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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, May 17, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Price led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Wade was excused due to his attendance at a graduation.

Present: 6 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi and Councilmember Nancy Smith

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Henry Wade

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price reported traveling to Washington D.C. with various fire-fighters and fire administration staff. He stated they discussed various grant opportunities and the needs of the fire department. He stated they had the opportunity to meet with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security to discuss how to improve applications to improve the chances of receiving grants. Next, he reported participating in an Arizona Forward event where he sat on a state-wide panel to discuss healthy communities. He stated he discussed Copper Sky and the planned Palo Verde Regional Park. He announced that there would be an Open House on the Palo Verde Regional Park on June 7th at Central Arizona College (CAC) from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Next, he reported visiting Maricopa Elementary School for their Leadership Day and Butterfield Elementary School to celebrate the Arizona State University (ASU) caravan where the ASU mascot, Sparky welcomed. Lastly, he reported representing the City of Maricopa in the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, Executive Committee and added that he would forward information to the Council on actions of the Legislature.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose introduced Brenda Hasler as the new Finance Director. He commended Mrs. Hasler's work as Interim Finance Director during the budget

process and elaborated. Next, he invited Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart to the lectern. Mrs. Airheart introduced Executive Director at Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE), Dan Beach.

Mr. Beach gave information on the Maricopa Revolving Loan Fund. He awarded a \$700 revolving loan check to ProX Mobile Detailing.

Lastly, City Manager Rose announced that the City of Maricopa Organizational Values Kick-off event was on May 5th. He stated that staff created videos of each organization value and that they would be presented one at a time during the next council meetings. The first video on integrity, presented by the Police Department, was played.

6. Call to the Public

There were no speakers.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 16-51](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 3, 2016 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 16-52](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 3, 2016 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

- 8.1 [PH 16-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment for the purpose of considering adoption of Planning Maricopa, the General Plan and Land Use Map by Resolution 16-15, including the placement of the General Plan on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:17 p.m.

General Plan Project Manager, Dana Burkhardt explained that the public hearing was a requirement by Arizona Revised Statutes and elaborated on the General Plan Update process. He noted the public hearing would finalize the public hearing process for the General Plan Update and Agenda Item 10.3 would be the adopting resolution. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommended adopting the General Plan Update with the amendments listed in the staff report, and placing it in the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Planner, Nona Baheshone approached the lectern and addressed the Mayor and Council. She acknowledged Director of Land Use Planning and Zoning, Kimberly Antone and Flood Control Project Coordinator, Seaver Fields present in the audience. She thanked the City for allowing GRIC to review the General Plan Update Draft and provide comments. She stated that the GRIC Council would meet tomorrow to discuss the final comments and stated that

the comments would be submitted for Council consideration.

Mayor Price thanked them for their comments and commended Mr. Fields for his collaboration with the City on flood control issues.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held.

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Nancy Smith, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9.1 [MISC 16-21](#) The Mayor and City Council shall consider a proposal to operate the COMET Special Summer Shuttle in June and July, 2016 on a promotional free bus fare basis, and consider lowering the minimum unaccompanied age from nine to eight years old. Discussion and Action.

This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

- 10.1 [PUR 16-07](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the purchase of a 2016 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader from Empire Machinery for use by the Streets Maintenance Division. This purchase, in an amount not to exceed \$120,043.55, will be funded from Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), Public Works, Heavy Equipment, Backhoe (20055151-67740-35014). Pricing is based on City of Tucson NIPA Contract No. 120377, and is in compliance with City of Maricopa Purchasing Code Article IV, Section 3-223 "Cooperative Purchasing." Discussion and Action.

Engineering/Floodplain Manager, Josh Plumb explained the purchase was a replacement and that it was in the Capital Improvement Program but it was delayed. He explained that without it, they currently contract out.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that this Purchase be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 10.2 [MISC 16-20](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the reclassification of one Equipment Operator position to Traffic Signal Technician and placement of the new classification in a higher salary range with a minimum annual salary of \$42,771 and a maximum of \$58,961. The Equipment Operator position is currently occupied, and the incumbent, having been deemed qualified, will move into the new classification. Discussion and Action.

Human Resources Director, Kathleen Haggerty explained why the position was being recommended for reclassification.

Mayor Price inquired if the person in the position would work with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) with issues related to traffic lights on State Route (SR) 347. Mr. Plumb elaborated on the cooperation with ADOT. Rob Dolson further elaborated and discussed a possible forthcoming intergovernmental

agreement.

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

10.3 **RES 16-15**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting "Planning Maricopa Shaping Our Community," the Maricopa General Plan and Land Use Map which will replace the City of Maricopa General Plan 2006 as adopted by City Council, and all successor amendments thereto, and directing that "Planning Maricopa," the Maricopa General Plan and Land Use Map be submitted to the voters for ratification at an election to be held on November 8, 2016. Discussion and Action.

Mayor Price read the Agenda Item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi and Councilmember Nancy Smith

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Henry Wade

10.4 **MISC 16-22**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 (FY16-17) and the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Rose gave an overview of the actions to date on the budget process. He identified the city's priorities including: Well Planned Quality Growth and Development; Economic Development; Community Resources and Quality of Life Amenities; Safe and Livable Community; and Fiscal Policies and Management. He listed highlights from the proposed 2016-17 Annual Operating Budget: Funds Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Transfers; Tax rate remains at \$4.78; Increases Funding for Court; Provides \$15 Million Local Match for SR 347 Grade Separation Project; Funds Compensation Study; Budgets 4% Increase in Salaries; Balances Copper Sky Budget; Improves Service Levels; and Eliminates 1.5 Full Time Employees from Copper Sky Fund, he noted there were no lay-off involved in the elimination of the positions. Next, he discussed the tentative Operating Budget Expenditures \$66.92 millions, Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the General Fund \$43.40, Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) \$1.68 million, the Copper Sky Recreation Fund \$4.38 million, Grant Funds \$13.78 million, and the Debt Service Fund (G.O. Bonds) \$3.68 million. Next, he discussed the CIP Program expenditures including: the General Governmental CIP \$11.17 million, Copper Sky Fund \$.07 million, Grants CIPS \$.53 million, HURF \$6.21 million, Local Road Maintenance .90 million, County Road Tax \$2.95 million, Transportation Impact Fee \$3.38 million and Parks Impact Fees .22 million. He discussed the property tax levies and stated the intent was to maintain at the same level: Primary Levy \$4.7845, Secondary Levy \$1.6973 and elaborated. He detailed the General Fund Revenues and Expenditures and the FY16/17 CIP Budget Overview. He discussed some of the issues on the horizon such as: the continued MUSD Transfer, the conclusion of the Ak-Chin Community Agreement, 1% Property Tax Cap and continued loss of voter approved Primary Property Tax. City Manager Rose read the following proposed budget changes into the record:

Revenue:

- General Fund - Increased Property Tax \$131,000

- General Fund - Increased Local Sales Tax \$400,000
- HURF Fund – Increase \$162,001
- Copper Sky Membership – Increased \$150,000

Expenditures:

- General Fund Development Services – Decreased Bus Shelters \$6,000
- General Fund City Clerk – Decreased Microfilming \$5,000
- General Fund I.T. – Eliminated Track It \$5,000
- General Fund City Magistrate – Increased Professional Services \$182,000
- General Fund City Manager – Increased Professional Services \$10,000
- General Fund City Manager – Added Performance Management Service \$13,000
- General Fund City Council – Increased Discretionary Fund \$1,000 per member
- General Fund City Council – Increase in membership costs \$1,100
- General Fund Human Resources – Increased Award Program \$100
- General Fund Community Services – Added Santa Run \$5,650
- General Fund Community Services – Increased COPA Color Run \$6,000
- General Fund Library – Added Surface Pro Computers \$3,000
- General Fund Pacana Park – Deleted Wood Chips \$6,075
- General Fund Non – Departmental – Reduced MUSD Transfer \$110,178
- Copper Sky Fund – Decreased Spending \$529,500
- Copper Sky Fund – Eliminated unfilled equipment maintenance position \$62,779
- Copper Sky Fund – Eliminated unfilled part-time park maintenance position \$16,246
- Copper Sky Fund – Removed Water Credit Purchase \$182,500
- Copper Sky CIP – Moved mower purchase to Park DIF Fund \$60,000
- Copper Sky CIP – Moved Playground Shelter purchase to Park DIF Fund \$12,000
- Copper Sky CIP – Changed Water Credit Purchase to General Fund 350 \$182,500
- Copper Sky CIP - Changed Sky Amphitheater lighting Park DIF Fund \$59,929
- Copper Sky CIP – Changed lawn lighting to Park DIF Fund \$82,691
- Copper Sky CIP – Changed Glass Panel purchase to FY2018
- Public Works CIP - Added SR347 Grade Separation Project \$15.09 million

He invited questions from the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Smith inquired about the revenue changes and whether there were any risks. City Manager Rose explained there was an issue with Munis and elaborated. Next, Councilmember Smith inquired about the MUSD transfer reduction. City Manager Rose elaborated. Next, Councilmember Smith asked for details about the decrease spending for Copper Sky. City Manager Rose elaborated and stated the biggest reduction was due to the move of the water credits. Clarification ensued. A brief discussion ensued regarding the amphitheater and lawn lighting. Lastly, Councilmember Smith inquired about the possibility of close captioning services for Council Meetings. City Manager Rose stated that if the expenditure went over \$10,000 the best place to include it would be the CIP, as one of the pending projects. Councilmember Smith addressed concerns regarding the quality of the live broadcasting of the Council meetings on Channel 20. City Manager Rose stated the issue would be looked at.

Councilmember Manfredi commended City Manager Rose and staff. City Manager Rose acknowledged executive staff and Finance Director, Brenda Hasler.

Mayor Price clarified that increased property tax and sales tax does not mean taxes would be increased. He elaborated on the budgetary process and reiterated praise for City Manager Rose and staff.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember

Kimball, that this Miscellaneous Item be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, to Adjourn at 7:56 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 17th day of May, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2016.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk