



# 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 Chapados**  
**Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse**  
**Councilmember Bridger Kimball**  
**Councilmember Leon Potter**

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Tuesday, March 18, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. Call to Order**

*The City Council work session was called order at 6:02 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present** 6 - Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, and Mayor Christian Price

**3. Agenda Items**

**3.1 WS 14-01** The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

*Councilmember Chapados stated she had a few questions on agenda item 9.4. Senior Planner Kazi Haque addressed Council and stated he provided a draft resolution and amended policy. Councilmember Chapados indicated that the provided documents addressed her concerns.*

**3.2 WS 14-02** The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

*Councilmember Brown reported attending the National League of Cities annual conference in Washington, D.C. He stated the conference always provides new information and stated it included conferences with Homeland Security, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), transportation, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) among several others. He discussed the information addressed at the conference.*

**3.3 WSPRES 14-08** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding existing COMET services and new transit demand.

*Transportation Transit Planner David Maestas presented on the existing COMET services and new transit demand. He provided background information on the city's transportation system, detailed the current demand response services offered, and discussed ridership. He stated that the Multi-Generation Center, Central Arizona College (CAC), and the Pinal County Public Health Maricopa Clinic are new sources of transit demand. He reviewed the results of the 2013 Transit Survey. He discussed the sustainability of the current demand response system noting that it is not cost-efficient and that a fixed route service should be considered for the future. He*

*emphasized that transit efficiency is one important criterion when the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) awards grant funding. Next, he discussed regional connectivity stating that it is becoming more important as communities grow. He noted that the Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART) system currently cycles a bus between Florence and Casa Grande and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is conducting a Southeast Valley Transit Study in which Maricopa is included. He added that a route from Maricopa to Phoenix is currently offered by Valley Metro Van Pools. He concluded by detailing staff recommendations that suggest a fixed route would be more efficient and that regional connectivity should be included. He opened the floor for questions from council. A brief discussion ensued.*

*Mayor Price stated that he has discussed transportation needs in many meetings and would like to see the city move forward with this item. Consensus was to move forward to put this in the agenda.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

- 3.4 WSPRES 14-09** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and provide direction on the proposed 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

*Finance Director Brian Ritschel presented the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Funding Plan. He reviewed successes of Fiscal Year (FY)2013-2014 such as the City Hall building, Copper Sky Recreational Complex, Fire Stations 572 and 575, and the Police Administration building. He discussed the CIP planning process and noted that the City Council held their annual strategic planning retreat on November 1, 2013. He stated the FY 2014-2015 CIP plan addresses Council priorities identified during the retreat which include economic sustainability, transportation, public safety, quality of life, and quality of municipal services. He detailed the projects under each priority area and noted the major projects for FY 14/15 are the SR347 Grade Separation, the Edison Road extension to SR 238, the police substation with dispatch center at Copper Sky, and the Public Works/ Fire Fleet building. He reviewed the proposed CIP investment by department for FY 14/15. He reviewed the funding sources in detail and noted that the City is trying to get as much funding as possible from outside sources such as federal, state, or regional grants. He discussed the 10 year CIP and indicated the FY17/18 will be critical.*

*City Manager Gregory Rose stated that the electronic process is being pushed forward and added that the SR347 project will possibly get financial support from the Ak-Chin Community.*

*Consensus was to go forward with the CIP funding plan.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

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

*The City Council work session entered into executive session at 6:39 p.m.*

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

- 4.1 ES 14-10** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorney to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the pending claims and lawsuits filed against the City 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 18th day of March, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2014.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk