



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Pastor Roger Thompson from Cavalry Chapel gave the invocation and Councilmember Vitiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 21-06](#) Veteran's Day Proclamation

Mayor Price invited all veterans who have served to the front to accept the proclamation. He read the proclamation and proclaimed November 11th of 2021 as Veteran's Day in the City of Maricopa.

Read

3.2 [PROC 21-08](#) Alzheimer's Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Price invited those present in support of the Alzheimer's Proclamation to the front to accept the proclamation. He read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of November, 2021 as Alzheimer's Awareness Month in the City of Maricopa. Merry Grace thanked the City for the proclamation and gave a brief statement about her experience as caregiver. Maricopa High School student, Anthony sang a song in honor of the proclamation.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Vice Mayor Smith reported on the art exhibit held by Exception Health.

Councilmember Marsh reported attending the following events: Two Planning & Zoning Commission, the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority Board meeting, two

Maricopa Senior Coalition meetings, the Special City Council meeting, doing a video shoot for the State of the City, an Age-Friendly Committee meeting, a meeting with City Manager Horst, the State of the City Address, a Pinal Partnership Breakfast on transportation, an event at the new high school, a meeting with County Supervisor Jeff McClure, chaired in the Pinal County Board of Adjustment meeting and a Microsoft conference.

Councilmember Vitiello gave information on the 5th Annual Izzy Calderon Softball Tournament.

Councilmember Wade thanked those who took the time to read the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Override and voted on the issue. He thanked the Council for supporting the override.

Mayor Price thanked those who participated in the State of the City Address and thanked the sponsors. He stated that former representative Brett Roberts resigned and that he Pinal County Board of Supervisors selected Teresa Martinez as his replacement. He gave information on the veteran's parade on Saturday, November 6th at 9 a.m.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst stated he would present later in the agenda.

6. Call to the Public

Barry McCain from Arizona City thanked the members of the Council and gave a brief statement.

Elizabeth Howell stated that the 4th annual shred a ton/food drive would be on February 26, 2022 at Copper Sky from 9 am. to 1 p.m.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Amber Liermann, seconded by Councilmember Rich Vitiello, to Adopt the Consent Agenda except Agenda Item 7.7 which was moved to the Regular Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.1 [SUB21-15](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve a final plat for Lakes at Rancho El Dorado, Parcel 55, residential subdivision, case #SUB21-15. Discussion and Action.

This Subdivision was Approved.

7.2 [CON 21-27](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with ADOT, Arizona Department of Transportation, to purchase approximately .796 acres of Real Property located at 19563 N Maricopa Rd for \$260,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute any extensions and closing documents related thereto. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.3 [RES 21-44](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Pinal County Flood Control District and the City of Maricopa for the maintenance of flood control improvements in the Eagle Shadow project. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.4 [RES 21-45](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, designating the election date and purpose of election; designating the deadline for voter registration; and designating the place and the last date for candidates to file nomination papers. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.5 [RES 21-46](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting a minor General Plan Land Use Amendment to change the land use from Public/Institutional (P) to Mixed Use (MU) for approximately 27.09 acres of land generally located at the southeast corner of N. Porter Road and W. Applegate Road, just north of Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway, within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits, as described in case # GPA 21-05. The land is situated in a portion of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 7.6 [ORD 21-19](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, deleting Section 2.15.130(A)(2)(b) of the Maricopa City Code to eliminate the Merit Board as a Council established standing board and amending Section 3.75.060(J) of the Maricopa City Code to eliminate the ability to refer the administration of any election held pursuant to the Meet and Confer Code to the Chairperson of the Merit Board. Discussion and Action.

This Ordinance was Approved.

- 7.8 [CON 21-28](#) The Mayor and City Council shall consider and take action on approving the One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement and authorizing the Assistant City Manager to execute any subsequent agreements or documentation necessary to effectuate the City's receipt of funds related to the One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 7.9 [MIN 21-59](#) Approval of Minutes from the October 5, 2021 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.

The Minutes were Approved.

- 7.10 [MIN 21-60](#) Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2021 City Council Special meeting. Discussion and Action.

The Minutes were Approved.**8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

7.7 [ORD 21-20](#)

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting an amendment to the City's Zoning Map to rezone approximately 13 acres of land generally located at the southeast corner of N. Porter Road and W. Applegate Road, just north of Maricopa-Casa Grande Highway, within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits, from Light Industry & Warehouse (CI-1) to General Mixed Use (MU-G) as described in Zoning Case #ZON21-03, for . The parcel of land is located in a portion of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

Mr. Robert Klob submitted a speaker card and stated he was a recent Maricopa resident. He described his professional experience in site-plan design and as a commissioner in the Chandler Planning and Zoning Commission. He detailed his concerns with the proposed multi-family aspect of the planned development including access, removing the current stop sign that exists in Porter Road and possible conflicts with traffic flow.

Rodolfo Lopez, Director of the Development Services Department explained that the item tonight was to approve rezoning from Light Industry & Warehouse (CI-1) to General Mixed Use (MU-G) and the actual site-plan design would be brought back for approval and there would be opportunity before that for public input. He addressed Mr. Klob's concerns with access. City Manager Horst stated he met with the Land Commissioner last week about all state land in the City and elaborated. He stated that the developers in the retail were excited about having the rooftops and elaborated. He stated one of the problems in the City was that some of the land still fell under County zoning and elaborated. He elaborated on the storm drainage and reiterated that tonight would approve a land use rezoning only.

Mayor Price discussed economic growth and its role in the quality of life. He gave brief statement on why growth was beneficial. He stated he was hopeful on the mixed use component of the planned development. Councilmember Vitiello encouraged Mr. Klob to attend the Planning & Zoning Commission meetings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.1 [PRES 21-23](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from City Manager Horst on cemetery possibilities within the city. Discussion only.

City Manager Horst gave a PowerPoint presentation on cemetery possibilities. He discussed the Peed property (11.34 acres) owned since 2006. He provided a visual aerial of the site. He stated property around it was recently sold for residential community. He provided a visual of the two properties. He discussed concept designs.

Councilmember Vitiello asked how many residents would fit. City Manager Horst responded and added one acre would be possibly held for a mortuary.

Vice Mayor Smith asked about the management of the property. City Manager Horst stated bids could go out for bids and elaborated. He recommended creating trust for long term maintenance.

Councilmember Wade asked for clarification on the location.

Mayor Price spoke in favor of the cemetery and stated he would like to think more about the conceptual designs and so on.

Councilmember Marsh urged to move forward. Consensus was to move forward with exploring the possibilities of a city cemetery.

The Presentation was heard.

9. Executive Session

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to go in to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

9.1 ES 21-29

The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and designated representatives of the City in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding emergency management services including, but not limited to, the addition of ambulatory services, storm risk and event management, pre and post event management, utility outages, protocols and necessary infrastructure for current and future growth related thereto; and legal advice regarding the same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), (A)(3) and (A)(4).

10. 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 2nd day of November, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2021.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk