



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Nancy Smith
Vice-Mayor Henry Wade
Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The invocation was led by Pastor David Anderson from Be Community Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Wade.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Nancy Smith, Vice Mayor Henry Wade, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi and Councilmember Bob Marsh

Excused: 1 - Councilmember Amber Liermann

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements, Awards and Presentations

No proclamations, acknowledgements, awards, or presentations were given.

4. Report from the Mayor

5. Report from the City Manager

6. Call to the Public

Terry Yoshii, a resident of the Lakes subdivision, expressed concerns about E. coli bacteria found in the drinking water the previous week. He requested a full investigation into what happened, why notifications weren't sent out promptly, and what actions were being taken by Global Water and the City Council. Mr. Yoshii was referred to Andrew Miller, Global Water Manager, for any further discussion.

Dr. John and May announced the 18th annual Kids Day Maricopa event scheduled for September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Maricopa Wells Middle School. The free event focuses on health, safety, and environmental awareness for children, featuring 100 activities, free food and drinks, and giveaways including bicycles. They highlighted participation from various community organizations including 4-H club, Electrical District 3, Global Water, the CERT program, fire department, police department, and Phoenix Children's Hospital. They also announced the third annual Maricopa Police

Foundation golf tournament on September 27 at the Duke.

Ocean Kent from Ocean Industries announced the upcoming event called Boots on the Ground, 10 Toes Down Cancer Walk scheduled for November 15 at Copper Sky. The event will include free breast exams by Simon Med and prostate cancer testing by Cancer Care. Ms. Kent thanked Council Member Amber Liermann for sponsoring the event and Councilmember Eric Goettl for connecting them with committees. Ms. Kent mentioned several sponsors including the UPS Store, Nekter Juice Bar, Fry's Grocery Store, and Silk Press Express, and encouraged community participation to support cancer survivors, caregivers, and those who have lost loved ones to cancer.

Rich Vitiello, Pinal County Supervisor, warned about state representatives' efforts to remove local planning and zoning authority from cities throughout Arizona. He expressed opposition to this initiative and urged cities to work together to prevent it, like the advocacy efforts for State Route 347. He mentioned that some state representatives were unfamiliar with Maricopa's population and transportation challenges yet wanted authority over local planning and zoning decisions. He pledged to work with all 15 counties to oppose this state intrusion into local governance.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Marsh to Adopt the Consent Agenda.

- 7.1 [RES 25-36](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve the 2025 Public Transit Agency Safety Plan, which is related to Section 5307 transit funding. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.2 [SUB25-12](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Subdivision Case # SUB25-12, Anderson Farms Phase 2, a Re-Plat of Anderson Farms Phase 2, Fee No. 2024-093279. Discussion and Action.
- This Subdivision was Approved.**
- 7.3 [RES 25-33](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, designating the City's authorized representative for purposes of the grant received from the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (AzDEMA) for the Desert Sunrise High School Box Culvert project. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.4 [RES 25-34](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for the collector roads within the Moonlight subdivision Phase 1B, into the City Street/Road Maintenance System. Discussion and Action.
- This Resolution was Approved.**
- 7.5 [RES 25-35](#) A Resolution from the Mayor and City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting a revised fee schedule for the Development Services Department. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.6 [MIN 25-51](#) Approval of Minutes from the August 5, 2025 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

These Minutes were Approved.

- 7.7 [RES 25-39](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona, confirming the application for certificate of necessity subsequent to changes necessitated by substantive review by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

8. **Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 8.1 [APP 25-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on making an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Cultural Affairs and Arts Advisory Committee. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Goettl thanked Peg Chapados for her service on the Cultural Affairs and Arts Advisory Committee and nominated Mark Ellsworth to fill the vacancy. He shared that Mr. Ellsworth is an award-winning theater director, production manager, and writer who has lived in Maricopa for seven years. Councilmember Goettl added that Mr. Ellsworth holds a bachelor's and master's in theater and is the founder of Actors Youth Theater serving the East Valley for over 23 years and currently teaches advanced drama at Heritage Academy in Maricopa. Lastly, Mr. Ellsworth was present and acknowledged by the Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goettl, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that this Appointment be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- 8.2 [RES 25-38](#) A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting a Bed Tax Policy related to the allocation and expenditure of the hotel/motel additional tax revenue in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.06 and pursuant to the strategic priorities of the city. Discussion and Action.

Assistant City Manager Jennifer Brown presented the proposed Bed Tax Policy outlining how the city would meet strategic priorities and comply with state law regarding bed tax revenue. She explained that the policy addresses two strategic priorities: investing in public art projects and experiences and employing a sports and events tourism strategy. Discussion ensued regarding other cities' usage of their bed tax and how this proposed policy designates all 5.5% of the bed tax to arts and tourism initiatives.

Ms. Brown noted that the annual budget for these funds will be recommended to Council during the annual budget process, and any unused funds will carry forward to future fiscal years. Councilmember Knorr expressed interest in surveying the community about bed tax uses and having strategic conversations about long-term investment in these funds, especially as the amount increases with new hotels. She added that while the city is only required to use \$171,000 for tourism purposes, there are many potential uses for these funds. Lastly, Mayor Smith suggested including this in the January 2026 futures planning session.

Councilmember Marsh suggested potentially adding a section on tourism strategy to the general plan update, if not this year, then in the future. Lastly, Vice Mayor Wade agreed with Councilmember Knorr's request and emphasized the importance of engaging community organizations in conversations about bed tax allocation.

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

9. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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 2nd day of September, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2025.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk