



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

*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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Tuesday, December 2, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.*

*Pastor Jim Johnson, from First Baptist Church of Maricopa, gave the invocation.*

*Councilwoman Gusse led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 10 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Peggy Chapados, Councilmember Dan Frank, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi and Councilmember Henry Wade

### 3. Recognition Program

*Mayor Price acknowledged the following dignitaries present: Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith, State Transportation Vice-Chairman Kelly Anderson, Fountain Hills Town Councilman Cecil Yates, Judge Lyle Riggs, and Ak-Chin Tribal Councilmember Delia Carlyle.*

#### 3.1 MISC 14-94 Recognition of outgoing Council members.

*Mayor Price invited Councilmember Frank to say his final remarks as a member of the Council. Councilmember Frank stated it was a wonderful experience. He thanked the Council, City staff, and the community. He encouraged the public to get involved and serve the community.*

*Mayor Price gave a brief statement on Councilmember Frank and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.*

*Mayor Price invited Councilwoman Gusse to say her final remarks as a member of the Council. Councilwoman Gusse stated that it was an interesting and great experience. She stated that acknowledging those who have served the Country was one of her priorities and Operation Welcome Home was a small token of appreciation. She noted some of her most memorable experiences and gave the new Council a message, emphasizing that, "what you do matters." She thanked her husband, kids, and family. Lastly, she thanked the City of Maricopa for allowing her to*

serve as council member.

Mayor Price stated that Councilwoman Gusse has done a lot for the City. He provided some highlights of Councilwoman Gusse's tenure in the Council including her involvement with the veteran community, Operation Welcome Home, the Lets Move Program, and her support for the Heritage District. He noted that as a female Latina elected official she always brought a different perspective. Mayor Price presented Councilwoman Gusse with a plaque of appreciation.

Councilwoman Gusse presented Police Chief Stahl and Fire Chief Leffler with awards of appreciation.

Mayor Price invited Vice Mayor Farrell to say his final remarks as a member of the Council. Vice Mayor Farrell stated it has been the most humbling experience of his life and recognized his mother Alma Farrell and his children. He stated that the goal of the first Council was to create the highest quality of lifestyle possible for the City of Maricopa and, that with the help of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD), and Central Arizona College (CAC), that goal was reached. He reflected back on other achievements of the City and recognized the staff for their hard work. He went on to recognize the 22 members of the Council who he has served with. Lastly, he thanked the citizens of Maricopa for their support and for allowing him to serve in the Council.

Mayor Price stated that Vice Mayor Farrell has been in the Council for 11 years and he helped incorporate the City. He noted he was the Chair of the Incorporation Committee, the first Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember. He presented Vice Mayor Farrell with a plaque of appreciation and a jersey with his name to commemorate the annual flag football game. Next, he invited former mayors Kelly Anderson and Anthony Smith to present him with a recognition award. He invited all members of the Council for one last picture.

#### 4. Swearing in Ceremony

- 4.1 [OATH 14-01](#) The newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers will assume office. The Honorable Judge Pro Tem Lyle Riggs will administer the oaths of office to the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers.

*Mayor Price stated that Honorable Judge Pro Tem Lyle Riggs would administer the oaths of office to the newly elected members of the Council and described the remaining process.*

*Honorable Judge Riggs administered the oath of office to Nancy Smith. She proceeded to sign the Code of Ethics agreement, and took a seat behind the dais. Councilmember Smith was welcomed.*

*Honorable Judge Riggs administered the oath of office to Vincent Manfredi. He proceeded to sign the Code of Ethics agreement and took his seat at the dais. Councilmember Manfredi was welcomed.*

*Honorable Judge Riggs administered the oath of office to Henry Wade. He proceeded to sign the Code of Ethics agreement and took a seat at the dais. Councilmember Wade was welcomed.*

*Honorable Judge Riggs administered the oath of office to Peggy Chapados. She proceeded to sign the Code of Ethics agreement and took a seat at the dais. Councilmember Chapados was welcomed back.*

*Honorable Judge Riggs administered the oath of office to Christian Price. He proceeded to take his seat at the dais. Mayor Price was welcomed back.*

*The new Council was welcomed with a standing ovation.*

**4.2**      **MISC 14-93**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss the selection of a Vice-Mayor from among the members of the City Council pursuant to Maricopa City Code Section 2-32. Discussion and Action.

*Councilmember Wade motioned to designate Councilmember Brown as Vice Mayor and was seconded by Mayor Price.*

*Mayor Price congratulated Vice Mayor Brown. Vice Mayor Brown thanked the City of Maricopa.*

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

**5. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards**

*Mayor Price acknowledged former City of Phoenix Councilmember Michael Johnson present in the audience.*

*The meeting went into recess at 7:43 p.m. for refreshments and the lighting of the tree. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.*

**6. Report from the Mayor**

*Mayor Price reported that the Fire Department will be conducting a toy drive (not to be confused with the Toys for Tots event) and that donations boxes would be available in the lobby. Next, he stated that there are several committee openings and directed those interested to fill out an application online or to contact City Clerk Vanessa Bueras. He stated the Non-Profit Funding Evaluation Committee is now accepting applications.*

*Next, he announced that there will be a public hearing tomorrow night, December 3, 2014 at the MUSD board room for public comments on the 347 Overpass Project, from 6 to 8 p.m.*

*Next, he reported that the FOR Our City Thanksgiving Dinner was a success. He added that they would also be hosting the Tip a Cop event at Native New Yorker tomorrow to raise money for the Shop With The Cop program. He stated that police officer will bus tables in order to raise money for the Shop With a Cop program and gave a brief summary on the program.*

*Lastly, he reported that there would be a Khwikball game at Copper Sky on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. He stated the game is open to Copper Sky members only, however daily passes can be purchased to participate. He noted that the inventor of Khwikball lives in Maricopa and concluded by turning it over to Councilmember Wade.*

*Councilmember Wade greeted the audience and gave a brief statement expressing his gratitude. He thanked all his supporters and stated he was honored and looks forward to working with the City.*

**7. Report from the City Manager**

*City Manager Rose invited Firefighter/Paramedic Carlos Schulz to the podium.*

*Firefighter Schulz announced that the Fire Department would be hosting the 2nd annual Rides for Toys toy drive at Pacana Park. He stated that participants can bring a new unwrapped toy and they get to ride in a fire truck. The toy drive will be on Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He encouraged participation.*

*City Manager Rose asked that Agenda Item 10.3 be pulled from consent.*

**8. Call to the Public**

*Rachel Leffall approached the podium and addressed the Mayor and Council. She reported that the Families First Community Development Corporation would be holding a fashion focus workshop on February 21st, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She stated it is a fashion show of prom dresses and added that sponsorships or contributions are welcomed.*

**9. Public Hearings****9.1 [PH 14-12](#)**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment regarding the use of FY15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and FY14 and FY15 State Special Projects (SSP) funds. SSP is competitive; whereas, CDBG is a set amount provided to the community and allocated based on Central Arizona Association of Government Regional Council Method of Distribution. Both grants are submitted to the Arizona Department of Housing and are awarded based on eligibility and funding availability.

*Mayor Price opened the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m.*

*Community Programs Manager Mary Witkowski gave a PowerPoint presentation on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and State Special Projects (SSP) Public Participation. She reviewed the CDBG's and SSP in detail. She stated the following objectives of the programs must be met: Benefit low to moderate income persons, address slum and blight, and address urgent needs. She listed eligible projects including; public works, public services, economic development, housing, community facilities, and community revitalization. She discussed past projects and funding. She stated that the City is slated to receive funding in 2015 and it normally does not exceed \$300,000. She discussed project ideas such as lighting for the Heritage District, acquiring properties within the Heritage District for demolition, and identifying homes in need of repair and contracting an agency to assist with repairs. She stated another additional project for consideration is the south side water system improvement project with Maricopa Domestic Water which is in phase 2 and would increase the water supply to the 347 road and increase fire hydrants.*

*Mayor Price closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.*

**The Public Hearing was held.**

**10. Consent Agenda****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, to Adopt the Consent Agenda, excluding Agenda Item 10.3. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 10.1 [PUR 14-13](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase in accordance with the City of Maricopa, Purchasing Code, Article IV, Section 3-223, Cooperative Purchasing and a budget transfer from the contingency account. The purchase will be for additional shelving for the Library in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to be paid from the Library Impact Fee Fund, Library, Furniture and Fixtures (32133135-67743). A budget transfer in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 from General Fund, General Government, Contingency (10010000-99000) to General Fund, Library, Furniture and Fixtures (10033135-67743) will be used for the purchase of book bins. Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

- 10.2 [PUR 14-14](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase exceeding \$25,000 pursuant to City Purchasing Code, Section 3-223 Cooperative Purchasing. The expenditure will be for the purchase of (15) sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 to be paid from General Government CIP Fund, Fire Support Services, Vehicles (35022528 67742-32020). Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

- 10.3 [PUR 14-15](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase and a budget transfer from the contingency account. The purchase will be for two bronze plaques to be placed at Pacana Park and Copper Sky Recreation Complex in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 and approve a budgetary transfer in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 from the General Fund, General Government, Contingency (1001000-99000) to the General Fund, Community Services Administration, Non-Capital Equipment (10033130-55690). Discussion and Action.

*Community Services Director Kristie Riester stated that there were discrepancies in the names of the members being recognized on the plaques. She recommended approving the budget transfer to go forward with the purchase of the plaques and that the information on the plaques would be made available for confirmation before the purchase is finalized.*

*Councilmember Chapados inquired if the changes would affect the price. Mrs. Riester responded that the plaques are smaller than the original and are therefore saving money.*

*Mayor Price spoke in support of the item with final confirmation before final purchase.*

*A motion was made by Councilmember Wade to approve the item with the proposed changes to the plaques contingent to final confirmation of the members being recognized on the plaques.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wade, seconded by Councilmember Kimball, that this Purchase be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 10.4 [PUR 14-16](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase exceeding \$25,000 pursuant to City Purchasing Code, Article IV, Section 3-223, Cooperative Purchasing. The expenditure will be for the purchase of three (3) sets of Extrication Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$131,000 to be paid from General Government CIP Fund, Fire Support Services, Machinery

(35022528-67741-32018). Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

- 10.5 [GRA 14-08](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to provide consent to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the purchase of a ladder truck for the department. There is a 10% match requirement in the amount of \$130,000 which, if the grant is awarded, will be requested through General Fund, General Government, Contingency (10010000-99999). Consent to submit an application designates the City Manager to sign all necessary documents to complete an application. Discussion and Action.

**This Consent to Apply for Grant was Approved.**

- 10.6 [GRA 14-09](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to provide consent to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grant in an amount not to exceed \$345,000 to host a regional education/training grant in collaboration with Mesa Community College (MCC) and its Virtual Incident Command Center (VICC). There is a 10% match requirement in the amount of \$34,500 which, if the grant is awarded, will be the responsibility of MCC through a valid Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Consent to submit an application designates the City Manager to sign all necessary documents to complete an application. Discussion and Action.

**This Consent to Apply for Grant was Approved.**

- 10.7 [GRAAC 14-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to accept a grant award and authorize the City Manager to sign and enter into a contract with the Arizona Commerce Authority, Rural Economic Development Grant (REDG) Program in the amount of \$250,000. Funding to accept this award is available in the Grants Fund, Economic Development, Technical Assistance (22011616-53340). The match for the grant award is \$25,000 and is available under the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Years 2015-2024, Transportation DIF2 Fund, Transportation, Street Capital Projects, Edison Road Extension (34644146-67750-35029). Discussion and Action.

**This Grant Acceptance was Approved.**

- 10.8 [LIQ 14-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding an application for a new license submitted by Kim Kwiatkowski on behalf of Circle K Store #2927 located at 19864 N. John Wayne Parkway, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Discussion and Action.

**This Liquor License was Approved.**

- 10.9 [LIQ 14-06](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding an application for acquisition of control change submitted by Michael Basha on behalf of Bashas' Store #109 located at 21044 N. John Wayne Parkway, Maricopa, Arizona 85139. Discussion and Action.

**This Liquor License was Approved.**

- 10.10 [MISC 14-91](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to re-authorize an annual holiday signage program that assists in promoting local business awareness

and economic growth from December 3, 2014 to January 5, 2014. Discussion and Action.

**This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**

**11. Regular Agenda**

**11.1 [MISC 14-92](#)**

The Mayor and the City Council shall hear a progress report regarding the 2040 Vision process.

*Interim Assistant to the City Manager Ainsley Legner provided an update on the 2040 Vision program. She stated there were 9 community forums and over 148 citizens participated. She listed the trending topics that emerged from the forums including; economic development and sustainability, transportation, public safety, utilities, community services and amenities, and planned quality growth. She reported that 16 Steering Committee members were selected and most completed the training with Carl Neu. She discussed the scheduled activities for the Issue Project Teams after which work will begin on drafting a proposed Maricopa vision and strategic plan for review by the Steering Committee, the community, and City Council before the final adoption.*

*Councilmember Smith commended the forums and inquired about the 52 people who volunteered to continue on the process. She asked if it is a closed process at this time. Mrs. Legner responded that it is not closed and directed those interested to contact her in the next couple of weeks.*

*Mayor Price announced that Development Services Robert Goodhue took a job offer from another municipality and would be leaving. He commended his work with the City and bid him farewell.*

*Vice Mayor Brown gave a brief closing statement.*

**12. Executive Session**

**13. Adjournment**

*The City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

**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 2nd day of December, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2014.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk