



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Vice-Mayor Edward Farrell
Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Bridger Kimball
Councilmember Leon Potter

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

7:00 PM

MUSD Board Room

1. Call to Order

The Regular Council meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Price gave the invocation.

Councilmember Potter led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Leon Potter and Councilmember Peggy Chapados

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Edward Farrell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bridger Kimball

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PRES 13-16](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation acknowledging the participants who completed the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Fire Marshall Eddie Rodriguez approached the podium and acknowledged the 1st CERT members of the City of Maricopa. He thanked everyone involved.

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price announced that the Economic Development Department will be presenting ten reasons why Maricopa Matters for the City's upcoming 10 year anniversary. He stated that a new reason will be posted on the city's website each week.

He reported his attendance to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting in Prescott. He stated that there was positive feedback from board members on the 347 overpass project.

He announced that the Greater Phoenix Economic Committee (GPEC) appointed him Chair of the Ambassador Committee.

He presented City Manager Brenda Fischer with a token of appreciation from the Council. City Manager Fischer approached the podium and stated that it had been an honor to work with the city and staff. Councilwoman Gusse presented her with a gift on behalf of the American Legion.

Mayor Price reported that a task force will be created to re-evaluate the Non-Profit Program. He appointed himself, Councilmember Chapados, and Councilmember Potter to the task force. He assigned Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson as the contact person.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Brenda Fischer invited Grant's Manager, Mary Witkofski to present an award bestowed on the city. She invited Interim City Manager Trisha Sorensen to stand for a brief introduction.

Mary Witkofski approached the podium and reported her attendance to the June 20, 2013 Annual Installation Diner for the Maricopa Rotary Club in which they presented an Outstanding Business Award to the Mayor and City. Mayor Price accepted the award from members of the Rotary Club.

6. Call to the Public

Bill Stacy, Chairman of MEDA stated that he is proud of the alliance with the city. He stated that MEDA, with the support of the city, has initiated focus on K-12 schools. He acknowledged the generosity of the Ak-Chin community, and thanked the city for the continued support.

Tom Baxter, Executive Director at Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship gave an update on activities hosted by the center. Mr. Baxter informed the public of a Crowd Funding presentation at Global Water Facility at 6:30 p.m. on July 23, 2013. He also stated the center will be kicking off a business competition with a variety of awards. He indicated that the competition is open to all businesses, students, or residents of Maricopa. He indicated that applications must be submitted by September 9, 2013. He encouraged participation.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 13-56](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 2, 2013 City Council Work Session.

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

- 7.2 [MIN 13-57](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 2, 2013 City Council Regular meeting.

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

8. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

9. Consent Agenda

- 9.1** [CON 13-29](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Public Service Award Agreement between the City of Maricopa and the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$44,500. Funding for this agreement was approved in FY13-14 from General Fund, Non-Departmental, Program Awards (10010000-53380). Discussion and Action.
- Councilmember Potter asked questions about funding and the progress of MEDA. Economic Development Director Micah Miranda clarified, and discussion ensued.*
- A motion was made by Councilmember Potter, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- 9.2** [IGA 13-06](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Maricopa and the Maricopa Unified School District for the purpose of a School Resource Officer to be placed at Maricopa High School for the FY13-14 school year. Discussion and Action.
- This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**
- 9.3** [MISC 13-56](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a) eliminating the Information Technology Division within the Finance and Administrative Services Department, b) creating an Information Technology Department, and c) renaming the Finance and Administrative Services Department to the Finance Department. Additionally, staff requests approval of a staff complement change to create one (1) Chief Information Officer position within the Information Technology Department. Discussion and Action.
- Councilwoman Gusse motioned to go into executive session to discuss the item. Councilmember Chapados seconded.*
- Meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:41 p.m and reconvened at 8:14 p.m.*
- A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Potter, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- 9.4** [CON 13-32](#) The Mayor and City Council shall consider and may take action to amend the Option and Land Lease Agreement with Gila River Cellular General Partnership regarding a wireless antenna on City owned property at Pacana Park located at 18800 N. Porter Road. Discussion and Action.
- Councilwoman Gusse recused herself.*
- A motion was made by Councilmember Potter, seconded by Councilmember Chapados, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 4 - Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Leon Potter and Councilmember Peggy Chapados
- Recused:** 1 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
- 9.5** [CON 13-31](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request to approve a contract with Nexxus Consulting L.L.C. for lobbying services in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.00 to be paid from General Fund, Non-Departmental,

Professional and Occupational (10010000-53320). Discussion and Action.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson presented the activities and achievements of the 5th year of contract with Nexxus. He reviewed upcoming opportunities and the strategy and coordination with Nexxus. He concluded with a contract summary and invited questions from Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Brown asked about staff concerns. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Potter asked if the city was able to carry out ADOT connections without Nexxus. Mr. Jepson stated that the pathway was set by Nexxus, and that they serve as a safety net. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Price spoke in favor of the agreement stating that it is a good investment.

Councilmember Brown stated that he had previous reservations about the partnership, but that he has never been dissatisfied. He spoke in favor of agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse and Councilmember Peggy Chapados

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Leon Potter

9.6 **CON 13-33**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to name Patricia Sorenson as Interim City Manager and approve an agreement with Interim Public Management, LLC for the contracted Interim City Manager in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be paid from General Fund, City Manager, Professional & Occupational (10011115-53320). Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Leon Potter, to Adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of items 9.1, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Regular Agenda

10.1 MISC 13-57

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the new badge and patch designs for the City of Maricopa Police Department. Funding for the badge and patches is within the approved FY13-14 budget. Discussion and Action.

Chief Stahl presented. He gave a brief background on the badge design chosen for presentation and asked input from Mayor and Council. Discussion ensued.

Chief Stahl presented designs for patch. He gave a brief background on patch designs. Mayor Price stated that the Marketing and Communications Subcommittee had reservations on the design with the stagecoach. Councilwomen Gusse spoke in favor of stagecoach design. Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Gusse motioned to approve the badge design and the patch design

with the stagecoach.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Chapados, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Executive Session

The Council entered into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Leon Potter, to enter in to Executive Session . The motion carried unanimously.

- 11.1 ES 13-01** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice from the City's attorney on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).
- 11.2 ES 13-05** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorneys regarding the City of Maricopa's legal options on the current Global Water Rate Case pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).
- 11.3 ES 13-15** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys and to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the development agreement with CSWR 121 Tortosa, LLC for Tortosa Northeast pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 11.4 ES 13-16** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys and to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding entering into a development agreement with one or more landowners for improvements to State Route 347 near the intersection with Smith Enke Road and the potential terms thereof pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

12. Adjournment

The City Council Regular meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.