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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, May 2, 2017

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

Mayor Price was present telephonically.

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.

Councilmember Chapados asked for clarification on Agenda Item 9.3. She asked for verification that the event hours would coincide with the time that alcohol would be served and that no alcohol would be served before or after the event hours. Mrs. Riester concurred that the application included the hours of set up and tear-down, but that they would only serve alcohol between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Councilmember Smith stated she had a quick question on Agenda Item 9.1 and requested that Agenda Item 9.5 be pulled from consent for discussion during the Regular Agenda. She asked Engineer/Floodplain Manager, Josh Plumb what projects Ross Renner performed in the past, what was the level of performance and what projects he would be working in the future. Mr. Plumb responded that Ross Renner was the primary Project Manager for most capital improvement projects since he came on board and that his service was exemplary. He added that the Fire and Police Departments would probably attest to that. He stated he finished the police sub-station, the fire fleet facility, Edison Road and almost all the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) of the last three years. He stated he was currently working in the Smith-Enke Road extension, phase 2 of both the fire fleet facility and the police sub-station and other projects in the CIP for the coming year.

3.2 [WS 17-02](#)

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

Councilmember Wade reported attending the Budget, Finance and Operations Council Subcommittee (BFO) meeting as a citizen. He commended the City Manager, staff and members of the BFO for their dedication. Next, he reported attending the Maricopa High School (MHS) Spring Dance Recital at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Saturday and he commended Miss Jackson. Lastly, he reported attending the MHS AFJROTC (Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) Awards Ceremony and commended the members.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the BFO meeting. She stated the City did a good job on the first draft of the budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 17-18. She noted that modifications were suggested and would be brought back. Next, she reported attending a stakeholder meeting to discuss potential design solutions of the bicycle and pedestrian connectivity along the SR (State Route) 347 Overpass. She stated that a grant was awarded through MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) to do a study to explore possible solutions. She encouraged involvement in stakeholder meetings. Next, she reported attending the first Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee meeting and commended the attending members. Lastly, she reported attending the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Open House held earlier in the lobby and encouraged involvement.

Vice Mayor Brown reported attending an annual event on April 26 along with other members of the MEDA (Maricopa Economic Development Alliance) Board. He stated the event recognized Maricopa County's community colleges and noted this year's honoree was Dr. Ioanna Morfessis. He stated the event was very well attended and added that Dr. Morfessis was thankful for the Maricopa representation. He stated Mayor Price and Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart were also in attendance.

3.3 **WSPRES 17-17**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation and provide direction to staff on possibly setting the speed limit on Smith-Enke Road in front of the Maricopa Public Library at 35 miles per hour.

Engineer/Floodplain Manager, Josh Plumb gave a presentation on the speed limit on Smith-Enke Road between Porter Road and Santa Rosa Springs. He stated the recent widening project of Smith-Enke was completed to increase capacity and traffic flow. He stated it also had the unintended result of making it a challenge to get out of Desert Greens Drive. He stated 45 mph (miles per hour) was the posted limit westbound, but eastbound there was a section that dropped to 35 mph. He stated staff was proposing setting the speed limit to 35 mph on both sides in order to slow traffic to make getting out of Desert Greens a little more comfortable. He provided graphics of the area. He stated the recommendation was presented to TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) on March 22 and they recommended moving forward with one dissenting vote. He stated the idea was to continue to explore other methods for addressing the concern. He elaborated and invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Chapados asked if there was any plan development for the parcel east of the Maricopa Public Library, near the Porter intersection. Mr. Plumb explained plans were brought forward for a school, but they had not gone past the application phase. Councilmember Chapados asked if the intersection would be required to be signalized if that project evolved. Mr. Plumb responded they would be required to update the signal in the intersection of Smith-Enke and Porter Road.

Councilmember Smith spoke against reducing the speed limit. Councilmember Manfredi agreed that there was no need to reduce the speed limit. He suggested adding a "No Left-Turn" on Desert Greens.

Mayor Price stated he attended the TAC meeting and added he was inclined to oppose the reduction of the speed limit, but added that as the school developed he foresaw it becoming an issue. He suggested adding a roundabout, and inquired if that would address the issue. Mr. Plumb responded they could look into the feasibility of a roundabout in the intersection. Mayor Price elaborated.

Councilmember Chapados expressed concerns that a roundabout, close to the fire station, might compromise response time. She invited Fire Chief Brady Leffler to weigh-in. Chief Leffler explained that they would have to make sure the roundabout had the radius capability to accommodate the firetrucks. Councilmember Chapados stated that at the moment she would not support reducing the speed limit in that section. She asked if there were options to have the developer pay for any road improvements. Mr. Plumb responded that they could not stipulate that the developer put in a sign at Desert Greens. He stated they would only be required to signalize their intersection at Porter and Smith-Enke. It was clarified that the suggested roundabout was for the intersection of Desert Greens and Smith-Enke. Discussion ensued regarding a roundabout. Mr. Plumb stated there was a consultant on board that was taking a look at the intersection and that their scope could be expanded to include the feasibility of a roundabout.

Councilwoman Gusse asked if there was an increase of accidents in the area and why the reduction was being proposed now. Mr. Plumb stated it was an expressed concern from residents and public safety based on the difficulty of making left turns. Councilwoman Gusse asked if reducing the speed limit would alleviate congestion at Desert Greens and make it easier to make a left turn. Mr. Plumb concurred that was the reasoning for the recommendation. She asked what the distance was to Santa Rosa. Mr. Plumb responded. Councilwoman Gusse spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit.

Councilmember Manfredi stated he did not see a need for a roundabout and reiterated there was no need to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph. Councilmember Smith concurred there was no need for a roundabout. She stated it was also difficult to make a left at Vintage Road and noted residents had the option to go to Santa Rosa to make a left at the light. She reiterated she was not in favor of reducing the speed or building a roundabout. She noted taking Santa Rosa was the logical solution.

Councilmember Chapados requested that when the item was brought back, she would like to see information on the frequency of vehicular accidents at that cross section and the intersections east and west of it. She stated that even if the speed limit was reduced or left as-is there could be enforcement issues.

Mayor Price asked for clarification on the options. Mr. Plumb responded that there were 2 different speed limits on the eastbound lane. He stated that it was intended to go up to 45 mph but the change had not been made yet. He stated Council could direct to set the speed limit at 35 on either directions or 45 mph.

Councilmember Smith clarified there was a small section east of Province that was still 35 mph, but that the rest was increased to 45 mph. Mr. Plumb added that Police Chief Stahl informed him that was 3 accidents at the intersection since it was widened and that all 3 were turning left.

Councilmember Manfredi reiterated his recommendation to make Desert Greens a "no left-turn." Mr. Plumb clarified Council direction was to come back with information regarding options for the intersection, and in the meantime set the speed limit to 45 mph and add a "no left-turn" out of Desert Greens. Vice Mayor Brown concurred and reiterated that additional information was needed for future options.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to move in to Executive Session at 6:38 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4.1 ES 17-08** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maricopa Sergeants Council Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for sergeants and officers of the Maricopa Police Department which will be effective from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).
- 4.2 ES 17-09** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maricopa Officers Council Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for sergeants and officers of the Maricopa Police Department which will be effective from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).
- 4.3 ES 17-10** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Professional Firefighter of Maricopa IAFF Local 4561 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for firefighters of the Maricopa Fire Department which will be effective from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).

5. Adjournment

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 2nd day of May, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2017.

Vanessa Bueras, City Clerk