



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

*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.*

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. **Call to Order**

*The City Council work session was called to order at 6:04 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Nancy Smith, and Councilmember Henry Wade

3. **Agenda Items**

3.1 [WS 15-01](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

*Councilmember Smith indicated she would like discussion on Consent Agenda Item 9.3. Mayor Price stated the item would be discussed prior to Agenda Item 10.1 in the regular agenda.*

3.2 [WS 15-02](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

*Councilmember Smith reported on the April 25, 26 Relay for Life event. She stated the event was well attended and supported by the City. She announced that over \$5,300 were raised. She encouraged attendance and commended the talent. Next, she reported attending the Budget Retreat on April 28th and commended the City for creating a budget within their means. She reported attending a United Way meeting and noted Councilmember Chapados was also in attendance. She commended the services offered by United Way and stated that when donating through employers Pinal County needs to be specified in order for funds to be allocated to the City.*

*Councilmember Wade commended Youth Council member Evan Grace for raising over \$1,000 for the Relay for Life. Next, he reported attending the Citizen Leadership Academy and commended the community members who are engaged.*

3.3 [WSPRES 15-14](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear an update presentation on the Maricopa Area Transportation Plan (ATP) and public comments received to date, presented by Dan Marum, Wilson and Company.

*Transportation/ Transit Planner David Maestas greeted the Mayor and Council and introduced the Area Transportation Plan (ATP) update presentation. He stated that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) has been actively involved as per City Manager Rose's direction. He introduced TAC Chairman Joel Saurey.*

*Mr. Saurey thanked the Mayor and Council and commended Mr. Maestas for his work as staff liaison of the TAC. He stated the committee has met various times and has dedicated extensive work into the study. He stated it was important to coordinate the study with the city's planning area and the 2040 Vision Plan. He reviewed the TAC recommendations for improvements to existing roadways, roadway enhancements and completions, and performance of the S.R. 347. He detailed other future study considerations such as the Santa Rosa crossing at Porter Road and conflict/resolution with flood control. He commended consultants from Wilson and Company and turned it over to Dan Marum from Wilson and Company.*

*Mr. Marum gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the ATP. He identified roadway deficiencies and provided a list of all the improvements necessary in order to serve the growth scenario of the 2040 Vision Plan. He prioritized the improvements by projected years of 2020, 2030 and 2040.*

*Councilmember Kimball inquired if there would be a negative effect to the morning traffic at Cobblestone South to North. Mr. Marum elaborated. Discussion ensued.*

*Mr. Marum continued his presentation with the possible improvements to be completed by 2030 followed by possible projects to be completed by 2040. He stated they are working on refining cost estimates for the 2020, 2030, and 2040 improvements. He moved on to discuss Complete Streets and the creation of a possible policy. He stated all the recommendations would go into the draft of the ATP. He stated the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) network was submitted to the Maricopa Alliance of Governments (MAG) and elaborated on the collaboration with MAG. He stated that on the March 17th Open House there was feedback from 17 attendees and on April 28th the first Developer Forum was held and there were 13 attendees. He reported there was a Public Open House earlier in the day and there were 10 attendees. He stated all the public comments are filtered into the process for final recommendation. Next, he discussed the S.R. 347 corridor performance overview and detailed operations on the 347 and the future of the 347. He provided an overview of the purpose of the assessment and existing and a future facility performance overview. He discussed mitigation concepts and threshold findings. He listed the next steps and projected meetings. He stated there will be a TAC meeting on May 13, May 21, a second Developer Forum in June, a Public Open House, and a Work Session presentation also in June. He stated Wilson and Company will stay as long as necessary and invited questions or comments from Council.*

*Mayor Price stated that the Complete Streets concept is very important because funding is not available anymore. He highlighted the importance of thinking ahead. He stated that to be prepared the City needs to look at models such as the City of Flagstaff and the County of Coconino who have just increased their sales tax revenues to put into transportation projects.*

*Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson stated the City of Maricopa was looking to apply for their 7th TIGER grant, and the City has been approached by ADOT who asked to be the primary applicant. He stated it would be a great opportunity to achieve the TIGER grant for the 347 grade separation. He stated the City will be partnering with ADOT.*

*Vice Mayor Brown asked Mr. Jepson if any other states have ever applied for grants*

for a municipality. Mr. Jepson responded that he is not aware of any, and that in general states have their own projects to pursue.

Mr. Marum stated that hardcopies of the presentation are available. Councilmember Wade stated he appreciates the transparency and all the open forums.

