



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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Mayor Christian Price
Vice Mayor Edward Farrell
Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Bridger Kimball
Councilmember Leon Potter

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6:00 PM

MUSD Board Room

1. Call to Order

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Leon Potter, and Councilmember Peggy Chapados

3. Agenda Items

3.1 WS 12-001 The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Price stated that he would be moving agenda item 10.2 to after agenda item 10.4.

3.2 WS 12-002 The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Potter stated that he attended a roundtable event hosted by State Legislators Frank Pratt and T.J. Shope. He stated that it was an informative meeting.

3.3 WSPRES 12-046 The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation by Tom Duensing, Finance Director, regarding the City's mid-year budget review.

Finance Director Tom Duensing presented.

He discussed the impact of the Vekol Park full build-out, the new city hall operating costs, continued personnel cost growth and increased personnel costs identified in the Development Services and Police audits. He indicated a structural deficit of \$700,000 in fiscal year 13-14 and a \$1,700,000 deficit beginning in fiscal year 14-15 if no adjustments are made throughout the five year period and \$100% of contingency is utilized.

Councilmember Brown asked if the structural deficit would be lessened if the economy improves as forecasted by many economists. Mr. Duensing agreed, stating that the deficit would be lessened in the economy improved. He added that the city forecasts conservative revenue increases.

Mr. Duensing stated that staff would like to develop a strategy through the BFO, Budget Finance and Operations Committee, then to council to determine if the fund balance should be utilized over the next fiscal years.

Mayor Price stated that the Council was being presented with the same information previously discussed by the BFO and that much time was spent discussing the significance of the decisions to be made.

Next Mr. Duensing moved on to discuss the HURF, Highway User Revenue Fund.

4. Executive Session

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

The Council adjourned from Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Chapados, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4.1 ES 12-002** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice from the City's attorney and to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale, or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(7).
- 4.2 ES 12-005** 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).
- 4.3 ES 12-023** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of consultation with its attorneys and to consider its position regarding a proposed Development and Settlement Agreement with Meritage Homes of Arizona, Inc. and Metro Red-1 pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

5. Adjournment

The City Council Work Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.