



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Vice Mayor Vincent Manfredi*

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Mt Moriah Community AME Church, Reverend Juanita Allen gave invocation and Councilmember Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilmember Amber Liermann, Councilmember Bob Marsh, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Rich Vitiello and Vice Mayor Vincent Manfredi

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 22-06](#)

National Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Day Proclamation

Councilmember Liermann invited Lucinda Boyd with the Streets Don't Love You Back organization, the Be Awesome Coalition, Lisa Tyler and her family, Pinal County Sheriff Lamb, Maricopa Police Chief Hughes, Fire Chief Pitassi and any one else present for the proclamation. She read the proclamation and proclaimed August 21, 2022as National Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Day in the City of Maricopa.

Lucinda Boyd, gave information on fentanyl related issues, including statistics and how they impact everyone. She announced Zack Davis, former Maricopa High School student passed away on November 26, 2020 from fentanyl. She introduced Lisa Tyler and her family who lost a son on May 10th due to fentanyl poisoning.

Lisa Tyler and family recounted their experience of losing her son, Tyler to fentanyl. She encouraged everyone to be aware of ways fentanyl was marketed to the youth.

Sheriff Lamb gave a statement on the rising cases of overdoses of fentanyl the sheriffs office deals with. He provided statistic and numbers from the Pinal Sheriffs Office. He thanked the Tyler family and everyone in attendance.

Lucinda announced the Tyler family had gift bags and pamphlets for those in attendance and directed anyone interested in more information to the website: dea.gov and streetsdontloveyouback.com

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh congratulated Councilmember Wade, Vice Mayor Manfredi and Councilmember Vitiello on being re-elected. He reported attending the Pinal County Board of Adjustment meeting and a meeting with the City's emergency services team including new Emergency Manager, George Burger, Police Chief Hughes, Fire Chief Pitassi, Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Liermann and elaborated. He reported attending a meeting with the Maricopa Community Advocates and elaborated. He reported attending a two-day ASU Institute retreat on Government Policy and elaborated on the presentations.

Councilmember Smith reported the Maricopa Friends of the Arts had their first fundraising event and elaborated. Next, she reported attending a Maricopa Association of Government's (MAG), Economic Development Committee (EDC) meeting on Prop 400 and elaborated. She reported attending the grand opening for the new candle shop at the barn building in the Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway and recommended it. Lastly, she reported an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Councilmember Wade thanked everyone who voted in the recent election and elaborated. Councilmember Vitiello gave a brief comment on the election issues and reported attending meetings with the Pinal County Board of Supervisors along with Councilmember Smith and Vice Mayor Manfredi. He stated Virginia Ross would now run elections and expressed confidence in the next election. Councilmember Smith added that tomorrow, (August 17) the Pinal County Board of Supervisors would hold a session to hear from voter, poll workers and cities to share ideas on how to improve the system and express concerns. Lastly, she invited the community to the next Senior Lunch & Learn on CPR.

Vice Mayor Manfredi reported attending the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) meeting and elaborated on the discussion on Prop 400. He reported meeting with the domestic violence organization, Face of the Survivor with Councilmember Smith and elaborated. He discussed the media coverage of the election issues and reiterated that he was confident that Virginia Ross would do a great job. He elaborated on the meeting with ADOT and elaborated. He discussed fentanyl awareness.

Councilmember Liermann thanked the community for attendance.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Sue Van Gosen stated the residents of Santa Rosa community needed a second exit. She expressed concerns with school traffic and suggested Saddleback Elementary School use the service road behind the school. She emphasized the importance of helmet-use for kids who play football. She discussed concerns with tractor trailer parking and the baseball field lights at the park.

Luke Panther, expressed concerns with communication between the church organizations and the city. He reported that attendance dropped over the last couple of months and believed the signage code changes were responsible. He asked the city to reconsider the sign code ordinance.

Rachel Leffall congratulated Councilmembers Wade, Manfredi and Vitiello on their re-election. She thanked the Maricopa Police Department for their improved presence in Tortosa and for traffic control near the elementary school. She thanked the council for their efforts.

Dr. John Donahue and his wife May gave information on Maricopa Kids Day. They stated it would take place September 17, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He stated it was a health, safety and environmental awareness event for kids. He stated the event and activities would all be free and invited the community to attend. May Donahue thanked the City and sponsors. They gave details for any business wishing to participate. They invited the community and encouraged volunteers. The event would take place at Maricopa Wells Middle School.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Amber Liermann, seconded by Mayor Nancy Smith, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.1 [IGA 22-10](#)

The City Council shall discuss and take action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert for the purpose of conducting joint law enforcement training or attending law enforcement training hosted by either party. Discussion and Action.

This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.

7.2 [MISC 22-28](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an additional budget amount of \$1,520,000 for the construction of the Lakes Park improvements. The new FY23 budget for construction of this project will increase from \$5,379,000 to \$6,899,627. Funding for this project will be drawn from the Parks Development Impact Fees #2 fund balance. Discussion and Action.

This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.

7.3 [MIN 22-36](#)

Approval of Minutes from the June 21, 2022 Special City Council meeting, the June 21, 2022 and the July 19, 2022 City Council Regular meetings. Discussion and Action.

The Minutes were Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

8.1 [PH 22-15](#)

The City Council shall hear public comment regarding a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone approximately 8.47 acres of land generally located on the southwest corner of N. Powers Pkwy. W. and W. Placone Ln., within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits, from existing underlying CR-3 (Single-Family Residential) zoning and the overlay Lakes at Rancho el Dorado PAD (Planned Area Development District), to OS-PR (Parks and Recreation Open Space), as described in case # ZON22-06. The parcel of land is located in a portion of Section 13 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion Only

Planner, Alex Bosworth presented. He stated the request was by the City of Maricopa

for a zoning map amendment/rezone for a proposed community park. He provided site location information, and detailed the entitlement process. He provided visual maps of the zone change and a conceptual site plan. He detailed the public comment process, then added that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval P&Z recommended approval. Rezoning criteria for approval finding. He stated staff recommended approval of ZON 22-06 subject to the conditions set forth in the staff report. The public hearing opened at 7:06 p.m. There was no public comment. The public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held.

8.2 [ORD 22-20](#)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting an amendment to the City's Zoning Map to rezone approximately 8.47 acres of land generally located on the southwest corner of North Powers Parkway West and West Placone Lane, within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits, from underlying CR-3 (Single-Family Residential) zoning and the overlay Lakes at Rancho el Dorado PAD (Planned Area Development District) to OS-PR (Parks and Recreation Open Space) as described in Zoning Case # ZON22-06. The parcel of land is located in a portion of Section 13, Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

City Manager Horst explained there were no building plans yet. Councilmember Vitiello asked if there were any responses from the public comment process. Mr. Bosworth stated they addressed concerns on noise levels and lighting in relation to the proximity to the homes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Vitiello, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.3 [RES 22-40](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on August 2, 2022. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Smith discussed the process of certifying the election results. She explained it was a matter of counting the votes, and having an official count.

A motion was made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.4 [APP 22-04](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on selecting and swearing in a member of the current City Council to fill the mayor's vacancy. Discussion and Action.

The following community members spoke in favor of appoint Councilmember Smith as Mayor: Elizabeth Howell, Rachel Leffall, Ron Smith, and Pricilla Benke.

All members of the Council gave statements in support of the nomination of Councilmember Smith as Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Marsh, that Nancy Smith be appointed Mayor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Newly appointed Mayor Nancy Smith's Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk, Vanessa Bueras. Mayor Smith posed for pictures.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Marsh, that Nancy Smith be appointed Mayor. The motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

9. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Rich Vitiello, to go into Executive Session at 7:34 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment

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 16th day of August, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2022.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk