



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

*Mayor Christian Price*  
*Vice-Mayor Edward Farrell*  
*Councilmember Marvin L. Brown*  
*Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados*  
*Councilmember Dan Frank*  
*Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse*  
*Councilmember Bridger Kimball*

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Tuesday, September 16, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. **Call to Order**

*The City Council work session was called to order at 6:14 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, and Councilmember Dan Frank

3. **Agenda Items**

3.1 **[WS 14-01](#)**

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

*Councilmember Kimball requested that Agenda Item 9.9 be pulled from Consent to the Regular Agenda.*

*Councilmember Chapados asked Economic Development Director Micah Miranda for clarification on Agenda Item 9.7. She stated that after doing research, she was not able to find many cities that are doing Revolving Loan Funds (RLF).*

*Mr. Miranda concurred that Maricopa is a pioneer of using grant funding to provide capital to Maricopa businesses. He noted that the program will benefit businesses that are in the pre-banking stages and those who are unable to gain access to capital market because they are small and don't have a banking history.*

3.2 **[WS 14-02](#)**

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

*There were no reports from Council.*

3.3 **[WSPRES 14-25](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation by Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles regarding domestic violence.

*Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles provided a presentation on domestic violence. He recognized Chief Stahl for participating in a pilot training program on how to recognize strangulations. He discussed signs of strangulation and stated that cases are up because officers are now trained to recognize the signs.*

*He reported that the Family Advocacy Center in Eloy applied for accreditation from the National Children's Alliance and returned with zero recommendations (the highest possible marks). He discussed the Family Advocacy Center and their services, as well as the participating organizations and their services. He informed the public that the grand opening of the Family Advocacy Center in San Tan Valley would be some time in October and added that invitations would be sent out. He commended Chief Stahl for his assistance in writing protocols for the centers.*

*Councilmember Chapados asked if any of the strangulation cases have gone through trial and inquired about the conviction rate. Mr. Voyles responded that in the City of Maricopa the conviction rate is approximately 95%.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

- 3.4**      **WSPRES 14-23**      The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from the Community Programs Manager on proposed enhancements to the Maricopa Non-Profit Funding Program and Community Development Block Grant.

*Community Programs Manager, Mary Witkofski presented the proposed enhancements to the Maricopa Non-Profit Funding Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). She noted that, going forward, all meetings would be held in an open public forum. She reviewed the enhancements to the Non-Profit Funding Program including creating a 7 member Citizen Evaluation Committee to serve 4-year terms. She stated their primary goals would include reviewing and scoring applications, and making recommendations to Council. Next, she discussed the proposed enhancements to the CDBG funds and noted that it would be a formal process with competitive request for projects from City departments and local non-profit agencies. She noted non-profits must have a 501(c)3 status and have low-moderate income clientele.*

*Councilmember Chapados inquired about the committee member 4-year terms. City Manager Rose clarified that the committee would be a standing committee, each councilmember would appoint one member, and the terms would coincide.*

*Vice Mayor Farrell asked if that is easier than an ad hoc committee. Mr. Rose explained that it would be more appropriate to have a standing committee due to the training involved. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Brown inquired if the income for non-profit clientele would be based on the Department of Labor. Mrs. Witkofski stated they would be based on Housing Urban Development (HUD) income levels and standards.*

*Mayor Price asked Mrs. Witkofski if she could elaborate on CDBG funds. Mrs. Witkofski stated that funding comes from the HUD and that it has three main objectives including (1) elimination of slums or blight, (2) benefit low and moderate income persons, and (3) address urgent community development needs. She stated that the City has used CDBG funds for road paving, water and road infrastructure improvements, and can be used to help agencies such as Against Abuse.*

*Mayor Price asked who would be the assigned staff liaison for the committee. Mr. Rose stated that it would initially be Mrs. Witkofski. Mayor Price expressed concerns regarding the lack of involvement from the Development Services Department in the committee because CDBG funds have been primary used for road projects in past.*

*City Manager Rose stated that one of the intentions is to make it a competitive process, so the City would have to convince the committee of the worthiness of the project and would be treated the same as non-profit agencies in that sense. He*

*added that it is a great opportunity to expand on the CDBG program through projects that could be realized in the Heritage District. He stated that, in addition to evaluating applications, committee members would help in the outreach process.*

*Mayor Price reiterated his concerns that it would create unnecessary competition as the CDBG funds have been primarily used for roads and there are still a lot of needs such as unpaved roads. He stated he is in favor of the Non-Profit Program enhancements but not the CDBG enhancements.*

*Vice Mayor Farrell asked Mrs. Witkofski to review some of the important projects that have used CDBG funds and after concurred with Mayor Price that the funds are needed for City projects. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Brown suggested deferring to a later date.*

*Councilmember Chapados stated it is a great opportunity for discussion in the 2040 Visioning Program. She stated she supports the Non-Profit Program enhancements, however not the CDBG enhancements.*

*Consensus was to go forward with the Non-Profit Program enhancements, excluding the CDBG enhancements.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

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

*The City Council work session entered into executive session at 6:51p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 4.1 ES 14-31** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney regarding City Manager Gregory Rose's performance evaluation, as per the City Manager's Employment Agreement pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).
- 4.2 ES 14-34** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding entering into an amendment to the development agreement regarding the Master Plan Development known as Avalea with Property Reserve Arizona, LLC and the potential terms thereof pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

#### **5. Adjournment**

**The City Council work session was adjourned.**

**Certification of Minutes**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 16th day of September, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2014.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk