



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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*Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith*  
*Councilmember Marvin L. Brown*  
*Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse*  
*Councilmember Vincent Manfredi*  
*Councilmember Rich Vitiello*  
*Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.*

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Tuesday, January 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Maricopa Police Department Chaplain, Paul Ellis gave the invocation and Councilmember Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

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

### 3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

#### 3.1 [PRES 20-02](#) Rotary Recognition

*Jim Irvin, President of the Maricopa Rotary Club thanked the Mayor and Council. He gave information on the student of the month program and recognized: Riley Hoffman (not present) and then invited Maricopa Wells Middle School Principal, Mr. Miller to recognize Ellen Daly, Jessica Vaughn, Francisco Sterling, Abigail Kandira.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

### 4. Report from the Mayor

*Vice Mayor Smith reported on Friday's Senior Lunch & Learn and stated the next one, in February would be on internet safety. She reported attending a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) meeting and elaborated on affordable housing. Next, she reported attending the Maricopa Unified School District's (MUSD) Strategic Planning meeting and commended Tori Anderson. She reported participating in the groundbreaking for the new Pinal County complex. Lastly, invited the community to attend the Age-Friendly's Info/Expo on Saturday (January 25, 2020) at Copper Sky from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the paper-shredding event on February 8th also at Copper Sky from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*Councilmember Wade reported attending the Maricopa Glow Market and the Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Gala at Copper Sky. He reported on Monday's Community Day in celebration of MLK Day. He elaborated on the Community Hero Awards and acknowledged the recipients.*

Mayor Price reported attending some of the events already mentioned. He announced that the Arizona State Legislature has opened and elaborated. He reported attending the Loop 202 opening with Governor Ducey and explained how it relieved some of the congestion on State Route (SR) 347. Lastly, he congratulated the Community Services Department for the balloon glow festival event.

## 5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst invited Community Services Director to introduce a new employee. Nathan Ulyot introduced new Recreation Supervisor at Copper Sky, Brandon Washington. Mr. Washington gave a brief statement.

## 6. Call to the Public

Tori Anderson gave information on the 15th annual Seeds of Change Gala to be held on February 29, 2020 at Province. She gave details on the even, and thanked several sponsors. She stated she was with Against Abuse Inc., but also served in the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Board, the Arizona School Board Association and the National School Board Association and thanked Vice Mayor Smith and Councilmember Wade for their letters of recommendations. She gave information on the services offered by Against Abuse, Inc.

Shelley Gillespie, Co-Director of Copa Shorts Film Fest gave information on Art Fest Maricopa to be held on February 1, 2020. She detailed the activities and performances. Next, she gave information on Copa Shorts Film Fest's screen play writing workshop and the Canon Video Workshop offered through Copper Sky from March 16th through the 19th with a \$25 refundable deposit.

Susan Cameron, gave information on the latest Self-Awakening art gallery at City Hall. She acknowledged Tiffany Yazzy. She stated the gallery would be up until the end of April and encouraged the community to check it out.

Co-Director of Maricopa Arts Council (MAC), Judith Zaimont gave information on the 2020 AI-Arizona Poetry Slam Championship on January 25th at 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Honeycutt Coffee. She also gave further information on Arts Fest Maricopa.

John Malkowski, Tortosa resident, addressed concerns with lack of infrastructure. He expressed concerns with the roads and intersections leading into the Tortosa community and the amount of permits being used. He stated that the money for the sign leading into Maricopa would be better spent in infrastructure. He was directed to contact City Manager Horst or development staff.

Andre LaFond announced he would be running for City Council and thanked the City for the Maricopa Glow Market event. He thanked Council Member Wade for the MLK events.

## 7. Minutes

### 7.1 [MIN 20-03](#)

Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## 8. Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Agenda Item 8.1 was removed from consent to the Regular Agenda per Councilmember Manfredi's request. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 8.2 [SPEVLIQ 20-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action for a Special Event Liquor License request by Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church to hold a special event known as Our Lady of Grace 12th Annual Parish Festival on February 7, 2020 - February 9, 2020 at 18700 N. St. Gabriel Way. Discussion and Action.

**This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.**

- 8.3 [SPEVLIQ 20-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application for Special Event Liquor License submitted by Pat Kieny on behalf of Native Grill & Wings for a special event known as the 16th Annual Salsa Festival on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Copper Sky Regional Park 44345 W Martin Luther King Blvd . Discussion and Action.

**This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.**

## 9. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [MISC 20-01](#) The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the 2020 Legislative Platform. Discussion and action.

*Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Dale Wiebusch and Tod Bowman with the Policy Development Group gave information on the 2020 Legislative Platform. A brief discussion ensued regarding water issues, SR 347 and the Transportation Committee, and the Request to Speak portal. Mayor Price elaborated legislative process.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that the 2020 Legislative Platform be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 9.1 [APP 20-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on appointing a citizen to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. Discussion and Action.

*Councilmember Vitiello recommended appointing Alfonso Juarez and asked him to stand for recognition.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 9.2 [PRES 20-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from Jon Corwin with Global Water Resources. Discussion only.

*Jon Corwin with Global Water Resources (GWR) presented an update on the back office services transition with FATHOM, the capital investment and opened for questions. Councilmember Wade asked about their relationship with the Arizona*

*Corporation Commission. Mr. Corwin elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse commended GWR for working with veterans. Mayor Price asked if there were any issues with customers during the transition with FATHOM. Mr. Corwin elaborated.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

- 9.3 [RES 20-02](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting a Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Maricopa and Thompson Thrift Development, Inc., an Indiana corporation, in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.05 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the exhibits and related documents in a form substantially similar to the documents presently before the Mayor and City Council. Discussion and Action.

*City Manager Horst gave a brief summary of the Development Incentive Agreement and stated the developer was available for any questions.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 9.4 [RES 20-01](#) 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 "Development Impact Fees" setting forth the Development Impact Fees adopted by City Council by Resolution 19-57 and amending the Maricopa City Code by replacing Appendix A of Chapter 17 of the previously adopted City Code. Discussion and Action.

*Public Services, Senior Financial Analyst Brenda Hasler gave a brief summary Development Impact Fee adoption process. Mayor Price thanked staff and reiterated on the process.*

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

- 9.5 [ORD 20-01](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting "Development Impact Fees" by reference which replaces Appendix A of Chapter 17 of the Maricopa City Code and providing for the severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Gusse, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 9.6 [PRES 20-03](#) The Mayor and City Council will hear a presentation by City Manager Horst who will present the Investment Report for the period ending September 30, 2019. In addition, the City Manager is recommending a change to our current investment practices to include: 1) to invest excess liquidity in Longer-Term Assets; and 2) To increase the duration of our investment portfolio. Discussion only.

*City Manager Horst thanked Brenda Hasler and Jennifer Bostian. He stated the City partnered with PFM for asset management and elaborated on their performance. He stated they would cut their fee by \$10,000. He gave an investment performance review.*

*He stated he asked PFM to evaluate two potential changes to the current investment practices including a cash flow analysis. He discussed PFM's cash flow model and the findings of the analysis. He recommended investing excess liquidity in longer-term assets and increasing the duration of the investment portfolio to 1 to 3 years.*

*Mayor Price stated he would like to see the breakdown of the investments. City Manager Horst agreed to send that information out. Consensus was to move forward with the recommendations.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**9.7**      **[CON 20-01](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving an Economic Development Services Agreement with the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) to provide a comprehensive economic development program focused on building jobs and capital investment in the City. Discussion and Action.

*City Manager Horst gave a summary on the process of the Economic Services Agreement with the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA). Councilwoman Gusse inquired why the contract was not brought sooner. Mr. Horst elaborated and clarification ensued regarding payment and services. Brief clarification was made after the motion on IO.INC.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Gusse, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that this Contract be Approved as Amended, to eliminate item 2, under Personnel in Exhibit A. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**10.      Executive Session**

**11.      Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, to Adjourn at 9:04. 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 January, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 4th day of February, 2020.**

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**Vanessa Bueras  
City Clerk**