



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Nancy Smith
Vice-Mayor Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Pastor Rusty Akers from Community of Hope Church gave the invocation and Councilmember Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councilmember Bob Marsh, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Mayor Nancy Smith, Vice Mayor Rich Vitiello and Councilmember Henry Wade
Excused: 1 - Councilmember Amber Liermann

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

There were no items under this section.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported on meetings attended including a Central Arizona Project briefing on water and a Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority board meeting. He elaborated on the presentation on desert landscaping as a water conservation effort.

Councilmember Goettl reported attending the 2023 Awards Ceremony for the 2023 Maricopa High School graduating class of 2023 along with Councilmember Wade and Vice Mayor Vitiello. He commended the students and the number of scholarships received.

Vice Mayor Vitiello echoed praise for the graduating class of 2023 and elaborated. He reported participating in a Zoom meeting with Senator Sinema on housing and funding for affordable housing.

Mayor Smith reported attending the April Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting and elaborated on the traffic analysis study. She stated the city was looking into hosting a town hall to present the traffic analysis study to the community. She stated she would be attending the May ADOT meeting on Friday and invited the community to attend and elaborated. She thanked Representative Martinez and

Senator Shope.

Councilmember Goettle announced that the West Pinal County Transit Plan meeting would be on Thursday at the library at 6 p.m. and encouraged attendance.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst invited Maricopa Police Chief Goodman to the front. He presented an overview of the Maricopa Police Department. He discussed the top 20 call for service and how calls for service were received. He discussed the top 10 calls for service that were officer initiated and citizen initiated. He detailed the calls for service by priority. He discussed the specialty units and thanked City Manager Horst allowing the department to extend the Traffic unit and detailed each special unit. He detailed the activity by reports of the specialty units and the reporting system including Group A and Group B incidents. He discussed arrest statistics and traffic hotspots. He detailed traffic citation statistics and roadway improvements. He listed the future plans for traffic.

Councilmember Goettl asked if there was detailed data on arrest. Chief Goodman stated he could get him that date.

Vice-Mayor Vitiello asked Chief to elaborate on safety. Chief Goodman stated Maricopa was on the top 7 safest cities and elaborated.

Mayor Smith discussed the numbers of accidents coincided with the traffic analysis from ADOT and stated the majority of accidents happen because of driving behaviors.

6. Call to the Public

Elizabeth Howell discussed the speed limit in the Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway, and asked if something could be about the 50 miles per hour speed limit.

Barry McCain discussed issues at the Capitol.

Maricopa High School student, Dominick Miszewski thanked the Councilmembers Goettl and Vice Mayor Vitiello for attending the schools' honors awards. He gave information on the graduating class of 2023.

Joanna Vanderpool invited the community to attend the Juneteenth celebration at the Maricopa Library Cultural Center on June 17th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. She gave information on the event and celebration and stated they were accepting donations.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

7.1 [RES 23-13](#)

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 Anderson Farms Phase 1A, into the city street/road maintenance system. Discussion

and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

7.2 [ORD 23-27](#)

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending Section 3.65.150 of the Maricopa City Code regarding cooperative purchasing. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

7.3 [IGA 23-04](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve the first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pinal County for access to County property along West Edwards Avenue for the installation of a new 6-foot-high decorative residential pre-cast concrete wall. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

7.4 [RES 23-32](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona, supplementing Resolution No. 23-22 to approve the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds by the City in one or more series; authorizing the issuance of all or any portion of the bonds on a taxable basis; otherwise confirming and ratifying Resolution No. 23-22; and authorizing and ratifying all other actions taken or to be taken necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by Resolution No. 23-22, as supplemented by this resolution. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

7.5 [MIN 23-18](#)

Approval of Minutes from the May 2, 2023 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

This Minutes was Approved.

7.6 [MIN 23-19](#)

Approval of Minutes from the April 24, 2023 City Council Work Session. Discussion and Action.

This Minutes was Approved.

7.7 [CON 23-10](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Sharon Holmes and the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

8.1 [PRES 23-10](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from Global Water Resources. Discussion only.

Global Water Vice President, Jon Corwin provided an update. He stated they had added 1,137 water connections, and 1,105 wastewater connections. He informed that 2.8 billion gallons of water were pumped in 2022 and nearly 10.7 billion gallons of water were saved since 2004. He provided highlights of 2022 projects including the main break prevention project, Honeycutt Liner Project, Copper Sky Recycled Water, Seven Ranches Potable Water Fill Line, State Route 238 Water Line Extension, and the APEX Water Distribution Center. He discussed planned projects for 2023 including Amarillo Creek, Global Water Recommissioning Water and Wastewater assets,

approximately 45 homes under construction with service to commence in 30-60 days, the Southwest Maricopa infrastructure expansion, and other development. He gave a review of 2022 and the year ahead. He discussed the Growing Water Smart Workshop, the implementation of sustainable water surcharge and the enhanced customer assistance program.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the sustainable water surcharge. Mr. Corwin elaborated. Councilmember Manfredi commended Global Water on the work they have done to educate the public and improve their public perception. Mayor Smith also commended them.

The Presentation was heard.

Agenda Items 8.2 through 8.9 were presented together. After the public hearing and brief discussion they were voted in one motion. See Agenda Item 8.2 for presentation and public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Approve Agenda Items 8.2 through 8.9. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.2 **[RES 23-24](#)**

Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Parkway within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.

Derek Scheerer, Planner II presented on Agenda Item 8.2 through 8.9. He stated the requests were on behalf of Desert Cedars Equities, Roadhouse Blues Holding, Wildcat Landscape Supply, the Butz Family Trust, EHC, 20X Properties, the trustees of the First Baptist Church of Maricopa, and City of Maricopa to abandon portions of the section line rights-of-way for sections 27 and 28. He provided a visual of the location and elaborated. He detailed the public notification process including sending out notification letters to all local utilities, public agencies, and posted signs on the subject properties. He stated no public comments were received at the time of the reports provided and that the reports would be available as exhibit D in each of the cases. He detailed the staff findings and recommended approval of items 8.2 through 8.9 subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report. A public hearing was opened for Agenda Items 8.2 through 8.9 at 7:04 p.m. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Councilmember Goettl asked if the abandonment of the properties would have an impact on the future pedestrian bridge. Mr. Scheerer responded that it would not.

This Resolution was Approved.

8.3 **[RES 23-25](#)**

Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila River and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and north of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 8.4 [RES 23-26](#) Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and north of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 8.5 [RES 23-27](#) Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and north of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 8.6 [RES 23-28](#) Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and north of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 8.7 [RES 23-29](#) Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and north of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 8.8 [RES 23-30](#) Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 8.9 [RES 23-31](#) Public Hearing: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, without compensation, a portion of Section Line rights-of-way in Sections 27 and 28 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, generally located south of W. Honeycutt Ave. between N. Maricopa Rd. and John Wayne Pkwy., within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 8.10 [PRES 23-08](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the City's license to sell alcohol at Copper Sky. Discussion and Recommendation Only.

Mayor Smith invited Vice Mayor Vitiello and Councilmember Marsh to present or open the discussion. Councilmember Marsh stated an application was submitted for the City to sell alcohol at Copper Sky and recommended studying the opportunity and learn how other cities were doing it successfully.

Vice-Mayor Vitiello reported talking with Mayors from other cities and that the City of Yuma had a very successful event and stated he would the option to be explored for Copper Sky. He supported staff doing research on the matter.

Councilmember Goettl stated he would oppose on the principal that the City should not compete with private vendors, but supported doing a study to explore if it was a viable option.

Councilmember Wade agreed with Councilmember Goettl about competing with private businesses and added that he would be okay with exploring option.

Councilmember Manfredi stated he did not see the City being in the alcohol business and the opportunity already exists for local vendors. He asked for clarification that the item was to explore the opportunity for the City to get a liquor license to sell liquor at Copper Sky. He stated he was okay with a study but expressed he was not in favor.

Mayor Smith stated she supported current businesses but also stated she knew there were different options. She stated maybe there was some value and stated she was open to a study. She encouraged the involvement of local businesses.

City Manager Horst stated they would involve public safety, risk and recreation personnel. He recommended having councilmembers participate as part of the study. Mayor Smith suggested Vice Mayor Vitiello and Councilmember Goettl. Both agreed.

The Presentation was heard.

8.11 **MISC 23-13**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 (FY23-24) and the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

Chief Financial Officer/Deputy City Manager, Matt Kozlowski presented the *Unlocking Our Future* proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY24) 2023-2024. He acknowledged Budget Manager, Lisell Blancarte, Tammy Valadez Paz, finance staff, public works, senior leadership staff, City Manager and everyone involved. He provided FY24 budget headlines and highlights of the process. He stated the tentative budget would be posted to the City's website for review no later than seven days from today. He stated there would be no truth in taxation hearing required this year and explained the Primary Property Tax rate reduction was derived from this year's calculations. He stated the FY24 budget was representative of the Futures Planning objectives identified and designated by the City Council and the City Leadership Team. He detailed City Manager Horst's FY24 Budget Transmittal Letter. He discussed the property tax values and provided a five-year property tax review. He reviewed the general fund revenues over expenditures. Councilmember Manfredi asked Mr. Kozlowski to elaborate on asset replacement, land enhancement and general CIP. Mr. Kozlowski elaborated. Mr. Kozlowski detailed the FY24 projected revenues, and projected expenditures. City Manager Horst clarified that public safety was supported by risk, legal, Information Technology (IT), facilities but were not in the public safety budget. Mr. Kowzlowksi stated that for the first time, the City put together a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and noted only the first year of the CIP was budgeted. He detailed where the CIP money was spent and where the money came from. He detailed the projects included.

He opened the floor for questions or comments.

Councilmember Wade commended Mr. Kowzlowski for breaking down the information. Councilmember Goettl thanked Mr. Kowzlowski for the focus on public safety. Councilmember Marsh congratulated Mr. Kowzlowski and staff. Councilmember Manfredi commended Mr. Kowzlowski and staff and elaborated on the reduction of the property tax and elaborated on public safety. Vice Mayor Vitiello commended staff and elaborated. Mayor Smith stated she was proud of the City's financial responsibility and elaborated.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Executive Session

There was no executive session conducted.

10. Adjournment

This meeting was Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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 16th day of May, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2023.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk