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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Our Lady of Grace Deacon, Mario Ortega gave the invocation and the Girls Scout Troop 314 led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Mayor Christian Price and Councilmember Nancy Smith

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

The Council acknowledged the Sequoia Pathway Academy's football team, the Pumas, for winning the 3A CAA State Championship. They presented all the players and members of the team with medals. The Director of Sequoia Pathway Academy thanked the community, the City and staff for the excellent facilities at Pacana Park.

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price reported attending GPEC (Greater Phoenix Economic Council) events and the State of the State Address. He emphasized the importance of attending and having tight relationships with representatives and legislators. He stated that as members of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, the City always tries to find access to leaders. He stated he has taken phone calls and attended meetings with the league dealing with the start of the session and elaborated on the process. He stated the City would stay involved for the next three months.

**After the Call to the Public Mayor Price acknowledged he was wearing a tie that was a gift from a little girl named Allison Rice whom he met in December along with her family.*

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose addressed concerns about there not being a meeting about the BLM's (Bureau of Land Management) planned recreational shooting range. He stated he reached out to them and learned that they intended to have a meeting sometime in February to receive input on the shooting range. He added he would keep them updated once a date was set.

6. Call to the Public

Councilmember Chapados, Councilmember Smith and Age-Friendly Consultant Arnold Jackson gave information on the Senior Info/Expo. Mr. Jackson stated the event would take place on Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall. He stated the event was aimed at seniors 55 and over, adults, caregivers and snowbirds. He stated 40 exhibitors had signed up and detailed some of the organizations. Councilmember Chapados detailed some of the activities offered such as workshops and programs. Councilmember Smith stated there would be door prizes and raffles for gift baskets. She elaborated on the free resources and free testing. She encouraged participation.

David Beedon expressed concerns with children being allowed at the dog park. He stated that if children were allowed, it would be an added concern for other dog owners. He stated he assumed the rule to not allow children was based on safety concerns. He stated dog owners tended to congregate at the tables to talk and have a good time, and they would not like looking after kids.

Robert G. McAlister commended the dog park and stated there was a problem with children attending the park. He stated that out of safety concerns they've asked parents not to come in with their children and that some people have been upset when confronted. He stated the dog park was not a place for children.

Meghan Kudel stated she was an owner of a Rottweiler dog and that she'd had confrontations with adults bringing children to the park. She stated the area was for dogs and it needed to remain for dogs. She expressed legal concerns of children getting knocked down by dogs. She stated the rules should stand and be enforced.

Torri Anderson with Against Abuse Incorporated gave information on the 12th annual Seeds of Change Gala. She invited everyone to the event at Province on February 25 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. She stated there was two ticket prices \$50 per person or \$75 for VIP. She detailed some of the activities and noted the theme was Boots and Bling. She thanked Meritage Homes and added that posters would be out next week with e-mail blasts and postcards. She stated tickets were limited and directed anyone wanting to purchase tickets to seedsofchange gala.org. She added that all proceeds would go to Against Abuse Inc. She encouraged participation.

Rich Vitiello congratulated the newly elected members of the Council. He stated that a close friend of his, Izzy Calderon was in the accident on the SR 347. He stated Mr. Calderon, a corrections officer, was still in the hospital and elaborated on his condition. He stated a softball tournament would be hosted to benefit the affected family. He stated the tournament was planned for Saturday, February 18th and asked if there was a way that the Council could waive the fees for the lights and fields. He added lights would be limited, and if fees could be waived, it would go a long way.

Shelly Gillespie, Executive Director of Copa Short Film Fest gave an update on the event coming up. She gave information on the workshops and participants. She stated there would be VIP passes and stated the program was almost finished. She encouraged buying tickets in advance and invited contributions for the silent auction. She stated the Film Fest would be held February the 18 and 19 at Ultrastar Ak-Chin.

Judith Zaimont with the Maricopa Arts Council gave information on the February Arts Bloom events. She stated the events started with the All-Maricopa Poetry Slam and elaborated on the winners. She detailed the following events: the Regional Poetry Slam at The Duke on January 28, the opening of Jennifer Hawkins gallery at the

Library in two weeks, the Studio Crawl from February 3 through 5, an Artist Lecture series "Inside the Creative Mind" on February 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the Him Dak Eco Museum, a Silent-Reading Party on February 9 at Honeycutt Coffee, and lastly the Copa Shorts Film Fest.

Ron Fleming, President of Global Water, stated that based on an article and a petition that was started he thought it was important to come and address concerns. He stated that people developed the perception that they were getting over-billed due to unexplainable volumes of consumption. He stated that people believed that the meters were falsely over-recording or that Global Water was falsifying meter readings. He stated that they purchased their meters from the largest meter manufacturers in the world and elaborated. He explained how water meters function and stated that a very accurate reading exist in the meter itself. He stated that Global Water does not manipulate the registers, and cannot and do not push additional water through customer's meters. He stated that while meters may age and lose accuracy, it was mostly 100% in the customer's favor. He stated it was virtually impossible for a water meter to fail in a way that would create water usage. He stated that aging mechanical meters slowed down. He stated that their 3rd party billing vendor reported back and that only a 1% fraction was reported as billing errors. He reiterated that meters do not cause over-billing and stated that there was no evidence of an individual manipulating the billing itself. He stated Global Water would be available to the City, staff, customers, the media as necessary to address the ongoing concern.

Jon Corwin General Manager of Global Water, Water Resources stated there was a systematic process in place for customer with concerns of unexpected high water consumption. He stated they walked customers through steps to help them identify unexpected consumption. He stated they offered customers the ability to request a meter re-read or a meter test. He stated the meter tests were not done in-house. He added that he had never seen a meter over-report water usage because typically they were accurate or under-reporting. He stated they try to walk customers through trouble shooting process. He stated that calls to the call center were monitored and they try to provide feedback and call back. He stated calls were recorded. He stated that if costumers do not call in, they cannot help those costumers. He stated that some of the customers who commented in the news did not reach out to Global Water with their concerns and two others did not have high water consumption. He stated they reached out to those customers to address their concerns.

Jason Thuneman, with Global Water gave an update on the meter project that would kick off this week. He stated that the Meter Replacement Project included replacing, upgrading meters and installing automated reader infrastructure. He reiterated that meters were mechanical devices and over time they wore out and under-registered. He stated that meters must be replaced periodically per industry standards and they would take the opportunity to install newer automated meter readers that would be part of the system. He stated the project would benefit the customers, the community and the utility in three primary ways: 1-reduce water loss and make sure all water was accounted for, 2- reduced operations to keep rates low, 3- improve customer service by providing new tools that would allow control of their water usage. He stated the project would empower costumers to be active in water conservation and added they were working on developing a tool to allow customers to receive push-notifications through email or texts to identify consumption thresholds. He elaborated and stated that notifications would go out this week regarding the meter exchange.

Mario Ortega invited the community to attend the 10th annual Our Lady of Grace Parish Festival on January 27 through January 29 from 4 p.m. to 10p.m.

Priscilla Behnke and Yolanda Ewing with Families Fist invited parents to attend the Parent University on Monday, January 23 at Maricopa High School from 6 to 8 p.m. She gave information on the event and noted it was a free event with food.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 17-01](#) Approval of Minutes from the 12/20/2016 City Council Work Session.

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

- 7.2 [MIN 17-02](#) Approval of Minutes from the 12/20/2016 City Council Regular meeting.

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

8. Public Hearings

- 8.1 [PH 17-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment on the proposal of Text Amendment (TXT) 16-02 Article 412 Telecommunication Facilities.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:07 p.m. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held.

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made to Approve the Consent Agenda.

- 9.1 [CON 17-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on entering into a Joint Litigation/Common Interest Agreement with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the City of Tucson, the City of Phoenix, the City of Tempe, the City of Chandler, Lake Havasu City, the City of Bisbee, the Town of Snowflake and the City of Mesa related to SB1487 and any future related lawsuits arising out of SB 1487. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.2 [CON 17-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a contract between the City and Atria Planning, LLC, a California corporation, located in San Diego to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan for the City of Maricopa. The contract will be for the amount of \$55,610. Funding will come from Professional and Occupational program funding in the approved 2016-17 budget for Development Services Department. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.3 [CON 17-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving Line Extension Agreements with Global Water Resources for water and wastewater utilities to be constructed with the Edison Road Extension from Roosevelt Avenue to

State Route 238. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.4 [CON 17-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the Assignments and Bills of Sale with Global Water Resources for the water and sewer infrastructure installed for the Copper Sky Police Substation and the Public Works/Fleet/Fire Maintenance Facility. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.5 [SPEVLIQ 17-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application submitted by Reverend Marcos C Velasquez on behalf of Our Lady of Grace to host a beer garden for a special event known as The Annual Parish Festival from January, 27-29, 2017 at Copper Sky Regional Park located at 18700 N. St. Gabriel Way, Maricopa, AZ. Discussion and Action.

It was noted that the event would take place at Our Lady of Grace Church and not at Copper Sky.

This Liquor License was Approved.

- 9.6 [SPEVLIQ 17-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application submitted by Torri Anderson on behalf of Against Abuse Incorporated to host alcohol at a special event known as The 12th Annual AAI Seeds of Change Gala taking place February 25, 2017 at Province Town Hall, 20942 N. Province Parkway, Maricopa, AZ. Discussion and Action.

This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

- 10.1 [PRES 17-02](#) The Mayor and Council will hear a presentation from Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET) regarding the contracted services for the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE). Discussion only.

Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart introduced Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET) President/CEO, Scott Hathcock, Executive Director of Chandler Innovations, Christine Bailey and Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE) Executive Director, Quintin Baker.

Mr. Hathcock gave a PowerPoint presentation on NACET. He stated the mission of NACET was to incubate businesses to scale and incubate incubators. He stated he would focus on incubating incubators and noted NACET identified pathways, provided professional services and oversight, provided incubator tracks and programs, build mentor/coach networks, build and connect Angel/VC Network and finally provided incubation management systems. He stated they incubate incubators through a four step process and that last year's Maricopa had been on Step 1 and 2. He stated that they would move to step 3. He detailed the steps: Step 1- Analysis of Local Market Needs and Assessments, Step 2- Provide a market solution, Step 3- NACET Pathways and Step 4- End Goal. He invited Christine Bailey to discuss further.

Mrs. Bailey listed the foundations of the program they would like to implement in Maricopa: assessments, expectations, curriculum, one-on-one support and accountability. She discussed each foundation in detail. She invited Mr. Baker to

present on the mLoan.

Mr. Baker gave information on the 2016-2017 mLoan. He stated that \$116,000 had been issued on loans and there were currently 9 companies. He stated they continuously reached out to the recipients to check their progress. He stated reporting would be done on a monthly basis to the Economic Development Department and quarterly to City Council. He stated the reports would include participants, coaching hours, jobs created, the capital raised/sales, mLoans, status and advancement, and events. He discussed the 2017 NACET team of Maricopa, Tracy Schmalenback, Christopher Califano and Randi Campbell. Mr. Hathcock discussed the rest of the NACET team and board. He stated there were 7 new board members and elaborated. He invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Smith inquired if the metrics included on the report going forward were previously available. Mr. Hathcock stated that reports were being done but not to the level they would be done now. Councilmember Smith inquired if it would be possible to go back and get more in-depth reports from previous metrics. Mr. Hathcock stated it would be possible. Councilmember Smith stated she was interested in that information. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hathcock stated that in the past there was no process to exit companies, and that there would be more transparency going forward. Councilmember Smith asked how they felt about non-profit organizations using the resources they offer. Mr. Hathcock stated that the program was customizable for the community. Councilmember Smith stated the City was currently working on a Strategic Plan for economic development and asked if they could provide input. Mr. Hathcock responded they would and elaborated on the focus of the past.

Councilmember Wade asked how pending challenges would be identified and what kind of mechanisms were in place to address potential problems. Mr. Hathcock responded that they have open communication and the Board was more involved. He stated there would be a lot more transparency and commitment. Mrs. Bailey added that they could sit down and create a vision and mission statement to outline clearer objectives. Councilmember Wade asked if there were any concerns with any of the previous mLoan recipients. Mr. Baker responded that a few businesses had fallen out of communication but most have been responsive. He elaborated. Councilmember Wade asked what the timeline was for the businesses that had fallen out of communication. Mrs. Airheart responded that it was addressed in the amended contract. Discussion ensued regarding expectations after the current changes.

Councilwoman Gusse asked for clarification over the last year's events that led to an individual being let go. City Attorney Denis Fitzgibbons cautioned against discussing personnel issues. Discussion ensued regarding communication during the event. Mr. Hathcock elaborated that the process wasn't producing measurable expectations and elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse inquired about MCE's relationship with the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Baker stated that the Chamber of Commerce had been an information hub and elaborated. Mr. Hathcock added that they try to find community partners and elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse asked if they had considered including a small business administration and noted the closest one was in Casa Grande. Mr. Hathcock stated they have and elaborated.

Councilmember Wade asked if it was possible to get information on the actual jobs created. Mr. Baker stated that last year there were at least 40 jobs created and noted that there would be more exact numbers going forward. City Manager Rose elaborated that going forward the City would look at not only the number of jobs being created, but also the type of jobs.

Mayor Price stated he was one of the biggest proponents for incubators and elaborated. He stated that he was not happy that, as a paying customer, the City had not been included in the decision making and that he would like to see that change. He stated that the City was working on a Strategic Plan and that there needed to be a partnership which he had not seen. He commended the metrics and quarterly reports. He stated that going forward, the Economic Development Department and the City needed to have a say, more than in the last year and specially the last six months. He stated he was not comfortable with paying for the contract upfront and would like monthly payments to help add accountability to the process. Mr. Hathcock agreed and elaborated. Mayor Price stated payments could even be done quarterly and elaborated. He reiterated that incubators were crucial, but wanted to see more accountability based on the current situation.

City Manager Rose asked about the next step in the process to establish clear expected outcomes. He asked what the process was to make adjustments to the metrics already identified. Mr. Hathcock elaborated on the reports. City Manager Rose stated that he would like for Mr. Hathcock to sit down with the Economic Development Director and himself to identify clear measures. Mr. Hathcock agreed.

Councilmember Smith stated that when she reviewed the contract there were some good expectations that have not been accounted for. City Manager Rose stated that once the measures were outlined they would bring them back in a work session for discussion.

The Presentation was heard.

10.2 **CON 17-03**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request for a Second Contract Amendment to Contract CON 14-50, Wilson & Company, extending the contract term to June 30, 2017, and adding two new elements, a Truck Route Study and Land Use Legal Consultation Services. The Truck Route Study will be paid from Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), Design-Improvements other than Buildings, Study To Establish Truck Routes (20055151-67735-35045) The Land Use Legal Consultation Service will be paid from General Capital Improvement Fund, Professional and Occupational, General Plan Update (35044141-53320-34007) Discussion and Action.

Development Services Director, Martin Scribner gave information on the agenda item. He stated that the City adopted the Area Transportation Plan (ATP) and the General Plan. He stated that last year they concluded Phase I of the ATP and that Wilson & Company were still working on Phase II. He asked for approval of the contract amendment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Chapados, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.3 **BDGT 17-01**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a budgetary transfer request by the Financial Services Department in the amount of \$16,500 from General Fund, General Government, Contingency (10010000-99000) to General Fund, Finance, Professional and Occupational (10011313-53320) to hire temporary staff to assist the Finance Department with special projects. Discussion and Action.

Finance Director, Brenda Hasler gave information on the Agenda Item. She discussed the special projects that needed assistance. She stated there had been significant turn-over and that additional projects the department was working on, took significant amount of time. She detailed some of the jobs and duties for the position and requested approval of the budgetary transfer.

Councilmember Chapados stated that finance was not the only department that faced personnel changes and loss. She noted every department was experiencing the same issue. She stated she would like to see information on the balance of the Contingency Fund to provide financial support to other departments, even on a temporary basis.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, that this Budgetary Transfer be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to enter in to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11.1 ES 17-01 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 in order to discuss potential changes to the Code of Ethics and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

12. Adjournment

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 17th day of January, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2017.

**Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk**