



# 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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Wednesday, November 5, 2014

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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1. **Call to Order**

*Mayor Price called the City Council work session to order at 5:02 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

*Vice Mayor Farrell arrived at 5:59 p.m.*

**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 Dan Frank asked that Agenda Item 9.1 be pulled from consent. Councilmember Brown supported that request. Mayor Price stated Agenda Item 9.1 would be the first order of business in the regular agenda.*

3.2 [WS 14-02](#)

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

*Councilmember Chapados reported attending the Maricopa Police Department Awards Ceremony on October 25th. She congratulated the award recipients and commended the event.*

3.3 [WSPRES 14-28](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding the relocation of the Amtrak station.

*Public Works Director Bill Fay gave a presentation regarding the relocation of the Amtrak station. He provided a PowerPoint presentation with visual maps of the location of the proposed Amtrak station and discussed possible funding.*

*Councilmember Chapados asked if there are plans to extend Garvey Road. Mr. Fay responded that the possibility of connecting it to 347 will be addressed. Next, Councilmember Chapados inquired if there has been a location reserved for the Zephyr. Mr. Fay responded that he will make sure it gets added.*

*Mayor Price inquired if the plans include the potential for the station to be a "grand*

station," similar to the station in Flagstaff and if there will be enough parking spaces. Mr. Fay explained there is space to plan accordingly for both a grand station and for a transit center to replace the current park and ride.

Councilmember Chapados suggested addressing the need for a shuttle or cab station into the plans. Mr. Fay stated he can see that it is addressed and added that it is very early in the design process.

Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Jepson gave a presentation on potential temporary solutions. He reported attending a meeting with Amtrak, UPRR, and Federal Rail on September 25th in which short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions were discussed. He stated that the short-term solutions include coordinating schedules and reporting road blocks. He stated that residents can also look-up schedule information on Amtrack.com and use smart phone applications. He stated there is an emergency phone number, a complaint line to UPRR, and Arizona Corporation Commission also has a line for such complaints. He discussed a recent incident and the coordination between agencies.

Mayor Price suggested doing real-time postings to the City's media accounts such as twitter and Facebook. Mr. Jepson stated that staff can explore that option and stated the Fire Department and Police are very good at getting alerts through Nixxle, he also added that there are smart phone applications for train schedules.

Mr. Jepson continued his presentation with discussion of the intermediate solutions which included revising the existing 2007 design from an 8 inch platform to a grade level asphalt ramp. He detailed the changes and emphasized that it would be a temporary solution. He provided a visual site map of the Amtrak temporary ramp extension. He described the next steps, including meeting with UPRR and Amtrak to discuss design and funding details. He invited questions from Council.

Councilwoman Gusse asked how serious the temporary solution is. Mr. Jepson elaborated. Next, Councilwoman Gusse asked if there is an estimated figure. Mr. Jepson and City Manager Rose explained that there were 2 options which included a concrete ramp for over 2 million, and the intended temporary asphalt ramp. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Chapados asked what a possible time-table for the project. Mr. Jepson elaborated. Councilmember Chapados inquired who would be responsible for removal of temporary structures. Mr. Jepson stated that it would be addressed in the lease agreement.

Mayor Price stated that expanding the platform has been previously suggested, and inquired why it is now coming forward as a possibility. Mr. Jepson elaborated that it was due to the involvement of high level officials from the Federal Rail. Discussion ensued regarding ADA rules.

Mayor Price inquired about funding, particularly how partnerships would come into play. Mr. Jepson discussed the possibilities. Discussion ensued regarding funding. City Manager Rose stated that staff would explore partnerships for funding the temporary solution.

Mayor Price stated he would like to go forward with trying to alleviate the problem until the overpass is a done deal.

**The Presentation was heard.**

Committees and Commissions Handbook.

*City Clerk Vanessa Bueras gave a presentation on the Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCC) Handbook. She stated the handbook was created as a tool for BCC members to better understand their roles and responsibilities. She indicated the handbook is a compilation of state law, City Code, City Policies, and best practices. She provided a brief history of the BCC Handbook creation process and an overview of the handbook's content. She described the next steps and stated that if approved the handbook would be made available to all BCC members, it would be available on the City's website, and would be reviewed in detail during the BCC member training that will be offered. She invited questions from Council.*

*Councilmember Chapados thanked Mrs. Bueras and recommended having Council liaisons for some of the committees. She discussed her experience from attending various committee meetings and the benefits of having Council Liaisons. Next, she recommended including the training in the handbook and coordinating opportunities for BCC members to meet each other. Mrs. Bueras stated that if Council desires can be incorporated.*

*Mayor Price explained the appointment process and stated that he would restrain from codifying council liaisons. He stated that volunteers and liaisons are crucial, but that it should be on a volunteer basis. Councilmember Brown concurred with Mayor Price.*

*Councilwoman Gusse stated that it is essential for councilmembers to meet with the appointed BCC members. Mayor Price concurred and stated that a hosted event for members to meet each other is a good idea. Discussion ensued regarding a BCC events, followed by discussion on including council liaisons into the handbook. Consensus was to make council liaisons voluntary.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**3.5**      [WSPRES 14-34](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding the employee benefits package for calendar year 2015.

*Human Resources Director Kathleen Haggerty gave a presentation on the employee benefits package for the calendar year 2015. She reviewed the feedback received from employees, and described the employee benefit package. She discussed lower deductible options, including a 90% co-insurance option and provided examples. Next, she detailed dental, life, vision, and short term disability benefits. She reviewed the changes to the HSA. Next, she presented the different options: Option 1- Stay with Health Net and maintain plan design. Option 2- Go with Cigna and addressed all the concerns received from staff. Option 3 & 4- Go with Cigna and offer employees the option to pay for a lower deductible or maintain the current plan. She noted that staff recommends option 2, and explained why it is the best option. She concluded by inviting questions from Council.*

*Mayor Price stated that 18 months ago he sat on the benefits plans committee with Councilmember Brown and Councilwoman Gusse and it was very complex. He reviewed the process and outcome. Councilmember Brown stated that the second meeting went smoothly and was satisfied with the options. He added that staff input was immeasurable. A brief discussion ensued.*

*Consensus was to go forward with staff's recommendation.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**4. Executive Session**

*The City Council work session entered into executive session at 6:17 p.m.*

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

- 4.1 ES 14-36** 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 consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding entering into a Development Agreement, and the potential terms thereof, related to the channelization of the North Santa Cruz Wash and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.2 ES 14-42** 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 consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding entering into agreements related to the SR 347 grade separation funding and the potential TIGER grant application partnership, and the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.3 ES 14-43** 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 consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding the public improvements remaining in Phase II of Tortosa, entering into an agreement related to the public improvements, and the potential terms thereof, with the owners of Phase II of Tortosa, and for legal advice regarding same, 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 5th day of November, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 2nd day of December, 2014.**

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
**City Clerk**