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Meeting Minutes - Final 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, April 4, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kevin Tracy gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Brown 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

3.1 [PROC 17-06](#) National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation

Mayor Price invited everyone presented for the proclamation to the front. He read the proclamation and proclaimed the week of April 2nd through the 8th, 2017 as National Crime Victims' Right Week in the City of Maricopa.

Read

3.2 [PROC 17-07](#) Telecommunications Week Proclamation

Mayor Price invited everyone presented for the proclamation to the front. He read the proclamation and proclaimed the week of April 9th through the 15th, 2017 as Telecommunications Week in the City of Maricopa.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price gave a brief statement about events and meetings attended.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Rose invited Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart to give an update on the Science City event. Mrs. Airheart gave a brief background on the event and noted this year's event sponsors included Southwest Gas, Harrah's

Ak-Chin Resort, Hound is Where the Heart Is, Susie's Cruises, Hickman's Farms and the Rose Law Group. She stated the money would go back into the community to support future STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities.

Next, City Manager Rose invited Community Services Director, Kristie Riester to highlight the Salsa Festival. Mrs. Riester reported on the 13th annual Salsa Festival held on March 25. She stated there were approximately 1,200 people in attendance. A video with highlights of the events was played. She thanked the event's sponsors and everyone for their support.

City Manager Rose announced that Parks Crew Leader, Pete Lavender recently lost his son. He asked for thoughts and prayers for his family.

Mayor Price announced ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) would be hosting an informational meeting on the SR 347 Overpass Project tomorrow (April 5th) from 5:30 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. at the MUSD (Maricopa Unified School District) Boardroom.

6. Call to the Public

Rachel Leffall commented on the work session discussion regarding the City Seal. She spoke in favor of involving the community in the final design. She stated it was important to reach out to the community to make sure the seal represented the community. She asked that the Mayor and Council take it into consideration.

Judge Lyle Riggs commended the work of those working on victim services and telecommunications. Next, on behalf of his court staff and himself, he extended his condolences to the family of criminal defense attorney and prosecutor, Sequoia DuBose. He gave a brief background on Mr. DuBose and noted that his passing was a great loss for the City.

7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 17-23](#) Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2017 City Council Work Session.

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

- 7.2 [MIN 17-24](#) Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2017 City Council Regular meeting.

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

8. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

9. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda . The motion

carried by a unanimous vote.

- 9.1 [SPEV 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 for Special Event License submitted by David Kessler on behalf of True Grit Tavern for a special event known as Maricopa's 1st Annual Rib Cook-Off on April 29, 2017 at 20800 N. John Wayne Pkwy. Ste. 101. Discussion and Action.

This Special Event Permit was Approved.

- 9.2 [IGA 17-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving Amendment No. One to the existing Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Maricopa and the State of Arizona through the Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Porter Road project. The purpose of this Amendment is to amend funding. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

- 9.3 [CON 17-13](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of an Addendum to Job Order Contract with SDB, Inc. to provide general construction services for the Maricopa Main Police Department; Repurpose Evidence Facility. This Addendum, in an amount totaling \$129,735.79 plus an owner's contingency of \$10,000 for a total of \$139,735.79, is based on City of Chandler Contract No. JOC 1601-401; will be funded from the General Government CIP Fund, Police Admin, Buildings, City Hall and Police Station (35022121-67720-31003); and is in compliance with City of Maricopa Purchasing Code Article IV, Section 3-223 "Cooperative Purchasing." Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 9.4 [MISC 17-17](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval to proceed with Maricopa Domestic Water's request to abandon King Street and an attached 16-foot-wide alley. Discussion and Action.

This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.

10. Regular Agenda

- 10.1 [WSPRES 17-15](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on Maricopa Police Victim Services and an Update on the Family Advocacy Center. Discussion.

Maricopa Police Chief Stahl continued from the Work Session Agenda. He provided a summary of why an advocate center was important and the stakeholders involved in the process. He stated the grant cycle was about to run out and a decision had to be made on whether to proceed or not. He elaborated that currently taking victims to the closes victim advocate center takes approximately 45 minutes. He discussed the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach and noted it provided the best service to the community and victims. He provided statistics of current services and victims and stated that number would increase with an MDT. He provided a summary of the sustainability of the center and invited additional questions.

Mayor Price inquired how the increase in services provided would be handled once they became available to other cities and communities. Chief Stahl elaborated that the idea was to provide the best resources available to victims.

Councilmember Wade asked if there was data or statistics on the number of victims that recanted their stories as a result of not being treated in a timely manner. Chief

Stahl responded he did not have that studies suggested at least 20% of sexual and domestic violence victims recanted when there was no MDT available. He elaborated and stated one victim lost was too many and he spoke from his prior experience.

Chief Stahl continued his presentation and noted that the Gila River Indian Community was not included in the stakeholder list because there was a pending grant application. He added that the Ak-Chin Indian Community contributed with the initial grant for the building. Next, he detailed the options for the center's management. He detailed the option of having a City Managed center and noted an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was ready for all partners. He added that the policies and protocols would be written by Maricopa PD and would be shared with partners. He explained that decisions would be researched by partners and presented to the City Manager and added that decision making would be more efficient under this option. He elaborated on the benefits of a City managed center such as; no official director (reduces cost), must follow city procurement rules, non-profit stakeholders would have the ability to fundraise on behalf of the center's needs and that an draft form of the IGA was already presented to stakeholders. Next, he detailed a Partnership Managed option. He stated all partners would share equally in operational and management cost and that decisions that had a financial impact would require all partners to equally present recommendation to their funding boards. He stated there could be a director or revolving chairperson among all funding partners. He noted that decision making would be less efficient under this option. Next, he detailed a Non-Profit Managed option. He stated they require a board of directors which decreased efficiency and elaborated. He discussed governance polices, tax ID number, tax exempt status and the ability to fundraise under the option. Next, he gave information on Family Advocacy Centers in Arizona. He briefly described the location and opened the floor for questions.

Mayor Price inquired which group was ready to fundraise for the center. Chief Stahl responded that Winged Hope International was one of them and elaborated. Mayor Price inquired how a hybrid model would work. Chief Stahl explained it would be similar to how the Police Foundation operates. A video of the property was played.

Councilmember Smith inquired about possible partnerships with Sunlife, Banner or Dignity Health to provide a nurse. Chief Stahl responded that Sunlife and Banner declined partnership offers and elaborated on nurse salaries. Councilmember Smith stated she sees the need and added to her, it appeared to be a Pinal County issue. Chief Stahl elaborated on the role of Pinal County. Councilmember Smith stated that if there was no response from Pinal County, she would be in favor of a non-profit managed center. Chief Stahl responded.

Councilmember Manfredi spoke in support of the center. Chief Stahl elaborated. A brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Smith expressed concerns that a city managed center would run out of funds and be responsible. City Manager Rose explained that partners would be involved in the decision making of the center. A brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Smith reiterated that she would rather have a non-profit managed center. City Manager Rose elaborated on the non-profit managed option.

Councilmember Wade spoke in support of going forward with a family advocacy center regardless of who manages it and elaborated.

Councilmember Chapados asked why it was not an option to purchase the property now. Chief Stahl stated the price was too high and elaborated on the possibility of purchasing it in the future. Councilmember Chapados asked if the location was adequate for what the city needed. Chief Stahl responded. Councilmember

Chapados stated she preferred a City Managed center and asked if it was possible to have a hybrid model to include an advisory board. Chief Stahl elaborated. Councilmember Chapados commended Chief Stahl, his department and Mary Witkowski for securing funding. She elaborated that the center was needed. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Manfredi reiterated his support of going forward with the family advocacy center. He spoke in support of having a city run center with partnerships.

Mayor Price asked how the City of Eloy funded their center. Chief Stahl responded it was through grants and elaborated on their coordination with Pinal County. He stated their building was donated and that they did not charge partners. Mayor Price stated that once a service was offered it was difficult to take a service away. He discussed the budgetary process and expressed concerns with the ballooning of costs and being unable to maintain the service over time. He suggested moving it forward as part of the budgetary process and stated that he was not ready to make a recommendation. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Smith supported moving forward and making part of the budgetary process. She stated she would like to explore a city non-profit. She stated she would also like a discussion on liability. Councilmember Chapados stated she would like to see a comparison of services offered by centers in other communities. Chief Stahl elaborated and noted that liability was included in the price. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Gusse asked if there was a plan B location in the case plans fell through. Chief Stahl elaborated. Mayor Price inquired about lease renewals with the property owner. Chief Stahl stated the property owner was motivated. Mayor Price asked if partners such as Ak-Chin would consider partnering on an ongoing basis. Chief Stahl responded that the goal was to provide services to the Ak-Chin community members and prove the services worthy.

Councilmember Manfredi asked how it would be made part of the budgetary process. Chief Stahl stated it would go under grant money. A brief discussion ensued. Consensus was to move the item forward as part of the budgetary process. City Manager Rose stated they would formulate a reasonable recommendation. A brief discussion ensued.

10.2 [GRA 17-01](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to authorize City staff to complete all necessary paperwork for a FY 17-18 mid-cycle adjustment to the Rural Public Transportation Program (Section 5311) from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to continue to operate public transportation services for the next year and to authorize the City Manager to sign any documents related to this mid-cycle grant adjustment. Discussion and Action.

Development Services Director, Martin Scribner presented on the City of Maricopa Express Transit (COMET) and introduced Transit Planner, David Maestas. Mr. Maestas acknowledged Chris Hager, Total Transit Director of Operations present in the audience. Next, Mr. Maestas provided a brief summary of COMET services including Local Demand Response, Limited Local Demand Response, Regional Demand Response and Route Deviation Service. He stated they also offer services during City events. He stated the goal was to slowly grow the Route Deviation Service and maintain current levels of Demand Response. He detailed historical ridership from June 2013 through June 2016. Next, he detailed the current ridership from July 2016 through February 16, 2017 and noted there was a 33 percent increase over last year. He explained that by offering the route deviation service the cost per trip was brought down to \$23 instead of \$28.

Councilmember Manfredi asked Mr. Maestas to elaborate on the price per trip. Mr. Maestas explained how they calculate the cost per trip. Next, he detailed new ridership trends. He stated there has been new ridership base using the Route Deviation Service (RD) and that there was migration from the Demand Response Service (DR) to the RDS. He stated the RD has exceeded DRS for 6 of the 8 last weeks. Councilmember Manfredi asked for clarification on the average ridership per week. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Maestas presented a visual map of the bus stops of the RD service and noted the stop sign at the Copa Center would soon be removed. He stated the best performing stops were Copper Sky, Ak-Chin and the City Library. He detailed the other 6 locations and noted that signs were approved for Fry's Food Store and Ak-Chin Casino/Ultrastar. Councilmember Wade inquired about ridership from the Legacy School bus stop. Mr. Maestas explained that it was on the route and it already had ridership. He elaborated on why other charter schools did not meet the criteria. Councilmember Smith elaborated on why Legacy was selected.

Next, Mr. Maestas thanked the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee for their work on the Senior Transit Survey. He stated the survey targeted the senior population, over the age of 50. He stated 131 surveys were completed. He detailed the survey results. He stated the results indicated there were a number of riders who used to service to shop outside of Maricopa. He explained that they made stops within a 5 mile radius of Chandler Regional Hospital and Banner Health in Casa Grande. Councilmember Manfredi asked for clarification if that included stops at Chandler Fashion Center. Mr. Maestas stated it did. He stated the survey asked what would help most with transportation needs and discussed the results. He stated the survey asked which service they used most often and stated the local demand response was the most used, followed by the regional demand response. He detailed further questions asked in the survey and the results. He concluded the findings of the survey were that seniors were more prone to use the DR but were willing to use the RD and that more education on the services was needed. Mayor Price asked if the survey differentiated between the Ak-Chin casino and Ultrastar. Mr. Maestas responded it did not.

Next, he requested council approve the continuation of the FY (Fiscal Year) 17-18 Mid-Cycle adjustment budget and elaborated on the Local Share Breakdown for a total of \$175,414. He stated it would include purchase of a new bus. Councilmember Chapados asked if it would require relinquishing any of the old buses. Mr. Maestas stated that it did not and the intention was to keep using the old ones as well. He stated funding would increase the RD service to full time, continue the DR Service at current levels, provide the operation of an 8 week Summer Shuttle, purchase an additional bus and 11 bus shelters. Councilmember Wade asked if the Summer Shuttle would include the same map route presented. Mr. Maestas stated it would be a different route.

Councilmember Smith asked for the dollar value increase over last year's budget. Mr. Maestas responded it would be an approximate \$30,000. Councilmember Smith expressed concerns with the budget increase. Mr. Maestas stated the approval was to move forward with the application process and that it was subject to the regular budget process. Next, Mr. Maestas discussed Regional Transit Issues such as the Maricopa Transit Study launching in July 2017 and the ongoing Casa Grande Transit Development Plan Study. He invited questions from the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Chapados asked if there would be more funding options if the City headed towards a regional transportation system. Mr. Maestas elaborated.

Councilmember Manfredi asked for clarification on the on regional on demand response service. Mr. Maestas responded that the intention was to provide transportation to Chandler Regional Hospital and Banner Health in Casa Grande. He explained why the 5 mile radius was included. He stated it was \$3 round trip and added those trips were only offered on Tuesdays to Chandler Thursdays to Casa Grande. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Manfredi stated that he did not believe the Demand Response was needed. He elaborated that Uber or Lyft should be used for those services. Discussion ensued regarding Uber and Lyft. Mr. Maestas elaborated that the senior community was really appreciative of the service.

Vice Mayor Brown asked who was picking the charge for the no fee Maricopa Transit Study. Mr. Maestas stated it was funded under 5311 but that MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) stepped forward to co-manage the study.

Councilmember Chapados asked if it was possible to include Santa Cruz School as a stop since more seniors would be using it. Mr. Maestas elaborated on the options.

Mayor Price stated he did not foresee everyone having access to Uber or Lyft. He asked how Valley Metro handled it. Mr. Maestas elaborated on other municipalities. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hager elaborated on Total Transit's contract with Valley Metro. He noted that Uber and Lyft did not qualify for federal funding.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that this Consent to Apply for Grant be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Mayor Christian Price and Councilmember Nancy Smith

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Vincent Manfredi

10.3 [RES 17-10](#)

A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting the Development Agreement and Lot Sale Prohibition between the City of Maricopa, Maricopa 240, LLC and Desert Sunrise, LLC in compliance with A.R.S. §9-500.05. Discuss and Action.

Development Services Director, Martin Scribner presented a detailed summary of the Development Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Chapados, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10.4 [IGA 17-02](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Maricopa and The State of Arizona acting through the Department of Transportation on the construction of a bridge on State Route 347 over the Union Pacific Railroad within the City. The City's contribution toward funding for the construction, in an amount not to exceed \$13,972,300 will be drawn from the Highway User Revenue Fund, Improvements other than Building, State Route 347 Grade Separation (20055151-67730-35041), Local Road Maintenance Fund, Street Projects-Capital, State Route 347 Grade Separation (20555155-67750-35041), County Road Tax, Transportation, Improvements other than Building, State Route 347 Grade Separation (30044146-67730-35041) and CIP General Fund, Engineering, Street Projects-Capital, State Route 347 Grade Separation (35055155-67750-35041). Discussion and Action.

Public Works Director, Bill Fay gave a brief background to the Intergovernmental

Agreement and gave a brief description of the project.

Mayor Price inquired about additional overages and elaborated. Mr. Fay elaborated. A brief discussion ensued.

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

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to move to Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11.1 **ES 17-07** 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).

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 4th day of April, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2017.

**Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk**