able to sustain the amount of projects in the future. He stated the process is an attempt to be proactive.

Councilmember Manfredi reiterated that the process would curtail projects that require immediate attention, and that it is not an issue at the moment.

Councilmember Kimball stated that the form appears to be an internal staff document that sets a threshold. He spoke in support of the form in those terms. City Manager Rose stated the process is important, and that if Council is comfortable with staff making the decision of when an items needs to go through Council based on the thresholds, they can give that direction.

Councilmember Wade stated he is not convinced there is a need for the form. He agreed with Councilmember Smith that as a new member of the Council he was not aware of the thresholds. He stated that the need for thresholds does need to be highlighted. Councilmember Smith stated that she wasn't aware that a process existed. She stated that staff would not say no to Council, and emphasized that there needs to be some guidelines.

Mayor Price suggested having a reference card of guidelines for councilmembers.

Vice Mayor Brown stated that it is not bureaucratic to have a measuring tool, however it might be burdensome to some people. He suggested modifying the process, but stated that staff should have a measuring tool for the amount of staff time spent on projects.

Consensus was to modify the proposed process.

The Presentation was heard.

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

The City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adjourn . 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 21st day of July, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2015.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk