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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Work Session

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Henry Wade, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Nancy Smith Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse

3. **Agenda Items**

- 3.1 [WS 17-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were questions or concerns.

- 3.2 [WS 17-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Chapados reported attending the Employee Reward Recognition event and congratulated the reward recipients. She the event was held in conjunction with the Employee Appreciation Holiday Event on December 7, 2016. She reported attending the Shop with a Cop event on December 10 and acknowledged Ricky Alvarado. She commended the Maricopa Police Department for the event.

Vice Mayor Brown reported on his participation in the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Masik Tas parade and judging. Next, he reported attending the Lower Santa Cruz River Alliance board meeting. He gave a brief background of the board and elaborated on the items discussed at the meeting.

- 3.3 [WSPRES 16-38](#) The Mayor and City Council will hear a presentation by Parks Manager Mike Riggs regarding the possibility and necessary requirements for becoming a Tree City USA community.

Park Manager, Mike Riggs gave a PowerPoint presentation on the possibility of becoming a Tree City USA. He discussed the four qualifying standards including designation of a Tree Committee, a Tree Ordinance, a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day Observance and

Proclamation. He stated that Planner Rodolfo Lopez would sit on the committee and added that the annual budget for tree maintenance currently met the budget requirements. He detailed each standard and opened the floor for questions.

City Manager Rose added that this project would be pushed to the next fiscal year because it had a financial impact that required allocation of \$2 per capita of trees. He explained that greater flexibility was needed, rather than tying up money and therefore it would be moved to the next work plan.

Mayor Price inquired about the application deadline. City Manager Rose stated that if it was moved to next year's budget it would be due around this time next year. Councilmember Smith asked if the costs that the HOA's (Home Owner Associations) paid to maintain their trees could be included to meet the criteria this year. Mr. Riggs stated that he could ask the Street Coordinator to find out how to involve the HOA's. Mr. Riggs reiterated that currently the City was spending over the \$2 per capital for tree maintenance for City trees alone. City Manager Rose reiterated that the issue was with tying the money and the potential impact on the budget.

Councilmember Smith inquired if the state would put trees along State Route (SR) 347 and then possibly including those as well. Mr. Riggs stated that they could inquire with ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation).

Mayor Price expressed concerns with binding HOA's but stated if they wanted to include money they were already spending, it would be a good idea. He reiterated concerns with the potential impact on the budget.

Councilmember Manfredi inquired if the \$2 per capita was spent on planting new trees or on maintenance. Mr. Riggs elaborated that it included new trees, general maintenance, management and a formula of volunteer hours.

Councilmember Chapados asked if it could be approached similarly to the Playful City USA in which all the HOA's play areas were consolidated. City Manager Rose stated that it was a potential opportunity that could be explored. He reiterated that the intention was to push the application to next year's work plan. Councilmember Chapados stated she had an HOA Managers Lunch next week and told Mr. Riggs she would work with him to get the information he needed from the HOA's.

The Presentation was heard.

- 3.4** **[WSPRES 16-39](#)** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on the Council approved Work Plan FY2016-17, Housing Needs Assessment Study consultant procurement process.

Zoning Administrator Kazi Haque explained that since incorporation, the City's elected leaders and residents expressed the need for diverse housing stocks. He stated that the 2040 Vision goals and strategies determined a Housing Needs Assessment was required. He stated it was also included in the General Plan and noted that staff initiated the procurement process to hire an outside expert to perform the study. He stated they received 7 proposals and they have started the in-house interview process that was expected to conclude next week. He discussed the tentative timeline and invited Development Services Director, Martin Scribner to talk about the proposed Steering Committee.

Mr. Scribner stated that the majority of the process would be handled by the consultant and staff and noted the steering committee would help guide the process. He added it would be a quick process of approximately 5 months. He stated the committee would be made up of 5-6 members that have agreed to be in the

committee and who were currently involved in other BCC's (Boards, Commissions and Committees). He requested that the Mayor appoint a Council liaison to the committee. Councilmember Chapados volunteered to be the liaison for the steering committee.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

A motion was made at 6:21 p.m. by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to enter in to Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

4.1 ES 16-33

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and designated representatives of the City to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding how to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of water and sewer resources and assets, the potential terms thereof and for legal advice regarding the same pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

5. Adjournment

The City Council Work Session was Adjourned

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 20th day of December, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th of January, 2017.

**Vanessa Bueras,
City Clerk**