**The Presentation was heard.**

- 3.4 [WSPRES 15-16](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding ways to memorialize the youth of Maricopa.

Youth Coordinator Heather Lozano introduced members of the Maricopa Youth Council.

Youth Council members Samantha Corrales and Austin Pearce presented the suggestions from the Youth Council on ways to memorialize youth: (1) A stone wall with names carved in the stone, (2) benches for the parks, (3) a brick or stone walkway with names, (4) and/or stone gardens around a tree. He stated some of the challenges with the stone wall would be maintenance and fading and concerns with the stone garden included the possibility that they can be removed. Next, they turned it over to Heather Lozano.

Miss Lozano she stated the Parks, Recreation, and Library (PRL) committee recommended including all other community members and not limiting it to youth. They recommended including veterans and prominent community citizens.

Mayor Price asked City Manager Rose to provide background on this item. City Manager Rose stated that after reviewing the minutes from the meeting in which the item was considered, he concluded that it was agreed to approve a statue with the caveat that funding had to be tied. He stated that Council was willing to commit to a portion of the funding but there had to be matching funds raised. He stated that over the course of time it fell through, and so he sent the discussion back to the Youth Council to come up with ideas that were reviewed by the PRL and brought forth as consideration for Council approval

Councilmember Wade inquired about the funds that were tied. City Manager Rose stated there was no specific amount identified and explained that his interpretation of the minutes was that the Council committed to a statue and providing half of the funds, but that there had to be matching funds provided.

Mayor Price gave a summary of the previous discussion on the item, he stated there was an initial quote for a statue of \$8,000 to \$9,000. He stated that the Council stated that if the community raised funds, the Council would then figure out a way to match it from their discretionary funds. He stated that part of the issue is that now there are new member in the Council that did not make any commitments, and therefore the item was directed back to the Youth Council and PRL.

Councilmember Smith stated she sat in the PRL discussion and commended the ideas from the Youth Council. She asked for clarification on what would determine "prominent community citizens." City Manager Rose explained that all citizens are considered prominent. Next, Councilmember Smith stated a process needs to be established to ensure that no offensive symbols are used and that maintenance is defined.

Councilmember Chapados thanked the PRL and the Youth Council. She stated she loves the concepts however there needs to be a way to memorialize and celebrate groups such as first responders. She pointed out that the City of Chandler has a Plant a Tree Program. She stated the process is important and suggested that a

*non-profit organization be created to act as the fund raising arm. She stated she would like to start a committee to start a non-profit organization to take on the fund-raising.*

*Councilmember Manfredi agreed with the concept of a non-profit organization. He commended the Youth Council ideas. He spoke in favor of the brick walk-way and benches at the park. He stated that residents who are interested in having a brick or bench added should be responsible for paying for it.*

*Mayor Price stated he would like to move forward with this item, but that there is not enough information in terms of the process in order to give direction. City Manager Rose stated that if the Council agrees with the concepts, then they can move forward with creating a program and bringing it up in a work session presentation.*

*Councilmember Manfredi suggested selecting 2 ideas to move forward with the creation of a program. Councilmember Kimball agreed with Councilmember Manfredi on selecting 2 concepts to go forward with a process.*

*Councilmember Chapados stated that she is uncomfortable with the idea of memorializing, and it should be a celebratory or commemorative process such as the Plant a Tree Program. She stated she is not in favor of limiting it to a brick, a bench, or a walkway and suggested incorporating the idea of adopting trees. Councilmember Manfredi stated that there could be 2 different programs, and that the Plant a Tree Program should be separate. Councilmember Kimball reiterated that Council should focus on selecting 2 items.*

*Councilmember Smith stated that during the PRL meeting Parks Manager Riggs expressed concerns about using trees to memorialize people, and he explained that trees can die and create additional havoc. She spoke in favor of using benches and a brick walkway.*

*Consensus was to select the park benches and a stone/brick walkway.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

#### **4. Executive Session**

- 4.1 ES 15-12** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City attorney and designated representatives of the City to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding the process, legal obligations and legal liabilities of becoming the floodplain administrator for the City of Maricopa, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).
- 4.2 ES 15-13** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and designated representatives of the City to consider its position regarding potential revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding with Global Water, evaluate the City's legal options concerning the MOU and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding how to proceed with the MOU negotiations pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

#### **5. Adjournment**

*The City Council work session adjourned at 7:19 p.m.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to Adjourn. 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 5th day of May, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2015.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk