



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Special Meeting

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Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry Wade

Thursday, February 8, 2024

8:00 AM

45700 W. Edison Road

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present, 7 - Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Liermann, Councilmember Goettl, Councilmember Manfredi, Councilmember Marsh, Councilmember Wade, and Vitiello

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [SP 24-01](#)

The purpose of this meeting is for the City Council and City Staff to review and discuss the Future Planning of the City as well as City processes and practices.

City Manager Horst presented the theme presentation and planning objectives.

There was a presentation made by Assistant City Manager Brown regarding Innovation & Quality of Life. A presentation from Deputy City Manager Matt Kozlowski on Fiscal Responsibility and one from Deputy City Manager Micah Gaudet on Unlocking the Full Potential of Neighbors and Numbers.

After lunch, they discussed the priorities previously presented to council, from the various committees, during the regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

First, they discussed the asks from the Senior Advisory Committee beginning with a bigger senior center. Councilmember Liermann stated that this is a goal of hers but doesn't see it happening in the next year. City Manager Horst stated that a building around 15k sq ft it would about 10-12M. Staffing it would be over a million. He added that the census states that we have approximately 11k residents over 60. He asked if we needed the community center component until the need to go to the next step. He suggested letting staff take a look at options with the buildings that we already have. He cautioned council regarding providing food as Meals on Wheels are already offering food. Daily meals can cost hundreds of thousands a year. Mayor would want to know what the community thinks and suggested a survey asking if the people want it and if they are willing to pay for it. Senior Committee should tour other facilities to get ideas. Councilmember Manfredi stated that he favors converting the community center to a senior center. There was general discussion.

Next, they discussed the MET. Councilmember Liermann asked for average ridership, age, peak days, peak hours, etc. Mr. Horst suggested having a work session, after the budget is approved, to discuss this topic.

Next, they discussed the Senior Expo. The committee requested staff's help to organize the event. Mr. Horst suggested that vendors, community members, committee members, etc. should plan the event. He suggested partners to put the event on. Find a partner in the next few months to help plan the next event.

Next, they wanted to change the resolution to update the absences number of absences allowed to three. Mr. Horst cautioned them about changing it to only one committee. The council agreed that they should change it for all.

Next, they moved to Parks and Recreation. First item discussed were trails. Mr. Horst stated that we can work on some of the design parameters now. The committee can then talk to the HOA's to see if we can use their trails or to see if we can put signs on their trails. Councilmember Goettl suggested tasking the committee to advertise the trails, letting them do the homework on how to get the information out.

Regarding the playground Mr. Horst stated that we have contracted with J2 to do the design but once they begin grading, we can discuss with them what we want to put in the park. He cautioned council with the "wild" park because of the liability. Mayor clarified that the committee wants to provide feedback once the design begins.

Regarding the archery facility, Mr. Horst stated that it needs more vetting. They need 6 acres which will cost about 1M dollars. The county will be about 5 years out so he believes that we should allow the county to do it. Mr. Horst stated that maybe we can look at property that is undevelopable. Mr. Horst stated that he is aware of a property by Hogenes farm that might work. Council decided to bring in the county to see how we can partner as well as explore other options.

Cultural Affairs and Arts was discussed next. No problem with the first one. Second was to have a solo artist concept. Councilmember Goettl stated that although they didn't bring this up on Tuesday, they wanted to see if the art display could move back to City Hall. Mr. Horst stated that he didn't see a problem with it except that more people visit the library.

Next, was the art building. Mr. Horst stated that we will have an architect engaged soon that can work with the committee, or different art groups in the community who can come provide input. He stated that Vice-Mayor Liermann stated that she preferred the whole place to be used for arts. There was general discussion.

Next, they discussed city helping with marketing. Mr. Horst stated that if they need staff support, it needs to be really clear. Staff that can help would be Assistant City Manager Brown and Director Konold.

Next, cuisine was discussed. Councilmember Manfredi stated that the chamber could do something with the restaurants where they can do a "taste of" event.

Next, was ways to experience cultural awareness and appreciation which council was ok with.

Next, they discussed finding cost-neutral ways to promote events for the CAAC. There

was general discussion.

Next, Juneteenth was discussed. Councilmember Wade presented. He asked that it be considered a city holiday. Councilmember Manfredi asked what the financial impact would be. Mr. Horst stated that staff would put together the cost impact then bringing it back to council.

Next, Development Services Director Rodolfo Lopez presented an update on the General Plan. He stated that staff would bring it back to council in the near future to define the scope. He stated that it would take about a year to put together so that it could go to the voters in 2026.

Next, council began their tour at 2:43 p.m. They toured various multi-family housing projects currently under construction in the city.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.