



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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

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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Calvary Chapel Pastor, Roger Thompson gave the invocation and Councilmember Manfredi led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

*Councilmember Manfredi was present telephonically.*

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

### 3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

#### 3.1 [PROC 19-03](#) Promise Month Proclamation

*Mayor Price read the proclamation and proclaimed April, 2019 as Promise for the Future Month in the City of Maricopa. He presented it to representatives from Central Arizona College (CAC).*

*A CAC representative thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and gave information on the Promise for the Future Scholarship. She turned it over to Maricopa Campus Director, Megan Purvis. Miss Purvis discussed the participation rate in the local campus. She thanked the Council and the community for their support. They gave information on a new campaign, 25 Changes Lives.*

### 4. Report from the Mayor

*Vice Mayor Wade reported attending the following events: The Grand Opening and 25th Anniversary of Harrah's Ak-Chin, Chris Cahill's American Family Insurance Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Board Meeting, the VFW's veteran's meeting, Courtney Tyler's State Farm Grand Opening along with Sports & Cuts and the Maricopa Wellness Center, and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Maricopa Advocacy Center. He extended his condolences to the Schrader family for the loss of Max Schrader and commended the search volunteers.*

Councilmember Smith reported attending some of the same events already reported. In addition, she reported attending the following: the Spice of Life senior variety show, a Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) meeting, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) meeting and the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee meeting. She commended the variety show, commended MEDA on their work promoting the City and she gave information on the CASA program. She commended the budget process for the next fiscal year. Lastly, she announced there was a new art gallery at City Hall, called Maricopa in Bloom and encouraged the public to see it.

Councilmember Brown reported attending some of the same events already reported. He commended the new Maricopa Victim Advocacy Center and thanked those who supported the Spice of Life variety show.

Councilmember Vitiello reported meeting with Senator McSally's aide during the office hours held at City Hall. He added that Senator McSally planned on hosting quarterly office hours. He reported attending the Ak-Chin anniversary and grand-opening celebration. He thanked the City, Nathan Ulliot, Matt Reiter and staff for coordinating the Color Run. He thanked the Fire Department for hosting the Car Show and commended the new Maricopa Victim's Advocacy Center.

Mayor Price reported attending the monthly Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) meeting in Flagstaff and highlighted the importance of the meetings. He elaborated on the ongoing study and why it was significant. Next, he reported attending Yuma's Taco Festival and detailed the new partnership with the Salsa Festival. He invited the public to attend Congressman Tom O'Halleran's Town Hall in the Council Chambers tomorrow, April 17 at 5:30 p.m.

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

City Manager Horst reminded everyone that there would be a New Library Open House at City Hall on Tuesday, April 23 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He encouraged the public to attend and provide input.

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

Barry McCain from Arizona City, addressed the Mayor and Council. He thanked Mayor Price, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Smith and Councilwoman Gusse. He expressed concerns with Maricopa's ability to attract more people and businesses. He also expressed discontent with Vice Mayor Wade.

Susan Cameron gave information on the new Art Gallery, Maricopa in Bloom, at City Hall with eight featured artists. She encouraged more artists to get involved and acknowledged two of the featured artists present in the audience, Lily Schuette and Tiffany Yazzie. She thanked everyone for their support.

Peg Chapados commended the COMET services. Next, she discussed the opening of the Maricopa Victim Advocacy Center and thanked Mary Witkofski, Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Chief Stahl, city departments and businesses involved.

Councilmember Smith stated that she posted pictures of the new art gallery on Facebook and it resulted in artist inquiries. She added that some of the art pieces on display were done by children as part of STEAM Day. She announced that the next Senior Lunch and Learn would be held on Friday (April 19) at Copper Sky, Room A at 11 a.m. and added the topic would be, Simple Solutions for Health presented by Cindy

*Price. Lastly, she announced that AARP would host a free shredding event on May 18, 2019 at Copper Sky from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*MPD Chief Stahl recognized tele-communicators and noted it was National Telecommunicators Week.*

## 7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 19-29](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 2, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

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

## 8. Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 8.1 [MISC 19-15](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the allocation of up to \$7,000 in available matching funds to applicants of the Maricopa Academic Scholarship Match Program from General Fund, Non-Departmental, Technical (10010000-53340). Staff also requests that Mayor and City Council grant authority to the City Manager to execute the agreements. Discussion and Action.
- This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**
- 8.2 [SUB18-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve and amend the existing final plat for Maricopa Power Center The Wells and approve re-plat of lots 18 and 20, Case # SUB18-04. Discussion and Action.
- This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**
- 8.3 [MISC 19-18](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possible take action to approve the Council Discretionary Funds Policy. Discussion and Action.
- Councilmember Smith asked for clarification on Agenda Item 8.3 regarding the council's discretionary funds and paying for lunches with constituents. City Manager Horst recommended approving as is and coming back to with amended language at an administrative level. A small discussion ensued for clarification.*
- This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**
- 8.4 [SPEVLIQ 19-04](#) 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 for Special Event License submitted by Cory J. Pitman on behalf of RUF MMA for a special event known as RUF MMA 32 on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Copper Sky Multigenerational Center. Discussion and Action.
- This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.**
- 8.5 [CON 19-06](#) The Mayor and Council shall hear and discuss authorizing the City Manager to execute a "238 Water Line Main Extension Agreement" with Private Motorsports Group, LLC,

an Arizona limited liability company, with the significant deal points outlined in this Staff Report, and as approved by the City Attorney. Discussion and Action.

*John Malkowski asked how Agenda Item 8.5 would benefit taxpayers. City Manager Horst elaborated that it would be an economic development investment with a full return to the city by utilities. He discussed the future economic development opportunities and invited Mr. Malkowski for further discussion after the meeting.*

**This Contract was Approved.**

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

### **9.1 PRES 19-04**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear and discuss a presentation of the City of Maricopa Express Transit (COMET) proposed mid-cycle budget adjustment, ridership and trends. Discussion Only.

*Transportation Policy Manager David R. Maestas gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Maricopa Express Transit (COMET). He clarified the presentation was informational only, and approval would be until May. He reviewed current services including route deviation service, local demand response, regional demand response and limited demand response. He detailed ridership from 2013 to 2018. He elaborated how recent changes to the Copper Sky minimum age impacted ridership and detailed ridership by mode. He stated COMET supported the following special events in 2018: Salsa Festival, Great American Fourth, Veteran's Day Parade, Merry Copa and Shop with a Cop. He discussed new developments including a full schedule Route Deviation Service with new service hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., an added stop in Shea Way, a new 15 passenger bus and a new staff position for a transit coordinator. He recommended discontinuing the Summer Shuttle service for two reasons: One, because the minimum age for unattended minors at Copper Sky would be raised to 12 years and ridership would drop off, and two the completion of the 347 Overpass would eliminate the danger of children crossing the train tracks to get to Copper Sky. He asked for direction from Council.*

*Councilmember Vitiello asked what the ridership was for the Summer Shuttle before the changes. Mr. Maestas responded there were approximately 1,400 to 1,500 riders in 2017 but it was expected to drop dramatically. Mayor Price stated he would like to see some ideas on options before the decision was done. City Manager Horst recommended not taking actions until future development has an opportunity to blossom. Discussion ensued.*

*Councilmember Smith asked for clarification on the Route Deviation schedule. Mr. Maestas added that the long term goal was to get service 7 day per week. Councilmember Smith asked if the new Transit Coordinator would be tasked with marketing the services to increase ridership. Mr. Maestas elaborated that the lack of marketing was due to the service being at full capacity and elaborated. Next, Councilmember Smith inquired about the feeder shuttle. Mr. Maestas stated the feeder shuttles were part of the future plans which also included renaming all services for easy recognition. He explained that feeder shuttles would connect all neighborhoods to the core route, similar to last mile services. He discussed other future plans including increasing the Demand Response to full service, continuing to study commuter demand to Phoenix Metro area and the connection to Central Arizona Regional Transit (CART). He discussed the proposed budget mid-cycle adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FY19-20). He reiterated that the presentation was for information only and staff would come back on May 7 for approval of the budget and elaborated. He opened the floor for questions.*

*Councilwoman Gusse asked if the proposed budget took into account the elimination of the summer shuttle services. Mr. Maestas clarified that the proposed budget included the summer shuttle because it was drafted before the recommendation to cancel it. Councilwoman Gusse asked if there was an increase of usage at Central Arizona College (CAC). Mr. Maestas responded he would have to look at ridership and elaborated.*

*Mayor Price inquired if services intersected with the Ak-Chin Community services. Mr. Maestas responded that it only intersected at the shuttle stop at the casino and elaborated. Mayor Price recommended reaching out.*

*Vice Mayor Wade asked who was responsible for bus stop maintenance. Mr. Maestas responded the property's owner was responsible and elaborated. He stated there was no formal agreement, but the transit coordinator would pursue that.*

*Councilmember Brown asked if new locations for bus shelters had been identified. Mr. Maestas responded that they had not been identified and elaborated on the process. Councilwoman Gusse asked if any location had been identified in the Heritage District. Mr. Maestas responded, not at this time.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**10. Executive Session**

*There was no executive session.*

**11. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adjourn at 8:16 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 16th day of April, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 7th day of May, 2019.**

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