



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Actions - Draft City Council Work Session

**Mayor Christian Price**  
**Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown**  
**Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados**  
**Councilmember Bridger Kimball**  
**Councilmember Vincent Manfredi**  
**Councilmember Nancy Smith**  
**Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.**

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Monday, March 2, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. Call to Order**

*The City Council work session was called to order at 6:03 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, Councilmember Bridger Kimball, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Nancy Smith, and Councilmember Henry Wade

**3. Agenda Items**

- 3.1** [WS 15-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

*There were no questions or concerns.*

- 3.2** [WS 15-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

*Vice Mayor Brown reported attending the Joint Planning Advisory Council meeting in Casa Grande. He stated the committee included representatives from MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments), CAG (Central Arizona Governments), the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO) and the Pima Association of Governments (PAG). He stated there were 11 mayors speaking to different panels. He added some of the panels dealt with mining and working relations with both, Mexico and Canada. He reported that Luis Mendoza, Ford Service Manager in Mexico spoke about the success of Ford Motors in Mexico. He commended the event and stated it was an excellent turnout. Next, he reported attending the 19th Annual Legislative Day. He stated there was an overview of pending legislation and presentations by senators and representatives on sponsored bills. He noted the consensus was on the impact the budget will have on the success of the state.*

*Councilmember Wade announced that the Ram's (Maricopa High School girls basketball team) won the first state championship. He gave an overview of the game and commended the team.*

*Councilmember Chapados reported attending the first MAP (Maricopa Advocate Program) 101 meeting of the year. She encouraged those interested in getting*

*involved to join MAP and gave an overview of the program. Next, she reported attending the Relay for Life rummage sale on Saturday, February 28 at Maricopa Wells Middle School. She commended Brenda Campbell and Jackie Shaulis's Relay for Life team and encouraged support. Next, she reported attending the groundbreaking for Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.*

*Councilmember Smith reported attending the first Age Friendly Committee meeting along with Councilmember Chapados. She gave an overview of the Committee and commended their ideas. Next, she reported participating in the library's celebration of Dr. Seuss by reading Green Eggs and Ham to the children.*

*After item 3.5 in the Work Session Agenda, Councilmember Wade reported attending the Seeds of Change Gala.*

**3.3      WSPRES 15-07**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation and seek direction on creating an Arts & Culture Committee for the City.

*Community Services Director, Kristie Riester gave a presentation on the possible creation of an Art & Culture Committee. She stated the purpose would be to develop a comprehensive program for arts in Maricopa. She reviewed some guiding principles for the committee including; development of a policy for displaying art in the City facilities, development of a comprehensive program for encouraging art in Maricopa, providing input on where public art should be displayed in the community, assistance with developing arts and culture events for the City, identifying possible partnerships, working with staff to recommend possible program funding, and working with staff to provide Council with recommendations on program oversight structure. She invited questions from Council.*

*Councilmember Chapados asked if there was a projected timeframe in which the task force would move into a committee. Mrs. Riester stated that once a comprehensive program is established by the task force, it could probably move forward.*

*Councilmember Chapados asked if Mrs. Riester had seen similar programs in other cities. Mrs. Riester responded that the Town of Oro Valley had an arts council that was partially funded by the city. She stated that former Community Services Director, Jennifer Campbell gave a similar presentation in 2013 that listed several other cities with similar programs. Councilmember Chapados inquired about member requirements, Mrs. Riester responded.*

*Mayor Price inquired about the format of the committee and task force, and what the tasks would entail. Mrs. Riester responded that the idea is to start with a task force in order to develop a comprehensive program and policies. She stated after everything is established then it would move forward to a standing committee. Discussion ensued.*

*City Manager Rose clarified that there would be 2 tasks. (1) Establishing a policy on how to display art in public facilities, and (2) developing a comprehensive program. He added that various forms of arts would be considered.*

*Councilmember Smith inquired if the task force would determine how the existing arts council would be included. Mrs. Riester concurred. Next, Councilmember Smith inquired about the funding provided by the City. Mrs. Riester stated it would include special events such as concerts at the park and so on. Discussion ensued.*

*Consensus was to go forward with the creation of an arts and culture task force to possibly evolve into a standing committee.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**3.4**      **WSPRES 15-06**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding the General Plan Update and the proposed Public Participation Plan.

*Planner Kazi Haque gave a presentation on the General Plan Update and the proposed public participation plan. He stated that A.R.S required cities to update the general plan every 10 years. He stated the Vision 2040 Strategic Planning Process can be incorporated to provide a foundation for the City's General Plan update. He described the process of the General Plan update. He compared the 2040 Vision Elements and the General Plan Update Elements and noted it is a good time to move forward with the General Plan Update. He detailed the public participation plan and stated the 2040 Vision community forums would be included in the General Plan Update.*

*Councilmember Chapados suggested including information for the upcoming BCC (Boards, Commissions, and Committee) trainings and meetings. She also recommended reaching out to the Economic Development Department to put together a MAP (Maricopa Advocate Program)101 training to increase public awareness and input. Mayor Price suggested also including the Citizen Leadership Academy.*

*Mayor Price asked if there are any legal ramifications by aligning the 2040 Vision project and the General Plan Update. City Attorney Denis Fitzgibbons stated that other cities have done the same thing.*

*Mr. Haque stated that once the 2040 Vision draft is available, in addition to the website, staff would broadcast it in a newspaper announcement.*

*Councilmember Chapados stated that HOA's (Home Owner's Association) are also a great place to reach out.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**3.5**      **WSPRES 15-05**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on the Maricopa Non-Profit Funding Program Requirements and applications received for FY15-16.

*Community Programs Manager, Mary Witkowski presented on the Maricopa Non-Profit Funding Program requirements and the applications received. She gave a detailed list of the current program requirements. Finance Director Brian Ritschel explained that each budget cycle, the Mayor and Council will review available funding for this program and reserve the right to continue, discontinue, or adjust funding based on determination. He elaborated on the budget process. Mrs. Witkowski continued the presentation and detailed the 7 member citizen committee and detailed the objective scoring criteria. She stated that responsiveness and non-responsiveness were discussed and listed the applications received: Maricopa Seniors, Copa Grande Rattlers, Maricopa Arts Council, Families First CDC, Maricopa Little League, Pet Social Worker, Northwest Chaplaincy, MCAASA, Maricopa Dukes Inc., FOR Maricopa, STEAM Foundation, Alzheimer's Association Desert SW Chapter, Against Abuse Inc., DSPA Gems, and Esperanza. She stated that 4 applications were deemed non-responsive: Maricopa Arts Council, Maricopa Little League, Copa Grande Rattlers, and Pet Social Worker. She stated that the Non-Profit Evaluation Committee met on February 26 and unanimously voted to move forward with the responsive applications only.*

*Councilmember Chapados clarified that she is associated with the Maricopa Seniors. City Attorney, Fitzgibbons stated that because she does not hold a salaried position it is not considered a conflict of interest.*

*Councilmember Wade inquired about the process for re-allocating funds when the award is not accepted. Mrs. Witkowski stated that the committee scores and rates the organizations on a point system. She added that in certain occasions an organization will turn down funding and that Council can then re-allocate to another organization based on the point system. Discussion ensued.*

*Mayor Price asked the City Attorney if minor issues can be corrected through a statement of process. Mr. Fitzgibbons concurred. Mayor Price elaborated and stated that when the requirements were created some things were not foreseen.*

*City Manager Rose stated that balancing the budget will be complicated and asked to have this item trail the budget process.*

**A motion was made that this Presentation on Work Session Agenda be The Presentation was heard.. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### **4. Adjournment**

*The City Council work session was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Bridger Kimball, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, 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 work session meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 2nd day of March, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 17th day of March, 2015.**

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