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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, March 21, 2017 **6:00 PM** **Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:01 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.

Councilmember Smith requested that Agenda Item 9.4 be pulled from the Consent section.

3.2 WS 17-02 The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Vice Mayor Brown reported several members of the Council attended the Maricopa Police Volunteer annual dinner on February 28 in Province. He reported representing the Mayor at the Canada Arizona Business Council board meeting and gave a brief account of the meeting and the guest speaker. Next, he reported attending the Pinal 40 Agricultural Dinner that raised money for the Boys and Girls Club on March 7th. He gave a brief summary of the event and the guest speaker. Lastly, he reported attending the annual Province Theater Gala on March 9th.

Councilmember Chapados reported attending the Pinal-Gila Council for Seniors public hearing report on the Community Needs Assessment on February 22nd. She noted that almost 100 surveys were returned from Maricopa and that the main needs expressed were hot meals, transportation and housing. She reported her involvement in the Housing Needs Steering Committee and reported on their meetings. She reported escorting the Age-Friendly Committee in a tour of the Casa Grande Senior Living Center on March 8th. She commended the facility. Lastly, she reported hosting the Maricopa Historical Society in the Council Chambers on March 11th. She stated they held their annual symposium, A Morning in History and noted pictures were available in InMaricopa and their website. She elaborated on the symposium and

noted there were members of the Buffalo Soldiers, the Ak-Chin Tribal Council, the Ak-Chin Him-Dak EcoMuseum and State Historian, Marshall Trimble.

Councilmember Wade reported he addressed a group of 6th graders at Maricopa Elementary School on March 9th. He elaborated on the youth symposium and stated there were approximately 400 students in attendance. He noted Mr. Lee Feiles and his students were also present.

Councilmember Manfredi reported on his trip to Washington D.C. to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference. He stated it was a great opportunity to meet with representatives and elaborated on some of the activities. He detailed classes he attended on "Transportation Meets Technology" and "Fostering Small Business, Development and Entrepreneurship."

3.3 **WSPRES 17-08** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation discussing pavement durability standards.

Engineer/ Floodplain Manager, Josh Plumb gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Pavement Standards. He gave a brief summary of the text amendment that initiated discussions. He stated that City roads were failing faster than the industry standards of 20 to 25 years. He explained that less robust asphalt cross section resulted in earlier failure and increased public cost but saved the development community money. He detailed the industry standards for road rehab, crack seal, seal coat and chip seal roads. Next, he provided estimates of costs for all the possible Maricopa Standards and noted that if the City went with the industry standard of 20-25 years the cost would be $3M per year and lesser standards would increase the cost. He explained that after determination of a Maricopa Standard, with guidance from the Mayor and Council, the next steps would be to enter into an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with ASU (Arizona State University) Civil Engineering Department. He elaborated they would develop asphalt road cross sections to comply with Council guidance, legal requirements and industry standards. He stated a draft report would be anticipated by August 2017 and then the proposed amendment Subdivision Code would be ready by August or September 2017. He opened the floor for questions.

Councilmember Smith stated that she recalled the developers disagreed with the standards on some cross sections not all of them and asked if the standard would be applied to all roads. She inquired what standards the developers felt the City needed to revisit. Mr. Plumb reiterated that the ultimate goal was to determine a standard for the City and then have ASU handle in-depth analysis. City Manager Rose further elaborated on what the in depth analysis would include. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Chapados inquired about the cost of the IGA. Mr. Plumb responded it had an estimated cost of $50,000-$60,000 and elaborated. Councilmember Chapados stated it would be important to look at the history of the roads and the standards used. She stated she would like to see a baseline of where the City was currently and were it needed to be. She stated she would also like to see if the ASU study could identify possible truck routes. She elaborated on road issues and stated it was important that growth paid for growth. Mr. Plumb stated that a baseline was covered in the discussion with ASU in their scope of the work components and added that a possible truck routes were also in progress.

Mayor Price elaborated on the complexity of competing with other cities. He stated that if the City wanted developers to build here, then it needed to considered being able to compete with other cities and it was not always possible to have the 20-25 year standard.

Councilmember Smith asked if a funding source was already approved for the IGA.

City Manager responded that it was not a budgeted project at this time. He elaborated that staff would explore the possibility of using HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds). He stated that based on the discussion he would direct staff to go back and create a map of City roads to include the timeline of when roads were built and to what standards. He stated that it would take some time and by then it could be added to the budget process. He further explained the information would be presented in order for the Council to determine standards.

The Presentation was heard.

3.4 **WSPRES 17-09** The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation discussing street name sign design options.

Engineer/ Floodplain Manager, Josh Plumb gave a PowerPoint presentation on Street Name Detail and Upgrades. He stated that in 2013 Streets Superintended, Rob Dolson received a grant from HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) for a 2 phase program. He stated Phase I conducted an inventory assessment and provided software for sign inventory management, and Phase II would be to purchase replacement of up to 37oo signs. He stated Phase I was completed and identified 300 regulatory signs in need of replacement. He stated the City had the capacity to purchase many more street name signs and detailed the current condition of some street signs. He stated the City had the opportunity to update signs and include changes to their current design. He detailed some of the standards and guidelines including that: signs must be either green or brown, the letters must be white, and all street name signs shall include a combination of upper and lowercase letters. He presented visuals of the different options including placement of the City Logo. He stated the order was placed with ADOT (Arizona Department of Transportation) and it was awaiting standard instructions. He opened the floor for comments and discussion.

Councilmember Chapados asked whether green or brown was more reflective. Mr. Dolson stated the reflectivity of both colors would be the same. Councilmember Chapados stated she would like the logo to be as small as possible so as not to distract from the street name and noted that brown would be a logical color. Mr. Plumb clarified the changes would be considered administrative changes.

Mayor Price stated that brown was not his favorite color and noted he liked the smallest sign. He stated that the logo was not his first choice, but understood the City Seal was not ready. He discussed street signs from other municipalities. He asked by when the decision needed to be made and the timeline for the grant. Mr. Dolson responded that the most would be a month or the City could possibly loose the grant.

Councilmember Manfredi indicated he preferred the shortest option. Councilmember Smith stated that a constituent made a comment that capital letters made for less confusion and asked if any studies were available that confirmed that. Mr. Plumb explained the lettering was dictated and the City had no choice on that matter. A brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Wade indicated his preference for the smallest sign. Councilmember Chapados asked the Police and Fire Chiefs what the preference was for public safety. They both indicated that the biggest sings were preferred. Mr. Plumb explained that the letter size was the same on all options and clarified that the placement of the logo made the signs longer or shorter. He noted that the letter size was also regulated. Councilmember Manfredi suggested using option one and moving the logo from the front to the end. Councilmember Gusse expressed concerns that the placement of the logo at the end would be confusing because it could be confused with the letter 'o.' Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Chapados asked if all roads, such as the interior roads, all had to

have the same standards. Mr. Plumb responded the standard would include interior roads. Mayor Price suggested coming back with the two options of the logo on the front and logo at the end. Discussion ensued about possibly selecting a City Seal on time.

Councilmember Chapados suggested also coming back with samples of the signs that include long street names.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to enter in to Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

4.1 ES 17-07 The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney regarding City Manager Gregory Rose's performance evaluation, as per the City Manager's Employment Agreement pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

4.2 ES 17-08 The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maricopa Sergeants Council Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #78 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for sergeants and officers of the Maricopa Police Department which will be effective from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).

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4.4 ES 17-10 The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for purpose of discussion or consultation with its designated representatives and the City Attorney to consider its position and instruct its attorney and representatives regarding the public body's position regarding negotiations to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Professional Firefighter of Maricopa IAFF Local 4561 regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits or other conditions of employment for firefighters of the Maricopa Fire Department which will be effective from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, pursuant to Section 3-278(f)(5)(ii) of the City Code and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(5).

5. Adjournment

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 21st day of March, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2017.

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Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk