



# City of Maricopa

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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.**

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Tuesday, June 20, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**1. Call to Order**

*The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:05 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 she and Councilmember Manfredi, Economic Development Director, Denyse Airheart, Development Services Director Martin Scribner and City Manager Rose took a tour of the container park in Las Vegas. She elaborated on the concept and encouraged the public to take a look at the idea. Next, she reported attending the briefing on the State Route (SR) 347 Overpass Project and elaborated on the bike/pedestrian overpass ideas. Next, she reported attending a Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) meeting that discussed the roadblocks for developers in the City of Maricopa. Next, she reported attending the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce lunch with a presentation from Apex on their progress. She added that Apex would also present at the Pinal Partnership Breakfast on Friday (6/23/2017).*

*Councilmember Wade reported attending the Promise for the Future event at Central Arizona College (CAC) and elaborated on meeting the new recruiter.*

*Vice Mayor Brown reported attending the Arizona League of Cities and Towns quarterly meeting in Queen Creek and elaborated on the main theme of State tourism.*

**3.3**      **WSPRES 17-24**

The Mayor and Council shall discuss and provide feedback on the Great American 4th updated traffic plan. The event is Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at Copper Sky Regional Park.

*Special Events & Marketing Manager, Niesha Whitman presented the Special Events Signage & Egress Plan for the Great American 4th. She provided an egress/ingress map of the event and detailed the traffic flow. She stated community traffic would be filtered through Gate A into the South Lot and the overflow area to the \$5 parking area. She stated the West Lot would be \$15 VIP parking. She stated cash handlers and parking attendants would be station at each lot. She detailed the ADA parking. She stated that due to budget constraints they had to minimize bodies and therefore placed strategic barricades throughout some areas. She stated the shuttles would come in through Bowlin. She stated the shuttle service would begin at 5:45 p.m. and end at 11 p.m. She noted that MUSD (Maricopa Unified School District) would stop pick-up at from the sites at 8:45 p.m. in order to get people to the fireworks display on time. She stated that for the past 3 years there had been 11 shuttles servicing 7 locations but, that due to budget constraints, the amount would be reduced to 7 shuttles and longer wait times were anticipated. She stated contacted the Ak-Chin Police Department (PD) and their events planner to coordinate with their event which was scheduled between 8 and 8:30 p.m. She invited Commander Hughes to elaborate.*

*Councilmember Manfredi inquired about the savings from cutting back to 7 shuttles. Mrs. Whitman elaborated that the quote was being reworked but currently it was \$3,134 for 11 shuttles and what was budgeted for the shuttles was \$2,000.*

*Commander Hughes discussed some of the challenges including: 1- The Ak-Chin fireworks event; 2- The possible delay of Farrell Road construction; 3- Amtrak was scheduled to arrive at 8:52 p.m. to 9:02 p.m. He stated the train could possibly close the road up to 20 minutes; 4- Limited path of egress from the event; 5- State Route (SR) 347 northbound traffic congestion; 5- Traffic and pedestrian safety concerns; 6- Parking/traffic related issues from contiguous neighborhoods. He detailed their mitigation strategy including: 1- Working with Ak-Chin PD to handle traffic detours to Peter and Nall to avoid traffic congestion on SR 347; 2- They put in a request to railroads to alter schedules; 3- The shuttle drop-off on Bowlin would keep traffic moving in the main artery; 4- He stated the PD night shift would start early to man traffic lights north of Copper Sky; 5- He stated they would also allow south access from Gate A. He discussed the minor crime during previous events.*

*Councilmember Chapados stated that based on concerns from previous events, exit from Martin Luther King (MLK) from the north VIP parking lot needed additional signage to direct people to exit through SR 347. Commander Hughes elaborated that officers would be staged at MLK and Gate C to push traffic out. Councilmember Chapados stated that last year there was a lot of confusion about oversized vendors parked in the north VIP lot and it resulted in congestion. She recommended having a parking attendant stationed closer to MLK to help.*

*Councilmember Wade inquired about the west VIP paid parking. Mrs. Whitman elaborated that it was a new way to bring in revenue and added there would be signage and lot attendants. She added pre-sales were pushed via social media. Commander Hughes stated that Bowlin would be closed by a patrol unit for ingress around 8:45 p.m.*

*City Manager Rose asked Community Services Director, Kristie Riester how she planned to address the shortage of shuttles. Mrs. Riester responded they were trying get in kind services and were also looking for additional funds within the budget. She*

*stated they would find a way. Mrs. Whitman verified they would find a way to have 11 buses.*

**The Presentation was heard.**

**4. Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Nancy Smith, to move in to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

**4.1 ES 17-23**

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 regarding a status report to cover items identified in City Manager Gregory Rose's performance evaluation pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).

**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 20th day of June, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 18th day of July, 2017.**

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**Vanessa Bueras**  
**City Clerk**