



# City of Maricopa

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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

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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council regular meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Reverend Arnold Jackson asked for a moment of silence for the 17 victims of the south Florida high school shooting and then gave the invocation. Mayor Price led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

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

### 3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

*Vice Mayor Chapados presented a video of the 2018 Senior Info/Expo. Reverend Arnold Jackson acknowledged the following sponsors: The Arizona Department of Health Services, the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens, Maricopa ACE Hardware, Vice Mayor Chapados, Councilmember Smith and the Visiting Angels Home Care. He thanked the City Manager's Office, the facilities manager, the Information Technology (IT) Department, the Maricopa Fire & Medical Department, the Maricopa Police Department, the Maricopa Public Library, Copper Sky and the COMET Transit Services. Councilmember Smith provided statistics of the event. She stated 304 people attended and that there were 44 exhibitors. Vice Mayor Chapados acknowledged the Maricopa Age-Friendly Advisory Committee, Youth Council Member Taylor Cochran, Maricopa PD Volunteers, the free shuttle service and the Maricopa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). She asked the members of CERT to join her at the front and presented them with a gift of appreciation. Lastly, she thanked the videographers for the video.*

### 4. Report from the Mayor

*Mayor Price reported that the legislature was back on session and gave an update. He reported spending time at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns and noted that Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Dale Wiebusch spent lots of time there as well to testify on Bill 1487. He gave information on the bill and the amendment process. Next, he reported attending the 2018 Copa Shorts Film Festival and acknowledged Shelley and Roger Gillespie for coordinating the event. Next, he reported attending the I-11*

*Coalition meeting and elaborated. Lastly, he reported on the close out of the Maricopa Weight Loss Challenge.*

**5. Report from the City Manager**

*Interim City Manager, Trisha Sorenson announced that the recruitment for City Manager was now open and directed anyone interested to the City's website.*

**6. Call to the Public**

*Lieutenant Colonel Allen Kirksey recognized the 3 victims in the South Florida High School's shooting who were cadets in the Junior ROTC. Next, he introduced the newest Air Force JROTC pilot Samantha Blaschke and elaborated in her recent flight experience. He noted that Cadet Steel went to the State Capitol to present the colors for the State Senate. He recognized Cadet Fontes and reported that Cadet Hill was nominated and accepted to West Point (U.S. Military Academy).*

**7. Minutes**

- 7.1**     [MIN 18-16](#)     Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2018 City Council Work Session.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 7.2**     [MIN 18-17](#)     Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2018 City Council Regular meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**8. Public Hearings**

**9. Consent Agenda**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, to Approve the Consent Agenda except Agenda Items 9.8 and 9.10. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 9.1**     [CON 17-68](#)     The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a contract with Superior Supply for purchase of rubber crack seal material to be used in upcoming crack sealing of City streets. This contract, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, will be funded from ½ Cent County Road Tax Fund, Transportation, Street Projects-Capital, Street Maintenance (30055155-67750-34005); is based on Yavapai County Contract No. 1722593; and is in compliance with City of Maricopa Purchasing Code, Article IV, Section 3-223, "Cooperative Purchasing." Discussion and Action.

**This Contract was Approved.**

- 9.2**     [CON 18-03](#)     The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of a contract with Holbrook Asphalt Co., in an amount not to exceed \$634,246 for pavement preservation by seal coating City streets. Funding for this contract will be drawn from

½ Cent Road Tax Fund-Transportation, Street Projects-Capital, Street Maintenance (30055155-67750-34005). This contract, which is based on Town of Gilbert Contract No. 2014-4106-0196, is in compliance with City of Maricopa Purchasing Code Article IV, Section 3-223 "Cooperative Purchasing." Discussion and Action.

**This Contract was Approved.**

**9.3**      [CON 18-04](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approval of a contract with Pavement Markings, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$297,100 for striping of City streets. Funding will be drawn from ½ Cent Road Tax Fund-Transportation, Street Projects-Capital, Street Maintenance (30055155-67750-34005). This contract, which is based on Town of Gilbert Contract No. 2014-4106-0196, is in compliance with City of Maricopa Purchasing Code Article IV, Section 3-223 "Cooperative Purchasing." Discussion and Action.

**This Contract was Approved.**

**9.4**      [SPEVLIQ 18-01](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application submitted by Pat Kieny on behalf of Native Grill & Wings to host a beer garden for the Salsa Festival on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Copper Sky Regional Park located at 44345 W Martin Luther King Blvd. Discussion and Action.

**This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.**

**9.5**      [PUR 18-04](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the purchase of ten (10) Panasonic Toughbook 31 laptops from CDW-G, pursuant to Section 3-223, Cooperative Purchasing" of the City Code in an amount not to exceed \$39,933.33. Funding is CIP- Laptop Replacement (35022122-67744-32009). Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

**9.6**      [PUR 18-05](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase from FlexGround, LLC for the installation of pool deck, resurfacing and repair at Copper Sky Aquatics Facility pursuant to Section 3-223, "Cooperative Purchasing" of the City Code in the amount not to exceed \$35,000. Funding will be paid from Capital Project Fund, Recreation, Improvements Other than Building (350-33131-67730 Project Code 38002). Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

**9.7**      [PUR 18-07](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a purchase with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$298,314 to be paid for from Capital Projects, Information Technology, Computer Equip/Software (35011553-67744-38010). In accordance with City of Maricopa, Purchasing Code, Article IV, Section #3-223, Cooperative Purchasing, it is recommended that the Maricopa County, Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures "SAVE" Contract Serial#16076-RFP for Sentinel be utilized for the purchase and service of Wireless Switches and Exchange Upgrade. Discussion and Action.

**This Purchase was Approved.**

**9.9**      [GRAAC 18-05](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a 5-month extension to the existing grant agreement with Arizona Department of Housing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Heritage District Demolition

project. Discussion and Action.

**This Grant Acceptance was Approved.**

**9.11**     [MOU 18-01](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Maricopa, Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, City of Chandler, City of Mesa, City of Peoria, City of Scottsdale, City of Sun City, Gila River Indian Community, Rio Verde Fire District, Salt River Pima Maricopa, and the Town of Gilbert to fulfill the obligations of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Assistance to Firefighters Grant award match (cost share) in an amount not to exceed \$19,801.28. Matching funds are available in the general fund, fire operations, training (10022527-55570). Discussion and Possible Action.

**This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.**

**9.12**     [RES 18-06](#)

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, pertaining to the submission of projects for consideration in the Arizona's 2019 Highway Safety Plan. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

**10.        Regular Agenda**

**9.8**        [CON 18-02](#)

The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a one year contract with Lincoln Financial, a Short Term Disability insurance provider for \$52,000 and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documentation related to this contract. Discussion and Action.

*Human Resources (HR) Director Kathleen Haggerty explained that as a result of last year's increased claims, the cost for maintaining the same short term disability benefit would increase. She stated that she explored an option that would lower cost and presented it to the Personnel Benefits Subcommittee. She stated the option would extend the disability qualifying period of 15 days to 21 days. She stated the change would reduce the increase in premium cost to an annual cost of approximately \$52,000. She opened the floor for questions.*

*Councilmember Smith stated she did not take the benefits change lightly. She established that all employees would be impacted equally. She stated that when she asked whether options or buy-ups were considered she was told it could be possible for buy-up options to become available for employees.*

*Mayor Price elaborated and asked if the change could be instituted with a motion in tonight's vote to include the buy-up option. Discussion ensued on how to include the buy-up option into the motion.*

*Brenda Campbell stated that as an employee the change would directly affect her. She stated she appreciated that options were being explored. She stated it was not a small change and elaborated. She stated the vote tonight would take 40 hours from her sick leave that took her months to earn. She stated that Council could find \$22,000 to invest in employees to give them piece of mind and give a benefit that was an industry standard. She stated she would support the Council's decision; however she reiterated it was not a small change. She suggested vetting the matter further until open-enrollment in July 1.*

*Vice Mayor Chapados asked if there was something unique about the city that made*

*the premium jump. Mrs. Haggerty elaborated. Mayor Price elaborated on the Personnel Benefits Subcommittee meeting and his experience with insurance. He spoke how the decision was made and stated that it was discussed extensively.*

*Councilmember Wade inquired on the short-term disability cases. Mrs. Haggerty elaborated.*

*Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Agenda Item 9.8 adding authorization to the City Manager to sign any necessary documents if the numbers for a buy-up option came back beneficial to the employees.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that this Contract be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Nancy Smith and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

**Nay:** 2 - Councilmember Henry Wade and Vice Mayor Peggy Chapados

**9.10**     [CON 18-07](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving funding for Fire Department City-Wide Incident Preplans with vendor Preplanners LLC in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 to be paid for from contingency (10010000-99000). Discussion and Action.

*Maricopa Fire & Medical Chief Leffler explained Preplans were formal plans of specific buildings or businesses that highlight access points and fire characteristics. He explained it was very technical and beyond the department's abilities. He elaborated on why it was needed for safety.*

*Councilmember Smith stated that she had to consider various budgetary requests and suggested that it be part of the next budget process. She elaborated.*

*Councilmember Wade asked if Preplans were required prior to a certificate of occupancy. Chief Leffler stated it had not been required and elaborated. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Wade inquired how many buildings were identified for preplans. Chief Leffler stated there were 96 building. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Brown asked what caused the deficiency. Chief Leffler elaborated and explained that the department did not have the capacity to address the issue. Discussion ensued.*

*Vice Mayor Chapados spoke in favor of the item and stated that it was long overdue. Interim City Manager Trisha Sorensen stated IT Director Cary Gelnjak was working on a SERF for GIS for the City as a whole, and that it would be brought forward during the budget process.*

*Councilmember Smith asked for clarification that the \$48,000 contract period was from here to the end of 2018. Chief Leffler further elaborated. Councilmember Smith asked if he was aware of Pinal County Assessor's, Doug Wolf new high tech mapping system. Chief Leffler stated the system would not address the issue because it was not fire specific. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Smith stated that she felt this item should be part of the normal budget process and stated she was uncomfortable approving a reoccurring cost. She*

*motioned to reject Agenda Item 9.10 and that it be part of the normal budgeting process. Motioned failed for lack of second.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Chapados, that this Contract be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Peggy Chapados and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Nancy Smith

**10.1**     **PRES 18-07**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from Judge Lyle Riggs regarding the Small Claims Pilot Project. Discussion Only.

*Judge Lyle Riggs introduced Court Clerk April Squires and gave a brief overview of her experience. He detailed a pilot approach on the Arizona Rules of Small Claims Procedures. He discussed small claims deadlines under the pilot and detailed procedures for small claims cases. He opened the floor for questions. A brief discussion ensued. Mayor Price requested that information about the pilot be put in the City's website.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**11.     Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Peggy J. Chapados, to move into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

**11.1     ES 18-06**

The Mayor and City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the pending appeal filed against the City by Bonita Burks regarding CUP 17-01 for Apex Private Motorsports Group, LLC to operate a motorsports facility within the City of Maricopa, evaluation of the City Code, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

**11.2     ES 18-07**

The Mayor and City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and representatives of the City in order discuss and get direction on how to proceed with a potential agreement related to the Fire Administration building and the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

**11.3     ES 18-08**

The Mayor and City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and representatives of the City in order discuss and get direction on how to proceed with a potential agreement related to the development of Estrella Gin and the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

**11.4     ES 18-09**

The Mayor and City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and representatives of the City in order discuss and get direction on how to proceed with a potential agreement related to the relocation of the Zephyr and the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

**12. 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 20th day of February, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2018.

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
City Clerk