



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

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Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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, and 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 Chapados clarified that on Agenda Item 9.6 regarding the liquor license only one day was included on the packet. City Clerk Vanessa Bueras clarified that they submitted an application for each date and elaborated that she attached only one application and listed the dates. Next, Councilmember Chapados requested to pull Agenda Item 9.8.

City Attorney, Denis Fitzgibbons stated there was a change on Agenda Item 9.4: He stated the bid was \$37,000 with the contingency of \$6,575. He clarified changes to the first page of the agreement clarified the total compensation was not to exceed \$43,575. He stated CORE requested that the following sentence be included in paragraph 2, "Markups for Contractor's Fee and taxes will be applied by the Contractor at the time that Owner's Contingency is used." Clarification ensued for Councilmember Smith that the contingency referred to the contingency created for the project.

3.2 [WS 17-02](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall hear reports on meeting and/or conferences attended by Council.

Councilmember Smith reported attending the Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE) Pitch Competition. She gave information on the competition and commended it. Next, she reported attending the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce Government Committee meeting in the morning. She stated speakers at the meeting included Police Chief Stahl, Intergovernmental Affairs Director Dale Weibusch, County Supervisor Smith and herself. She detailed some of the topics discussed and stated

there was a lot of confusion regarding the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). She suggested finding a way to provide the right information.

Councilmember Chapados stated that a pamphlet with information on the RTA was available in the lobby.

Councilmember Wade reported attended a planning session by a group of Maricopa citizens called the Copa Central Command who were planning to host a donation drive for a relief fund for Texas hurricane Harvey victims.

3.3 **WSPRES 17-31**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear and discuss a presentation by Chief Steve Stahl on the Maricopa Police Department (MPD) Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Program.

Maricopa Police Chief, Steve Stahl introduced the presentation on Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for Public Safety. He invited Public Information Officer (PIO), Ricky Alvarado and retired Chief of Police and Maricopa Chief Flight Officer, Martinez to give the presentation.

PIO Alvarado gave a PowerPoint presentation. He explained the following acronyms: UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems), UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) and RPV (Remotely Piloted Vehicle). He explained that UAS included remotely controlled airplanes, helicopters and airships with less than 55 pounds gross weight and less than 100 miles per hour top speed. He further elaborated it was capable of downlinking data such as: still pictures, video, FLIR and Environmental samplings. He elaborated and clarified FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Radar). He detailed important terms and definitions for First Person View (FPV), Visual Flight Rules (VFR), and 14 CFR, Part 107. He explained that there were 4 ways to legally fly UAS such as for hobby use, government use, commercial use and special airworthiness certificate. He explained UAS technology in detail. He explained the technical limitations such as that wind had to be less than 25 miles per hour, the flight duration was between 12-90 minutes and the max level of speed was 35 miles per hour. Next, he listed FAA limitations such as the UAS has to be generally below 400 feet. Mayor Price inquired how it would work with the Ak-Chin Airport. PIO Alvarado explained that they would be able to communicate with the Ak-Chin Airport to let them know when and where they would be launching. He continued listing the FAA limitations such as not flying over people not involved in operation of the UAS.

Councilmember Wade asked if it would not be allowed to fly over events. PIO Alvarado concurred and elaborated that the 3x zoom camera would still allow a good view if needed. Councilmember Chapados inquired how it would work on specific vehicular accident situations and whether it could be used. PIO Alvarado elaborated that air evacuations would have priority and they would stay out of the way and elaborated.

Vice Mayor Brown inquired what kind of activities would determine deployment and who would in charge of deployment. PIO Alvarado elaborated that policy would dictate specifically who and when the UAS could be used and he elaborated on the policy. He stated there could be exceptions and noted that the UAS Policy was on the city website.

Councilmember Chapados asked what the response time would be once the request for the UAS was made. PIO Alvarado elaborated it would depend on the pilots available but approximately between 15 to 20 minutes. He explained it was easy to put the UAS together.

Councilmember Smith expressed concerns with the privacy of citizens. She asked if it

would be used to do reconnaissance for data gathering purposes. PIO Alvarado stated if the unit was not called out, it would only be used for training purposes. He explained there would be a log integrated with evidence.com. Next, Councilmember Smith inquired about the cost of storage and whether all the data became a matter of public records. Chief Stahl stated that if the UAS was needed for surveillance the same search warrant rules would apply and elaborated. He stated that they had consulted with the IT (Information Technology) Department to purchase an additional server to store data. He stated the data would be subject to public record. Clarification ensued regarding public record.

PIO Alvarado continued the presentation with the FAA limitations that included public aircraft with COA or Part 107 Operations and daytime operation only unless night operation permitted by COA or Part 107 waiver. He noted that they had a waiver. He gave a synopsis of Part 107 operations. Councilmember Wade asked for an example of an external load. PIO Alvarado responded that it could not be weaponized and stated they could deploy life preservers, water and such. Mr. Alvarado continued with a synopsis of part 107 as pertaining to pilots and aircraft. He discussed community engagement and stated that they were waiting for it to be presented to the Council first and would then invite the media to observe scenario based training, solicit public comments, grant interviews to the media and be honest and straight forward. He discussed how Maricopa Police Department's unit was being created. He invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Chapados asked if it could be offered as mutual aid to another departments. Mr. Alvarado elaborated that it could be done within Pinal County. Next, Councilmember Chapados inquired about evidentiary involvement and whether it had been tested in court. Mr. Alvarado and City Attorney Fitzgibbons responded that the technology was too new and elaborated.

Councilwoman Gusse asked how many people would go through the training and certification process. Chief Stahl stated that 7 people were going through the training and elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse next asked if all 7 people were staff. Chief Stahl responded and elaborated.

Vice Mayor Brown asked if there would be a reason for Homeland Security to be interested in the data gathered. Chief Stahl stated that while there was always the chance for national emergencies, anything for immigration and customs enforcement would violate policy.

Councilmember Wade asked if there were any studies that showed how much money would be saved in manpower by having this technology available. Chief Stahl elaborated.

Mayor Price asked Chief Martinez how the weather was handled with UAS. Chief Martinez elaborated on the training and regulations. Chief Stahl added that there was a home button in case of any malfunction.

Councilmember Manfredi asked what the price was and how it was paid for. Chief Stahl responded and stated that it was purchased through asset forfeiture.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

- 4.1 ES 17-31** 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 entering into a real estate purchase or lease agreement with Santa Cruz Land Development, LLC and the potential terms thereof, to give staff direction on how to proceed with this agreement and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.2 ES 17-32** The Maricopa City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City's attorney to consider its position and instruct representatives regarding the pending lawsuits filed against the City regarding CUP 17-01 for Apex Private Motorsports Group, LLC to operate a motorsports facility within the City of Maricopa and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marvin L. Brown, seconded by Councilmember Henry Wade, to Adjourn at 6:55 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 5th day of September, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2017.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk