



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Nancy Smith
Vice-Mayor Amber Liermann
Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Henry Wade

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm. Bishop Deon with Blaze Ministries gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Liermann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Smith was present remotely.

Present: 7 - Mayor Nancy Smith, Vice Mayor Amber Liermann, Councilmember Eric Goettl, Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Bob Marsh and Councilmember Henry Wade

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements, Awards and Presentations

There were no items reported.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported attending various water meetings. He discussed the discontinued senior trips offered by the city and stated an external committee was formed, and he was part of it, and Ride 347 stepped up with their buses to offer the service. He stated the first trip would be to Chandler mall with dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. He reported they would start with one trip per month and directed those interested in seeing the schedule to Maricopaseniorliving.org.

Councilmember Goettl reported that on September 11 there were several opportunities in the city to hold memorial services to remember the first responders that lost their lives. He reported attending the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Flag Raising Ceremony and commended the youth group. He reported attending the First Responders Veteran Luncheon and giving a presentation to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He reported attending the Maricopa DECA dinner at Maricopa High School (MHS) and announced they would host a business mini market at on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Next, he reported that a number of individuals reached out to express frustrations with the facility rental fees and elaborated on the process of adopting the fees. He noted that the process included direction to staff to study the usage and come back after a year with a report to review whether more fee cuts were possible. He

noted the report was due back January 2025. He explained that other nonprofits and faith-based organizations would also free space to bring their much-needed services to the city, and he was committed to work to lower those fees as close to free as possible while still maintaining fair access to all. He noted that it was going to take some time, and that the group who was looking for space found an alternative option and would disclose once everything was approved. Lastly, he acknowledged that today was the 237th anniversary of the signing of the constitution and stated free pocket-sized booklets with the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence were available in the foyer.

Councilmember Wade recognized that today was Voter Registration Day and added that several volunteers were available throughout the city to help with voter registration. He reported on the Youth Council and stated Matthew Reiter would be leading the program. He reported on the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference and the Youth Council's attendance. Lastly, he stated he attended the Florence Teen Summit and looked forward to having a similar event.

Councilmember Knorr reported attending the 347Facts.com meeting and encouraged the community to visit the website. She reported attending the Art Awards Celebration with Vice Mayor Liermann and elaborated.

Mayor Smith commended the 347facts.com volunteer group and elaborated on their goal to send out 2,000 letters to 98 representatives, state senators and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Board. She encouraged residents to go to the webpage and submit their email addresses. Next, she reported meeting with the manager of the new Home Depot along with City Manager Bitter and that they praised the community and how easy it was to work with the city. She stated she took a tour of the new building along with Administrative Assistant Marlene Pearce and Anthony Smith and elaborated on their products and services. She stated 110 employees were hired from the community and that would take traffic away from State Route (SR) 347. She stated the grand opening would be epic. Next, she reported meeting with City Manager Bitter and Paladin Sports. She reported on the September 11 ceremonies and thanked the Maricopa Police Department, Desert Sunrise High School, Maricopa High School (MHS) and Central Arizona College (CAC) for hosting them. She reported participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for Mandy's Wine Bar and the First Responder and Veteran Luncheon. Lastly, she stated that the American Legion Auxiliary would host the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, September 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Vice Mayor Liermann thanked the residents who emailed the council to advocate for the AARP services. She thanked MPD and MHS for the 9/11 ceremonies. She stated the Maricopa Historical Coloring Book Award Ceremony was touching and elaborated. She congratulated Mandy's Wine Bar on their grand opening. She reported going to Desert Sunrise High School and the Advance Placement (AP)'s government class constitution day celebration along with Representative Teresa Martinez and Representative Keith Seaman.

Mayor Smith reminded the community of the dedication of the Mike Ingram Historical Walk on Thursday, September 19 at 9 a.m.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Bitter gave information on the upcoming community events Concerts at the Park Series. He stated the first free concert would be on Saturday, October 19

from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

6. Call to the Public

Maricopa Unified Schol District (MUSD) Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Tracey Pastor gave information on Proposition 488. She expressed gratitude for the partnership with the Maricopa Police Department (MPD) and invited the community to attend the MUSD Safety Town Hall tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m. at the district office.

Dr. Emily Maxwell, MHS Assistant Principal advocated for Proposition 488.

Torri Anderson gave information on the upcoming 19th annual Seeds of Change Gala fundraiser and all proceeds would go the Against Abuse shelter. She stated this year would include a Christmas tree competition with nine businesses and would be in the live auction. She stated the event would be on October 19th and directed those interested to seedsofgala.org for tickets and information.

Kenneth Golacki asked what would happen if Prop 488 did not pass. He mentioned talking with Superintendent Dr. Tracey Lopeman and elaborated on his concerns. He stated that the contract on the agenda, CON 24-25, was a lot of money and suggested holding on to that and elaborated.

May, coordinator of Kids Day Maricopa, gave information on the upcoming event on Saturday, September 21 at Maricopa Wells Middle School from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. She stated the event was free and elaborated on the activities and participating organizations.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember AnnaMarie Knorr, seconded by Councilmember Bob Marsh, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 7.1 **SUB 24-15** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve Case # SUB24-15, a request for a Re-plat of the previously approved Moonlight Block Plat. Discussion and Action.

This Subdivision was Approved.

- 7.2 **MIN 24-61** Approval of Minutes from the September 3, 2024 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

The Minutes were Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 **CON 24-25** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Redevco Solutions, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company, related to the sale of approximately 563.94 acres of real property generally located south of Maricopa Casa Grande Highway between W Steen Road and Fuqua Road in

Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona, Assessor Parcel No. 50242002B, 51049002A, 50243003B, 50243001H, 50243001S, and 50206009A and a portion of 50206009F, for \$58,035,347.40 and authorizing the City Manager to execute any future amendments to extend the Closing as he deems necessary and any closing documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Ben Bitter gave a brief summary of the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Knorr, seconded by Councilmember Goettl, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made to Adjourn at 6:49 p.m. 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 17th day of September 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2024.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk