RESOLUTION 20-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, PINAL COUTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DEEMS THE GRANTING OF A CERTAIN FRANCHISE BENEFICIAL FOR THE CITY OF MARICOPA; ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, AT WHICH ELECTION THERE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SAID FRANCHISE SHALL BE GRANTED TO SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, Southwest Gas Corporation desires to obtain a franchise with the City of Maricopa in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa has determined that the granting of the proposed franchise for Southwest Gas Corporation is beneficial to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa, at the request of Southwest Gas Corporation, desires to conduct an election for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Maricopa the question of whether the proposed franchise shall be granted.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa deem the granting of a Franchise Agreement to Southwest Gas Corporation in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A is beneficial to the City of Maricopa and the City residents.

<u>Section 2.</u> That an election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of Maricopa on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Maricopa the question as to whether the franchise under the terms and conditions of the above referenced agreement shall be granted to Southwest Gas Corporation.

<u>Section 3</u>. That this franchise election be held pursuant to the provisions of the Arizona Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona and City Code of the City of Maricopa.

Section 4. That the ballots used at said election shall be substantially in the following form:

SHALL THE PROPOSED FRANCHISE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS BE GRANTED TO SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION FOR THE USE OF CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR GAS UTILITY PURPOSES? <u>Section 5.</u> That the City Clerk and City Manager are hereby authorized and directed to publish the proposed franchise and take such other actions required by law to conduct the election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Christian Price Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Vanessa Bueras City Clerk Denis Fitzgibbons City Attorney