



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

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Mayor Anthony Smith
Vice Mayor Edward Farrell
Councilmember Marvin Brown
Councilmember Carl Diedrich
Councilmember Marquisha Griffin
Councilmember Julia Gusse
Councilmember Alan Marchione

Tuesday, March 20, 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 5 - Vice Mayor Edward Farrell, Councilmember Marvin Brown, Councilmember Carl Diedrich, Councilmember Marquisha Griffin, and Councilmember Julia Gusse

Absent 2 - Mayor Anthony Smith, and Councilmember Alan Marchione

2.1 WS 12-001

The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

2.2 WS 12-002

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

Vice Mayor Farrell stated that he recently attended the Transportation and Infrastructure Conference in Washington D.C.. He indicated that he engaged in many discussions focusing on issues affecting Maricopa, including the Union Pacific Rail Road, UPRR and Interstate 11. Councilmembers Brown, Diedrich, Griffin and Gusse shared some highlights of their attendance at the National League Of Cities, NLC Conference. Each of them spoke to the benefits of attending the NLC conference.

**2.3 WSPRES
12-012**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and provide direction on the draft 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Finance Director Tom Duensing presented. He provided a brief overview and history of the Capital Improvement Plan, CIP. He commended staff for their efforts throughout the process. There were no comments from Council.

**2.4 WSPRES
12-009**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation about the history and rationale of charter city government in Arizona and provide direction to staff on how best to proceed.

Interim Assistant City Manager Cynthia Seelhammer presented. She provided a brief history and the processes necessary to establish a charter city. Vice Mayor Farrell stated that there were discussions held as part of the incorporation committee years ago. He stated that the committee decided against a charter at the time. Councilmember Diedrich stated that the presentation appeared administratively driven. He asked if there had been any historical legal issues with cities forming a charter. Tom Belshe, Deputy Director from the Arizona League of Cities stated that there have been many legal challenges to charters over the years. Councilmember Brown asked if separate districts were formed as a result of establishing a charter, would those districts have separate budgets. Mr. Belshe stated that they would not. He indicated that the formation of districts was primarily sought when areas within a city desired to have equal representation. He then used the City of Bisbee as an example. He stated that city residents felt that representation was obtained after establishing districts. Vice Mayor Farrell asked if there was a population requirement for a charter city. Mr. Belshe indicated that there must be at least 3500 residents in the city to establish a charter. Councilmember Griffin asked why no charter was established during the incorporation process. Vice Mayor Farrell stated that the committee decided to incorporate as a city to make the process easier for future consideration if at the time it was determined a charter was preferred. Councilmember Griffin stated that there seemed to be more disadvantages than advantages in forming a charter.

**2.5 WSPRES
12-010**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding Pinal County PM10 and PM2.5 nonattainment areas.

Development Services Director Brent Billingsley presented. Councilmember Gusse asked if the dust would reduce if homes builds on what are currently dirt lots increase. Mr. Billingsley stated that those lots are not contributions to the specific dust issues that brought the city's status into non-compliance.

Principal Joe Veres from Desert Winds Middle School announced that the middle school had been awarded and recognized by Samsung as part of their Solve Tomorrow Contest. Mr. Veres then introduced Teacher Willie Lane who recognized the work of all students involved in the project. He indicated that the school was awarded \$75,000 of technology and \$100,000 grand prize for their entry. The school was also awarded a trip to Washington D.C for four of the students. Some of the students involved expressed their thanks for the opportunity and for the support they had received from the community.

3. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

3.1 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).

3.2 ES 12-003

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorney to consider its options and instruct representatives regarding the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Fee-to-Trust Applications with the Federal Government which includes properties within and near the City of Maricopa pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3).

3.3 ES 12-004

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and discussion or consultation with the City Attorney to

consider its position and instruct its attorney regarding the public body's position regarding an annexation and possibly entering into a Pre-annexation and Development Agreement with one or more landowners in the annexation area and the potential terms thereof to facilitate such annexation, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

- 3.4 **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. Adjournment

The City Council Work Session Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Griffin, seconded by Councilmember Diedrich, that this be Adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.