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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, June 2, 2015

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

Maricopa Police Chaplain, Paul Ellis gave the invocation.

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Peggy Chapados

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 15-05](#) USS Liberty Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation recognizing the patriotism of all Veterans who served on the USS Liberty. He presented the proclamation to Veteran, George Sokol.

Mr. Sokol gave a few words on the USS Liberty and the veteran survivors and commended the proclamation. He presented Mayor Price with a book written by the President of the USS Liberty Veterans Association. He praised the dedication of the community and thanked everyone for the honor.

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4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Smith acknowledged Lee Anne Clark and Jim Jordan for participating during the call to the public in the Central Arizona College board meeting that increased taxes that negatively impacted the City of Maricopa. She stated that, she and Mrs. Clark also attended the Pinal County Board of Supervisors meeting to speak in regards of the tax increase and how it would impact economic development and the community. She commended City staff who also participated in the meetings. Next, she stated that she met with State Senator Steve Smith along with Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson and Councilmember Manfredi to

discuss the topic. She encouraged the public to contact the Pinal County Board of Supervisors and directed anyone to contact her for more information. She invited Mrs. Clark to stand for recognition.

Mayor Price reported attending a Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) mission in Washington D.C. to discuss the Interstate 11 (I-11) corridor, the State Route (SR) 347 overpass project, and flood plain mitigation. He stated that upon returning he traveled to Chino Valley to testify at the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) public hearing on their tentative five-year program. He stated that the City hopes to receive funding as early as June 19th for the SR 347 overpass project.

Next, he reported that he, Councilmember Smith, and Councilmember Wade attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) event in Las Vegas. He gave information on the event and emphasized that the Economic Development team always does the best to constantly approach businesses. Next, he reported attending a GPEC Ambassador Event on the future of water in the region. He explained that the State of Arizona has prepared for drought and GPEC has a plan to attract California companies to Arizona. Next, he reported attending the flag-raising ceremony at the Veteran's Center, the American Legion baseball tournament, and the Youth Council's last meeting. He reported speaking about business tactics at the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE) and added that he would also represent the City of Maricopa at the MCE event in Flagstaff. In conclusion he stated that the final version of the 2040 Vision document is now available.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose recognized that Community Services Director Kristie Riester and City Clerk Vanessa Bueras both celebrated birthdays this week.

6. Call to the Public

Evan Grace, member of the Youth Council approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and council. He gave information on the sock-drive he is holding in conjunction with the Maricopa Blue Star Moms. He stated that they are in need of socks, particularly black crew socks. He stated boxes would be available in drop-off locations from June 7th through June 30th. The locations included: Copa Craze, Chris Cahall American Family Insurance, Headquarters Restaurant, Copper Sky, Ultra-Star, Ace Hardware, Crossfit 347 and the Maricopa Library on the week of June 9th. He encouraged people to donate and thanked all the owners of the drop off locations.

Chad Chadderton with Ahwatukee Realty approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that he and Marla Pearson from the Chamber of Commerce have been hosting a program called Copa Kids Who Care. He announced the first winner, Austen Pearce (not present) and described Austen's good deeds. He announced the second winner, Evan Grace. He gave a brief background on Evan and presented him with a check. They posed for pictures with Mayor Price.

Mary Lou Smith, from the Maricopa Friends of the Library, approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. She stated that Library Manager, Eric Surber finished the annual library renovation and invited the community to visit the library to see the changes that took place.

Bill Stacy, General Manager of Electrical District Number 3 (ED3), approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated ED3 is approaching their

90th year of services to Maricopa and the surrounding areas. He stated that 2016 would be the 6th year on a row without a rate increase. He stated that due to concerns of rate impact there would be changes to the solar program. He noted handouts with information are available in the foyer. He discussed the policy changes would compensate for excess generation, increase the fixed costs recovery charge to new applicants after July 1st, 2015, and limit new solar systems to 30 per month.

Misty approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. She commended the services offered by MCE and thanked the City for working with MCE.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 15-68](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 19, 2015 City Council Work Session.

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

- 7.2 [MIN 15-69](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 19, 2015 City Council Regular meeting.

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

8. Public Hearings

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- 9.1 [CON 15-19](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of an agreement with Image Trend Inc. for a new product platform, Image Trend Elite that will support the NEMESIS Version 3 standard. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

- 10.1 [PRES 15-14](#) Pinal County Board of Supervisors, Anthony Smith, will provide the Council with an update on projects affecting Maricopa. Discussion only.

Pinal County Board of Supervisors, Anthony Smith gave an update on Pinal County projects affecting Maricopa. He discussed economic development including memberships with Sun Corridor, Inc., Access Arizona, and the Arizona-Mexico Commission to expand influence. He discussed winning projects in Casa Grande and Maricopa including a motor-cross track in Hidden Valley and a race track near Interstate 8 and Bianca Road. Next, he discussed the construction of an all-weather crossing at the Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway's Santa Cruz Wash. He stated the roadway would be open 24 hours, 7 days per week except during the installation of

temporary drainage structures. He added construction would start on June 3rd and the estimated completion date would be October 1, 2015. Next, he discussed the Western Pinal County Regional Park. He stated it would be similar to the South Mountain Regional Park. He provided a visual map of the location and stated that there would be opportunities for public comment. Next, he discussed the relocation to the Cowtown Monitor, explaining that the lease expired in the fall of 2013 but was extended through January 2016. He stated that date collection began at the replacement sites on June 2014 and the target would be to complete the relocation by December 31, 2015. He discussed the Maricopa Waste and Recycle Transfer Station and the intergovernmental agreement with Pinal County. Next, he discussed flood mitigation on the lower Santa Cruz River. He concluded with discussion of miscellaneous projects including: the approved Resolution in support of the SR 347 Grade Separation TIGER grant application, the I-11 and East/West corridor road projects, removal of an abandoned trailer in Heritage District, coordinating with ADOT for trash pick-up on SR 347, and future collaborations on the relocation of the Zephyr and a new District 4 County Office Complex. He invited anyone with questions to contact Marlene Pearce, Assistant to the Board of Supervisors and opened the floor for questions.

Vice Mayor Brown inquired about the progress of one of the developments in Casa Grande. Supervisor Smith responded and stated they are still going through the legal process.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the Red Rock Railway station. Supervisor Smith stated it is still a high priority for Pinal County and elaborated. Councilmember Wade thanked the Board of Supervisors for the Resolution in support of the TIGER grant application.

The Presentation was heard.

10.2 [PRES 15-15](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship. Discussion only.

MCE Executive Director Dan Beach gave a presentation on the Maricopa Center of Entrepreneurship (MCE). He established why the City of Maricopa needs entrepreneurs. He stated the MCE mission statement is, "to increase successful innovative small businesses; originating in or relocating to the City of Maricopa." He stated MCE helps with pre-incubation, incubation, acceleration, co-work space, trainings, and events. He added they offer counseling, coaching and consulting. He discussed the \$123,000 revolving loan funds. He stated MCE is a part of NACET and introduced President and CEO, Annette Zinky.

Mrs. Zinky stated that the Northern Arizona Center of Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET) provides strategic services for entrepreneurs to start companies that create jobs. She introduced Trish Rensink, Paul Thomas, Anne Marie Mackler, and Jennifer Grogan. Next, she gave a brief background on Dan Beach and Marketing and Social Media Specialist, Sara Troyer.

Mr. Beach reviewed the list of services offered by MCE and invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Smith stated she has 4 to 5 friends who are members of MCE. She stated she has attended the Shark Tank event as well as some of the art galleries and encouraged the public to attend the events. She asked Mr. Beach what is the most common difficulty for entrepreneurs in the City of Maricopa. Mr. Beach stated that lack of space is the number one thing and elaborated.

Mayor Price thanked Mr. Beach and Mrs. Zinky for the presentation and emphasized the importance of supporting entrepreneurs. Mr. Beach invited Mayor Price to present the first loan recipient. The check was presented to Tod Clark from HobbyScopes.

The Presentation was heard.

- 10.3** [RES 15-24](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona supporting the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER VII) Discretionary Grant request for State Route 347 Union Pacific Grade Separation project submitted by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Discussion and Action.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson presented. He stated that this would be the 7th application for the TIGER grant however this year ADOT would submit it. He explained that because the City is not a primary submitter, a resolution in support is needed to vocalize support. He noted that the resolution would be in conjunction to resolutions and letters of support from Ak-Chin, Union Pacific, Maricopa Unified School District, Senator Smith, MAG, Pinal County, and Arizona Governor Ducey.

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

11. Executive Session

The City Council regular meeting moved to executive session at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11.1** **ES 15-14** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding entering into a Development and Settlement Agreement, and the potential terms thereof, with Meritage Homes of Arizona, Inc. and Meritage Homes Corporation and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

- 11.2** **ES 15-15** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding entering into a Pre-Annexation Development Agreement with Santa Cruz Ranch, LLC, the potential terms thereof, how this annexation fits into the City's annexation strategy, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

12. Adjournment

The City Council regular meeting was Adjourned.

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 June, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2015.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk