



# 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, May 7, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Eli Carpenter gave the invocation and Councilmember Brown led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

*Mayor Christian Price was present telephonically. Councilwoman Gusse was excused and arrived at 7:21 p.m.*

**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 [PRES 19-05](#) Maricopa Rocket Challenge Winners

*Councilmember Smith gave information on the Rocket Challenge that took place on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 and Monday, April 8, 2019. She stated there were over 400 rockets launched between the two days. She thanked the following sponsors: Rose Law Group, Pinal County, Ace Hardware, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, APEX Motor Club and Fitzgibbons Law Offices. Next, she acknowledged the following volunteers: Rocket Engineer, Guy Smith, Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Blended Learning Teachers, the Maricopa High School (MHS) ROTC, Maricopa firefighters, Captain Paul's team, Superstition Spacemodeling Society, Councilmember Manfredi, Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith, MHS Volunteer Coordinator Jim Irving, Jim Jordan and Rachel Leffall. She noted the event was in partnership with the Maricopa/Ak-Chin STEAM Foundation. She announced the following winners of the altitude category: First place, Jayden Galindo, second place, Milagros Urquilla and third Ashlee Adams (not present). She announced the following winners of the egg launcher category: First place, Sebastian Gralian, second place, Chelsey Sholes (not present) and third place, Caleb Garcia (not present). Next, she announced the following winners of the art contest: First place, Siria Arteaga and second place, Erika Brown (not present). Lastly, she announce the following raffle winners Selah Desent, Marley Polansky, Michael Pinkstaff and Christian Ramone. She congratulated the winners and they posed for a group picture.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**3.2      [PRES 19-06](#)**

Maricopa DECA Successes

*Councilmember Smith stated she sat in the DECA Advisory Board and participated in their strategic meeting. She commended DECA instructor, Julian Rodriguez. Maricopa DECA President, Freya Abraham introduced the DECA Advisory Board, Yasmeen Hanania, Daniela Smith, Julian Rodriguez, Olivia Martin and Brendan Maxwell. They gave information on the organization, events, activities, community service and competitions. Mr. Rodriguez gave further information on the organization and thanked the Council. Councilmember Smith acknowledged their community service and presented them with a gift of appreciation. They posed for pictures with the Council.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**4.      Report from the Mayor**

*Councilmember Brown reported attending the annual Arizona Muslim Police Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner on April 27, 2019.*

*Councilwoman Gusse reported on her participation in the Maricopa High School (MHS) Awards Ceremony. She stated 18 students received awards for enlisting in the U.S. military and elaborated. Next, she reported attending the Arizona Department of Veteran Services Symposium and discussed the veteran suicide rate.*

*Councilmember Smith reported attending the MHS theatre production of Fiddler on the Roof. She commended the play and encouraged attendance. Next, she reported attending the following events: the APEX Motor Club Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Game Night at Copper Sky, the Heritage District community meeting, a Maricopa Citizen Leadership Academy (MCLA) class, and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee meeting. Lastly, she announced the birth of her grandson.*

*Vice Mayor Wade reported attending the monthly American Legion Post 133 meeting, the Pima Butte A+ presentation, the Cultural Affairs Committee meeting, and the APEX Motor Club Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He reported helping students get ready for the Special Needs Prom. He stated he was a speaker at the Knights of Peter Claver of Phoenix. He reported the opportunity to represent the City of Maricopa at a Canada Arizona Business Council event. He reported attending a Maricopa Flood Control District meeting and the MCLA class. Lastly, he reported attending a NAACP Youth event at Copper Sky.*

*Mayor Price reported from Washing D.C. He stated he was meeting other elected officials at the state and federal level to discuss important issues such as transportation, the federal permitting process and 5G wireless.*

**5.      Report from the City Manager**

*There was no report from City Manager Horst.*

**6.      Call to the Public**

*Members of the Maricopa Gentlemen's Motorcycle Club introduced their chapter and offered their club for any volunteer opportunities or community service.*

**7. Minutes**

- 7.1 [MIN 19-33](#) Approval of Minutes from the 04/16/2019 City Council Regular meeting.

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

- 8.1 [SUB18-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve and amend the existing final plat for Province Parcel 10, case # SUB18-01. Discussion and Action.

**This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**

- 8.2 [SUB19-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve and amend the existing final plat for the Crossings at Maricopa, lots 4 and 5, case # SUB19-01. Discussion and Action.

**This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**

- 8.3 [MISC 19-14](#) The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request for approval of the proposed City of Maricopa Express Transit (COMET) FY 19-20 Mid-Cycle Adjustment budget. This budget will be funded \$174,595 from general fund account 10044146 and \$332,155 from grant fund account 22044146. Discussion and Action.

**This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.**

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

- 9.1 [PH 19-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds expected to be in the amount of \$265,000.

*The Public Hearing was opened at 7:55 p.m. Cassandra Brown, Grants and Budget Coordinator gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and public participation. She gave an overview of the CDBG and explained the objective of the program was to benefit low to moderate income persons, address or prevent slum and blight and/or address an urgent need. She discussed eligible grant activities and identified the following eligible areas: Heritage District, Seven Ranches and Saddleback Vista Farms. She turned the presentation over to Flor Brandow, Neighborhood Programs Specialist. Miss Brandow detailed each area, discussed past projects and added the CDBG was in partnership with the City of Eloy. She summarized the following ideas for potential projects: An Enhancement Improvement Program, an Emergency Home Repair Program, Home Modifications Program (ADA), Neighborhood Cleanup Program, Tool Lending Program, heritage*

*District "Townsite" Light Project and a Neighborhood Revitalization/Code Enforcement Program. She discussed potential outreach and invited public input. City Manager Horst clarified there would be a period of 16 days for public comment.*

**The Public Hearing was held.**

**9.2**      **MISC 19-19**

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adopting a tentative budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 (FY19-20) and the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion and Action.

*City Manager Horst presented the Recommended Budget & Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FY 19-20). He thanked Angele Ozoemelum, Cassandra Brown, Jennifer Brown, staff, and directors. He discussed the mission of the budget process and goals. He stated the proposed budget was reviewed by the Budget & Finance Subcommittee on April 15th. He detailed some of the budget highlights. He discussed the following revisions to key management processes: Establishment of a Fleet Capital Reserve, a Self-Insured Losses Reserve, a General Fund Disaster Contingency Reserve, a De-obligation Policy, a Revenue Projection Policy, and a Budget Oversight Policy. Next, he highlighted the following CIP projects: New library construction, repurposing the existing library to support seniors, veterans and other community needs, monument sign entering Maricopa on State Route(SR) 347, SR 347 signal synchronization, flood warning system, SR 347 truck by-pass study, Bowlin Road crossing, Heritage Park Renovations, Santa Cruz Wash Flood Control Solutions, signal at White & Parker and Honeycutt, Smith-Enke and Chase Drive to White & Parker widening, Pershing Road improvements, Rancho El Dorado Wash crossing, and the Porter Road and Farrell wash crossing. He stated the budget would be posted on the City's website by May 16th. He added that the first newspaper notice for the tentative budget and truth in taxation would be published by May 16th, followed by a second notice around May 30th. He stated that on June 4th Council would hear the public hearing for truth in taxation, the property tax ordinance introduction and the final budget adoption. He stated the final adoption of the property tax levies would be up for approval on July 17th. He clarified that the same tax rate would be maintained and he further elaborated. He opened the floor for questions.*

*Councilmember Smith asked if the pedestrian bridge would be in the CIP. City Manager Horst responded that it would be added to the final budget and elaborated. He encouraged involvement.*

*Councilmember Manfredi thanked staff and City Manager Horst for their work in the budget and elaborated on the CIP projects.*

*Mayor Price thanked staff and City Manager Horst. He elaborated on the budget process. Vice Mayor Wade commended City Manager Horst and the Budget & Finance Subcommittee. He elaborated on the process.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi, that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 (FY19-20) and the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**10.      Executive Session**

**11.      Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by**

Councilmember Nancy Smith, to Adjourn at 8:28 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 7th day of May, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2019.

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Vanessa Bueras  
City Clerk