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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Marvin L. Brown
Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Henry Wade, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, Councilmember Nancy Smith Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse

3. Agenda Items

- 3.1** [WS 17-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall review items on the Regular City Council meeting agenda.

There were no questions or concerns.

- 3.2** [WS 17-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Smith reported that the CEO of Global Water informed her of changes to their process and they would now waive their site visit fee for customers with bills larger than \$200. Next, she reported on her attendance to the Copa Short Film Fest. She commended the event and acknowledged Shelly Gillespie and her husband.

Councilmember Chapados reported on her attendance to the Copa Short Film Fest. Next, she reported attending the Council on the Corner event that was combined with the Coffee with the Chief on February 11. She commended the topic of sex trafficking and thanked Councilmember Wade and Chief Stahl for coordinating the event.

Vice Mayor Brown reported on his attendance to the Copa Shorts Film Fest and the Council on the Corner event. Next, he reported on his attendance to the O'Odham Tash Parade. He gave information on the event and commended the event.

Councilwoman Gusse reported on her attendance to the Copa Shorts Film Fest. Next, she reported attending the Maricopa County Veterans Stand Down. Next, she reported on her attendance to the 10th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Grace parish. Lastly, she announced that Sacaton, Arizona would be hosting the Ira Hayes

Parade this coming weekend.

Councilmember Wade reported on the Council on the Corner event. Next, he reported speaking to the Maricopa Junior State of America (JSA) Club. Next, he reported that as part of Black History Month he would be judging art work on display at Copper Sky on Saturday, February 25. He reported that also, as part of Black History Month, he attended the viewing of the film 13th Amendment. Lastly, he thanked Police Chief Stahl for combining the Coffee with the Chief and the Council on the Corner event.

Councilmember Manfredi reported on his attendance of the Copa Short Film Fest and the JSA's conference.

3.3 **WSPRES 17-07**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding Maricopa Police Department in support of crime fighting and criminal justice strategies.

Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Chief Stahl gave a PowerPoint presentation, In Support of Crime Fighting and Criminal Justice Strategies. He discussed the tight budgets affecting municipalities and states. He gave information on the Law Enforcement Leaders and detailed the following recommendations: 1-Prioritize resources to combat violent crime, 2-Federal sentencing reform and reduction of unnecessary incarceration, 3-Increase mental health and drug treatment.

Councilmember Chapados inquired about felonies and what the budget numbers would be like if they were included. Chief Stahl responded. Next, Councilmember Chapados inquired what the Law Enforcement Leaders were advocating for high drug traffic areas. Chief Stahl elaborated. Councilmember Smith inquired how much was under the City's control on whether to send people to jail for misdemeanors. Chief Stahl calculated that a little over half was mandated by state law and elaborated. He continued his presentation with recommendation 4- Community policing. Mayor Price inquired at what point it would be saving costs to build a small prison instead of transporting prisoners for misdemeanors. Chief Stahl estimated it could cost up to \$145 per day and elaborated that the amount did not include the cost of building a facility. Chief Stahl concluded his presentation with recommendation 5-Preserve and expanded recidivism reduction.

Councilmember Wade inquired about supporting residential re-entry centers versus direct release into society and discussed housing. Chief Stahl concurred that there was a housing need.

Vice Mayor Brown supported the recommendations and discussed drug treatment for drug offenders. Chief Stahl elaborated.

Mayor Price concurred with the recommendations and discussed permanent criminal records. Chief Stahl elaborated on the criminal justice system.

Councilmember Chapados discussed helping veterans and asked what the community could do to help make sure there were no unfunded mandates. Chief Stahl responded that it would help to make it part of the City's Legislative Platform and elaborated. He elaborated on meetings with veterans.

Councilmember Manfredi requested a copy of the white paper. He stated there should be more out there available for people to change their paths. He elaborated and supported the recommendations. A brief discussion ensued on housing availability.

The Presentation was heard.

- 3.4 [WSPRES 17-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from the organization A Ripple Effect.

Wendy Shackley with The Ripple Effect, Helping Veterans and Families Heal organization gave a presentation. She introduced veteran, Andrew Jones and Behavioral Specialist, Sandy Roberts. She gave background on the organization and her personal experience with her veteran son. She stated the organization provided suicide prevention workshops, collaborated with the community, worked with various veteran organizations, community organizations and non-profits to help veterans reintegrate into the community. She stated they created Shockwave, a mentor helping program. She stated their mission was to prevent suicide among veterans by connecting them with veteran mentors and organizations that help veterans and their families heal. She provided a picture of her son and turned the presentation over to Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones gave details on their suicide prevention workshops. He stated he shares his personal struggle with PTS and suicidal behavior during the workshops and how he got better. He elaborated on PTS and the symptoms and the education workshops. Next, he discussed the mentor program. Sandy Roberts discussed her role and experience in detail.

Councilmember Smith inquired about their contact information. Mrs. Shackley responded the organization was based out of Sun City, Arizona and added they go out wherever they were needed. She elaborated on partnerships with different cities and stated their website was www.therippleeffectaz.org. Mrs. Roberts elaborated.

Councilwoman Gusse added that they would be at the upcoming Veteran Town Hall. She acknowledged, Blue Star Mom Tracy in the audience.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

- 4.1 **ES 17-01** 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 discuss potential changes to the Code of Ethics and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).
- 4.2 **ES 17-06** 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 discuss and give direction concerning the appraisals for City properties from the Arizona Department of Transportation related to the SR 347 overpass project and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(7).

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adjourn at 7:06 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 work session of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on

the 17th day of February, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2017.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk