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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.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:03 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.

City Manager Rose recognized Police Commander Richard Clore, who would be retiring soon. He stated Commander Clore has worn many hats within the City and highlighted his interim position as Human Resources (HR) Director. He commended his work and invited Police Chief Stahl to say a few words of acknowledgement. Chief Stahl gave a brief review of Commander Clore's tenure with the City and concluded by commending him for his loyalty to public safety.

Councilmember Wade recalled that Commander Clore supported a defense program by community realtors. He commended Commander Clore and bid him farewell.

Vice Mayor Brown commended Commander Clore for easily filling the interim HR Director position. He commended his professionalism and bid him farewell.

Councilmember Chapados added that Commander Clore helped move City Hall into the new building. She commended his work and wished him the best in his retirement.

Councilmember Kimball thanked Commander Clore for his service in all agencies including the City of Maricopa and City of Mesa.

Councilmember Smith also praised Commander Clore's professionalism and thanked him for his service.

Councilmember Manfredi thanked Commander Clore for his service and wished him

a happy retirement.

Mayor Price stated that Commander Clore would be missed. He commended his role as Interim HR Director and added that it was a revolutionary move on the City's part. He praised his dedication and thanked him.

3.2 [WS 15-02](#)

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

Councilmember Chapados reported attending the Employee Recognition Awards on December 3rd. Next, she reported attending an Urban Land Institute's (ULI) seminar on December 4th with 10 members of the Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning Commission. She stated the seminar was in downtown Phoenix, it was well attended, and it discussed training of Boards, Commission and Committee members. She added that one attendee from Maricopa won for asking the most difficult question in the Stump the Experts section. Next, she reported attending the December 5th Merry Copa event at Copper Sky. She stated that on December 12th she attended the Shop with a Cop event and the Fire Department's Rides for Toys toy drive. Lastly, she reported that on the 14th she attended the Planning and Zoning meeting in which they approved Edison Pointe, Maricopa's newest shopping center.

Vice Mayor Brown stated that on December 14th, the City hosted the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority who represents the Pinal County in the planning of Interstate 11. He stated the planning of I-11 would be long and extensive, but they hope to have something ready for the public by November 8th, 2016.

Councilmember Wade reported he, too, attended the Shop with a Cop event and elaborated. He commended the participating officers for their patience with the children.

3.3 [WSPRES 15-44](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a mid-year update presentation from Bill Stacy, Chairman/CEO of the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance.

Bill Stacy, President and CEO of the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) thanked Mayor Price, Vice Mayor Brown, City Manager Rose and Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart for their personal engagement with MEDA. Next, he provided a brief overview of the organization's progress for the year. He stated MEDA added 2 new board members, Mrs. Jennifer Alai, Arizona President of Great Western Bank and Adam Saks, General Manager of UltraStar Multi-tainment Center. He stated this year MEDA launched the Maricopa Marketing Program and selected Nucleus Marketing Lab for the project. He invited Steve Bast, Chairman of Nucleus Marketing Lab to give a presentation on the Maricopa Marketing Program.

Mr. Steve Bast gave a PowerPoint overview of the 2015 marketing plan. He stated the primary objective was to improve awareness and perceptions of the City of Maricopa within the Phoenix area. He discussed the City's brand promise and brand DNA. He presented clips of 2015 media coverage of Maricopa and gave a recap of public relations, paid media and digital initiatives. Next, he discussed plans to incorporate MEDA feedback for 2016 such as incorporating new tactics to reach business audiences, increase frequency of paid television segments, optimize the consumer online marketing and build on successful public relation programs. Lastly, he turned the floor over to MEDA Senior Advisor to the Board of Directors, Ioanna T. Morfessis, Ph.D.

Dr. Ioanna Morfessis thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to provide an update. She emphasized that private-public partnerships are essential for municipalities to succeed. She commended Mayor Price, Vice Mayor Brown and the Council for reinvigorating the corporate community in the City. She stated that she is

honored to work with the Mayor, Council, City Manager Rose, Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart and the MEDA Board of Directors. She added that she looks forward to a continued partnership.

Mayor Price stated that he is excited about the direction the City is going since being a part of MEDA.

The Presentation was heard.

- 3.4** **WSPRES 15-43** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss permitting the carrying of a concealed fire arm on City property.

Mayor Price explained the process for work session discussions. He explained that no action would be taken, but direction would be given on how to proceed. He turned the discussion over to Councilmember Manfredi and Councilmember Kimball.

Councilmember Manfredi explained that he wanted the discussion brought forward because citizens contacted him inquiring why the signs at Copper Sky and City Hall prohibit guns in the buildings. He stated that he wanted to discuss the possibility of allowing people who have concealed weapons permits, to carry their firearms into public buildings. He noted that the City of Gilbert currently allows firearms in their public buildings and elaborated.

Councilmember Kimball stated that he supports having the discussion. He emphasized that carrying firearms is a big responsibility and the carrier should be trained. He elaborated on the current laws pertaining to carrying firearms and stated that concealed weapon permits are issued by the Department of Public Safety. He added the permit requires training from a certified National Rifle Association instructor, but that training classes have no definitive time, no qualification parameters and could be issued online at one point. He reiterated that while he supports having the discussion, he believes it is a big responsibility and that the carrier should be thoroughly trained.

Councilmember Smith inquired about the training requisitions. Councilmember Kimball reiterated that there are no defined requisitions for the training classes, but that they no longer issue them online.

Mayor Price clarified that the topic of discussion would not be resolved in tonight's work session, but if Council decided, a process could be initiated to create a policy by directing staff and City Manager Rose to do more research. He stated the topic would then be brought back at a later date with more information, in-depth discussion and comments from the public.

Councilmember Smith spoke in support of further discussion. She stated that some of her concerns and added she would eventually like to hear Police Chief Stahl's opinion and find out more about the restriction. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Wade also spoke in support of further discussion. He stated he received a number of emails and that he has a lot of questions as well.

Vice Mayor Brown stated that, he too, received emails and supports further discussion. He cautioned against rushing to judgment and elaborated.

Councilmember Chapados agreed that carrying concealed firearms is a huge responsibility and expressed concerns with the perception of safety by the community. She supported going forward with the discussion, but added she would like thorough research. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Price stated that the policy from the City of Gilbert was not based on city code. He noted they did it through a policy statement. He read the policy statement from the City of Gilbert and added that the City of Mesa and Tempe have metal detectors at the entrance of their Council Chambers. He stated that all costs associated would need to be considered.

Consensus was to go forward with further in-depth discussion.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Adjournment

The City Council Work Session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, 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 work session of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 15th day of December, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2016.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk