



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

6:00 PM

MUSD Board Room

1. Call to Order

The City Council Work Session meeting was called into order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 7 - Councilmember Leon Potter, 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 13-01 The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no questions or concerns.

3.2 WS 13-02 The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Potter reported attending the AZ01 at Work Tour with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick on August 13th. Sun Life Health Center in Maricopa was among one of the stops.

Councilmember Chapados reported attending the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new location of All-Stars Fyrestorm Cheer's on Saturday. She stated that the new location is located on Murphy Road and that it is open five days a week. She directed anyone who would like more information to contact them by email at fyrestormcheer@gmail.com or find them on Facebook.

Mayor Price reported attending the dedication of Fire Station 575.

3.3 WSPRES 13-22 The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation about special events for the City of Maricopa.

Community Services Director, Jennifer Campbell presented. She reviewed plans for

upcoming special events in the City. She also presented a list of new ideas for events and strategies for sponsorship of these events.

Vice Mayor Farrell inquired if there was an estimated attendance for the Great American BBQ. Jennifer Campbell stated that staff is working on a strategy to calculate attendance at City events but that for the moment there isn't one.

Councilmember Brown inquired about prizes for such events. Jennifer Campbell answered that there are no prizes yet, but staff is open to ideas.

- 3.4 WSPRES 13-21** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on key initiative's to advance the goals set forth in the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan during FY 2013-2014.

Economic Development Director, Micah Miranda presented. He reviewed the initiatives from fiscal year 2012-13 followed by detailed initiative goals for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Councilmember Potter asked what the unemployment rate is in Maricopa and how does it compare. Discussion ensued.

- 3.5 WSPRES 13-25** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on Government Property Lease Excise Tax.

Economic Development Director, Micah Miranda presented on Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET). He explained that publicly owned real property that is leased to a third party and used for non-public purposes is subject to a special tax known as the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET). He detailed rates, abatement, responsibilities of the lessor, the distribution of revenue, and how it can be used as an economic development tool. He concluded his presentation by inviting questions from the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Price asked about the GPLET term, and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Chapados inquired if there were restrictions on the type of businesses and Micah Miranda responded that there were no restrictions.

4. Executive Session

The Council entered into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

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

- 4.1 ES 13-16** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys and to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding entering into a development agreement with one or more landowners for improvements to State Route 347 near the intersection with Smith Enke Road and the potential terms thereof pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

- 4.2 ES 13-18** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the public body's position regarding the recruitment of a City Manager and a potential agreement related to such recruitment pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4).

- 4.3 ES 13-19** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorneys to consider its legal options and instruct representatives regarding the proposed settlement agreement of the current Global Water Rate Case and the potential terms thereof pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.4 ES 13-20** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with its attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the request to extend the Development Agreement for Rancho El Dorado South and the request to enter into a Tolling Agreement with Meritage Homes of Arizona, Inc. and Meritage Homes Corporation and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.5 ES 13-21** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City attorney and to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 and how it impacts Article 36 of the City of Maricopa Zoning Code regarding Wireless Telecommunications Facilities pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

5. Adjournment

The Work Session meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.