



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

**Mayor Nancy Smith**  
**Vice-Mayor Rich Vitiello**  
**Councilmember Eric Goettl**  
**Councilmember Amber Liermann**  
**Councilmember Bob Marsh**  
**Councilmember Vincent Manfredi**  
**Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.**

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Pastor David Anderson, from Be Community Church gave the invocation and Vice Mayor Vitiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards**

*There were no items presented.*

**4. Report from the Mayor**

*Councilmember Marsh reported on the all-day Futures Planning meeting, the Super Bowl, the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority Board meeting, and announced there would be a Post Basin Study workshop at Global Water on March 3. He informed everyone that the Colorado River management reported there was a good snowpack and elaborated. He reported attending the Senior Lunch and Learn at the Senior Center with Mayor Smith as the featured speaker and encouraged participation on the future events.*

*Councilmember Wade reported he attended some of the same meetings as Councilmember Marsh. He stated he also attended a Black History Month Celebration at Leading Edge Academy and commended the event. He reported on the programming that included him as a guest speaker.*

*Councilmember Goettl thanked City staff and the residents who joined the Maricopa Citizen Leadership Academy and elaborated. He encouraged participation on the next series later this year. He discussed the groundbreaking of the new police and dispatch station and thanked the City Manager for getting the project done without raising taxes for residents.*

*Councilmember Manfredi reported attending the groundbreaking for PD as well and the Futures' Planning and elaborate on the 10-year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). He commended staff and the City Manager. He stated he missed the Annual*

*Legislative Day for Central Arizona Governments (CAG). He reported attending the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Transportation Policy meeting and elaborated on the organization and discussed the benefits of being a member. He stated MAG was working on sales taxes and elaborated on how it affects the City of Maricopa. He stated MAG also worked directly with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and that he served in the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and supported a letter of recommendation for the new ADOT director. He reported meeting with COX to discuss their work in Maricopa and services to lower income residents. He encouraged public participation in public meetings.*

*Vice Mayor Vitiello reported on road improvements on State Routes (SR) 347 and SR 238 and discussed the importance of citizen involvement. He encouraged residents to contact ADOT and advocate for solutions.*

*Mayor Smith, reported on the ADOT meeting on Friday that Vice-Mayor Vitiello attended on her behalf, so she could present at the Senior Lunch & Learn. She highlighted the importance of advocating for Maricopa on transportation issues. She stated would be meeting with the new ADOT Director, Jennifer Toth on March 1st along with Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Katy Proctor and the Gila River Lieutenant Governor to discuss SR 347. She said Representative Teresa Martinez also wrote a letter to Director Toth on the signalization on SR 347 and how it could move smoother and elaborated. She reported attending the groundbreaking for the police department and reflected it was discussed at the State of the City. She reported the Futures' Planning meeting and reminded the community that it was a public meeting. She commended the presentation by Elliot Pollock and elaborated on his discussion on housing and the competitive edge it has on economic development. She encouraged involvement on State Bill (SB) 1117 regarding zoning within cities and elaborated on what the bill proposed. She encouraged the community to write letters to legislators in opposition of the bill. She reported on the return of the Maricopa Leadership Academy and encouraged participation. She reported attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new storage unit facility. Lastly, she gave special thanks to staff, ADOT and the community members who worked on filling the potholes on SR 347 and SR 238.*

## **5. Report from the City Manager**

*City Manager Horst reported that he was asked by a group of seniors, the Empty Nesters, to make a presentation. He stated he hosted a group of 42 at his home and presented on information from the Futures' Planning.*

*Mayor Smith reported getting a tour of the Veteran Center and reported on the dialogue. She stated they were actively seeking young veteran and women veterans to join.*

## **6. Call to the Public**

*Pavel Novosyolov submitted a speaker card in advance but was not present at the meeting.*

*Barry McCain gave a legislative update. He commended the City Council and staff. He commended the presentation by Elliot Pollock at the Futures' Planning meeting. He stated wasn't able to attend the Leading Edge Academy Black History Month Celebration because he was at the Capitol. He expressed concerns with homelessness resulting from COVID.*

*Elizabeth Howell, member of the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee, reminded the community of the city-wide shred-a-ton event this Saturday, February 25 at Copper Sky's north parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She thanked the Council and copper sky staff for the support. She stated food bank trucks would be there and encouraged donations.*

*Penny Williams stated she was at the Senior Lunch and Learn at the Senior Center and commended Mayor Smith's presentation. She stated she was there on behalf of the Al Anon group that met at Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays. She gave information on their group and requested use of a city facility at no cost. She was directed to contact City Manager Horst.*

*John Kelly, runs vets center, and thanked the Council for the veteran's center. He invited the Council to attend the Vietnam Veterans' Flag Raising Ceremony on March 29 at 8 a.m.*

*Jacob, new resident of Saddleback Farms, stated that their road was washed out. He asked for help or direction on where to go. He was directed to contact Ben Bitter.*

*Chrissy with Narcotics Anonymous also requested a restructure for prices for meeting rooms or a facility to allow free use for their organization. She gave information on the group and stated it was getting costly to rent the room at the library. She was directed to contact City Manager Horst.*

*Councilmember Wade announced that the Seeds of Gala fundraiser for Against Abuse, Inc. would be held on Saturday at the Ak-Chin Entertainment Center. He stated tickets were selling fast. He stated on March 25th there would be another fundraiser, Dancing for Our Stars, for the Boys and Girls Club and elaborated on the competition and added he would be one of the dancers.*

## **7. Consent Agenda**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rich Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **7.1 MISC 23-05**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on a proposed 10-Year Infrastructure Plan for annexation request case # ANX22-02 - SR-238. Discussion and Action.

**This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**

#### **7.2 MIN 23-06**

Approval of Minutes from the February 7, 2023 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

**This Minutes was Approved.**

#### **7.3 RES 23-07**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, appointing Tresa S. Georgini as a Judge Pro Tempore for the City of Maricopa Municipal Court, setting her compensation, providing a commencement date therefor and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement setting forth the specific terms and conditions for these services. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 7.4      [RES 23-09](#)      A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, appointing Susan J. Kayler as a Judge Pro Tempore for the City of Maricopa Municipal Court, setting her compensation, providing a commencement date therefor and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement setting forth the specific terms and conditions for these services. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 7.5      [RES 23-08](#)      A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, appointing Sherri Rollison as a Judge Pro Tempore for the City of Maricopa Municipal Court, setting her compensation, providing a commencement date therefor and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement setting forth the specific terms and conditions for these services. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 7.6      [ORD 23-08](#)      An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, extending and increasing the corporate limits of the City of Maricopa, Pinal County, State of Arizona, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 7 Arizona Revised Statutes and Amendments thereto, by annexing thereto certain territory contiguous to the existing city limits of the City of Maricopa, Consisting of 12 acres, more or less, located in a portion of sections 16 and 21 of Township 4 South, Range 3 East of the Gila and Salt River base meridian, Pinal County, Arizona, not currently within the corporate limits of the City of Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona, known as Annexation Case 22-02, and adopting initial zoning of General Rural (GR) for said territory. Discussion and Action.

**This Ordinance was Approved.**

## 8.      **Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 8.1      [PRES 23-03](#)      The Mayor and City Council shall hear an update from Troy Kimball in Senator Sinema's office. Discussion only.
- Troy Kimball with Senator Sinema's office gave a brief introduction. He gave information on what his office does including helping constituents with federal issues. He discussed issues related to Maricopa including funding for SR 347 and SR 238. He addressed the question on what the Senator would do to push the Biden administration to close the border and elaborated. He stated a true closed border was not viable. He discussed helping border communities with funding for help with immigration issues. He discussed flood plain issues and the CLOMR. Mayor Smith elaborated on why that would be a big help.*

*Councilmember Goettl, asked if it was Senator Sinema's stand that a true closed border would never happen. Mr. Kimball responded that a true closed border was not viable because free and open trade needed to be facilitated for commerce and elaborated.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

- 8.2      [APP 23-03](#)      The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on appointing one citizen to fill the vacancy on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board. Discussion and Action.

*Mayor Smith stated there were two applicants for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board (PSPRS) and thanked both applicants. They recommended Curtis Dornath for appointment and asked Mr. Dornath to stand for acknowledgement. The Council commended his resume.*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Liermann, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**8.3      PRES 23-01**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. regarding the audit of the City of Maricopa Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, Highway User Revenue Fund Report, the Management Letter, and the Single Audit Report. Discussion Only.

*Finance Manager, Brenda Hasler stated a representative from Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. would make a presentation to Council regarding the audit of the City of Maricopa Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022. She explained that Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S) 9-481.H required that "within ninety days after completing an audit pursuant to this section, the governing body to the city or town shall require the certified public accountant who performed the audit to present the audit results and any findings to the governing body in a regular meeting." She recognized the finance staff and asked those present to stand for recognition and thanked them on behalf of Chris Evripidou, Lisell Blancarte, Matt Kozlowski and herself for their diligent work. She introduced Christopher Heinfeld, CPA.*

*Mr. Heinfeld thanked the City Council. He discussed the Governance Communication Letter and reviewed the audit timeline. He detailed the scope of the audit service including performing an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted standards, Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance; issuing an accountant's report for the examination of compliance of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) monies; and issuing an accountant's report for the examination of the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report. He disclosed new accounting policies including the newly implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 87 related to leases. He stated significant estimates in the financial statements included the useful lives of depreciable capital assets and assumptions used in the actuarial valuations of the pension plans. He stated they were also required to give a summary of audit adjustments and reported that they did not make any significant adjustments. He stated they prepared financial statements along with notes, annual expenditure report, the Schedule Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA), and the Data Collection Form. He stated it was required that the city assign a member of management to review the forms and that was performed as well. He reviewed other required communications and stated that there were no disagreements with management over financial accounting, reports, or audit matters. He stated management provided the required representation letter at the conclusion of the audit and that they continually assessed client relationships to ensure compliance with relevant ethical requirements such as independence. He stated the audit related reports that had or would be issued included the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the Single Audit Report, the Examination report on the compliance of HURF monies and the Examination report of the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report. He gave highlights from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report including the Independent Auditor's Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Basic Financial Statements, Notes to the Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, Supplementary Information and Statistical Section. He discussed highlights for the Single Audit Report including Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. He gave final comments including that management and staff were cooperative and helpful during the audit process. He commended the City of Maricopa, staff, and the finance department. He opened the floor for questions.*

*Vice Mayor Vitiello commended staff. City Manager Horst stated that out-facing departments could not do their job without the support services of internal*

*departments like the finance department. Mayor Smith commended staff and Mr. Heinfeld.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**8.4      [RES 23-10](#)**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, confirming compliance with A.R.S. §9-481(H) and A.R.S. §41-1494. Discussion and Action.

*Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer, Matt Kozlowski explained the Resolution could confirm compliance with Arizona State Statute (A.R.S) 9-481.H and A.R.S 41-1494 which was passed in 2021. He stated the packet received and reviewed by Council included the certification from the Human Resources Manager, Dorri Carpenter confirming compliance.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Goettl, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**9.          Executive Session**

**10.        Adjournment**

**This meeting was Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**

**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 21st day of February, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 7th day of March, 2023.**

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