



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Work Session

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Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, September 19, 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, 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.

City Manager Gregory Rose clarified that item 9.5 on the consent agenda, of the Regular City Council meeting should include both non-profit as well as for profit businesses.

- 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 attending the Maricopa High School Football game on September 7th. He stated that he, along with Pinal County Board Supervisor, Anthony Smith, were interviewed by 88.7 radio station where Supervisor Smith discussed what different cities around the County were doing and Vice Mayor Brown discussed Maricopa. He also reported representing Mayor Price by attending the Canada Arizona Business Council quarterly meeting, last Friday at the Herberger. He stated that this group worked to promote trade, transportation and tourism, and efforts to promote travel from Arizona to Canada, he stated that there would be a kickoff event October 11, at the Phoenician, he elaborated. Lastly, he reported attending the Maricopa Kids Day last Saturday and commended the coordinators of the event.

Councilmember Smith reported that she was invited to the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens Informative Meeting at City Hall. She stated that there was a good turnout and members spoke about the benefits and services available. She indicated that resources would be available on a senior website that would be discussed soon. She stated that the Heritage District Committee Meeting learned about the Heritage District

Adaptive Reuse Program, which would be used to stimulate reinvestment and support revitalization, she elaborated.

Councilmember Chapados acknowledged the Age-Friendly Committee for hosting the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens Informative Meeting. She recognized that current Age-Friendly Chair, Joan Koczor was the Board President for Pinal-Gila Council and Staff Liaison, Arnold Jackson was on their Advisory Board. She stated that she participated in the 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Copper Sky Police Substation that was put on by Veterans and Maricopa Police Department. She thanked Councilmember Wade for his comments as well as Maricopa Police Department and Maricopa Fire for being a part of the event.

Councilmember Wade discussed attending the 9/11 remembrance ceremony and stated that it was well attended, he added that he attended a memorial service at the Veterans Center. He reported attending Maricopa Kids Day with the Texas Command Control truck to collect money and food items for Rockport, Texas. He reported attending the Ak-Chin Chihuahua Festival and Car show, and elaborated. Lastly, he stated he assisted Jim Shoaf in packing the Texas Command Control Truck and encouraged the community to contribute.

Councilwoman Gusse reported attending the Ak-Chin Chihuahua Festival and Car Show and stated that the Hispanic Chamber was also in attendance to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. She stated that this month was Suicide Prevention Awareness month and she attended several conferences and workshops at the Phoenix Veteran Affairs (VA). She stated that these events were open to veterans and anyone affected by suicide. She discussed the Maricopa Veterans Committees' hope of bringing a conference to Maricopa.

3.3 **WSPRES 17-33**

That Mayor and City Council shall hear and discuss a presentation by Interim Community Services Director Fred Gray and Special Events & Marketing Manager Niesha Whitman on the Post Event Evaluation for the Great American 4th.

Interim Community Services Director, Fred Gray gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Post Event Evaluation for the Great American 4th and discussed the feedback received on the event. He discussed event planning criteria that would be utilized for all City events such as addressing the purpose and goals for each event and identifying the target audience and needs. He addressed communication expectations to vendors as well as between all City staff. He discussed the financial goals and expectations for all events as well as conducting a cost/benefit analysis and assessing overall community value.

Special Events Manager, Niesha Whitman discussed the event and changes that would be made going forward. She stated logistically there would be consistency in the site plans used for City events including increased signage, more visibility for Police/Fire and other City department booths as well as clear designations of hospitality tents. She addressed concerns regarding Marketing and Promotion and stated there would be a text messaging service to assist with promotion, working with local HOA's to assist with flyers and digital newsletters for promotion as well as announcements at City Council meetings. Lastly, she addressed considerations for future events and indicated increased fees for prime vendor locations with higher foot traffic which would bring additional revenue, designated golf cart for vendor services, addressing clear vendor expectations and accommodations without affecting event, including more information with sponsorships and an expanded use of volunteers. She invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Wade inquired about support and staff assistance to vendors with setup and teardown at the events. Ms. Whitman responded that there were limited staff at the conclusion of events but they would work on having staff or volunteers available to support vendors.

Councilmember Chapados thanked Ms. Whitman for the follow-up and spoke in favor on the direction they were headed.

Mayor Price spoke in agreement with Councilmember Chapados and elaborated.

Mr. Gray responded to Councilmember Wade's question and discussed possibly implementing specific setup and teardown times for staff to assist vendors.

3.4 **WSPRES 17-32**

The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation on proposed conceptual design for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities near UPRR and SR-347, and provide direction.

Development Services Director, Martin Scribner discussed the grant process from Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for the pedestrian and bicycle concept in relation to the Overpass Project and stated that staff was ready to present options and ask Council for direction.

Planner, Ryan Wozniak gave a PowerPoint presentation on the conceptual design for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. He discussed the MAG grant, which was awarded to the City for \$70,408 in order to produce a bicycle and pedestrian facility concept (15 % design). He discussed the intention of the grant, multimodal goals, visioning efforts, future grant funding opportunities, filling essential historic gaps and elaborated on additional considerations. He discussed the Redevelopment District Area Plan, place making potential, land value appreciation and overall goals and objectives. Mr. Wozniak discussed the scope of work with J2 Design and the history of J2 Design's knowledge on the needs of the community. He discussed community outreach and stakeholder meetings with Councilmember Smith, Boards, Committees and Commissions (BCCs), Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Adjacent Homeowner Association (HOA) Officials. He introduced J2 Design Consultant, Dean Chambers to elaborate on the work that has been completed.

J2 Design Consultant, Dean Chambers, discussed the analysis on existing conditions and crossings. He stated that there were three concepts considered, the first concept was the Maricopa circle; which allowed crossing by using the existing location and existing right-of-way, the second concept was the Overpass Link; which utilized the side walk but did not accommodate bicycles and was a high speed vehicular route, the third concept was the Maricopa Station; which was located to the West and was the most used area for crossing. He stated that two alternative concepts were eliminated early on due to permitting regulations and safety concerns. Mr. Chambers stated that all three concepts were tested through surveys, open houses, stakeholder meetings and with high school students, and that the Maricopa Station was the preferred concept, he elaborated on the details. Mr. Chambers discussed the shared use paths, concept design, visualization and connected network of the Maricopa Station crossing.

Mr. Wozniak continued the presentation and discussed additional considerations for the final design report such as path alignment, connection points, landscaping, grading and drainage, and lighting conditions. He stated the goal was to bring this item back to Council for final adoption on October 17th. He discussed future grant opportunities and funding for the project and elaborated. He invited questions from Council.

Councilmember Smith stated that there were concerns from residents of the Heritage District regarding access. She stated her support in the feasibility of completing the project in phases and she thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Wade asked if the concept would disrupt business access, if there would be connectivity problems with bicycles, pedestrians and vehicles being allowed to coexist in the same space. Mr. Wozniak stated the concept would enhance business and pedestrian networks and access to businesses. He elaborated on the strength of grant applications which would allow for access and safe routes that would work in favor of the project. Mr. Wozniak elaborated on the off street network and separate uses for everyone's safety. Councilmember Wade clarified that any disruption to vehicle access would still allow access from an alternative source. Mr. Wozniak confirmed that was the goal.

Mayor Price stated that with many projects, there were unknown factors and process such as what was included with the Overpass Cost, he elaborated. He stated that it fell on the City to be transparent and look outside the box to fill in the gaps. He applauded staff for their efforts but conveyed the importance of addressing the number one priority of the City, which was to get the crossing up and running first, as quickly as possible. He spoke in favor of having the project done in phases but directed staff going forward that although the ancillary details are important, they should take a back seat to the most immediate concern of the City, which was having the crossing built and getting people across safely.

Mr. Scribner acknowledged Mr. Wozniak for his efforts and for spearheading the project and commended him for his hard work.

4. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Peggy J. Chapados, to enter in to Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4.1 ES 17-35** 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 grant agreement to accept funding from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters SAFER grant and the terms thereof, to give staff direction on how to proceed with this grant agreement and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4).
- 4.2 ES 17-33** 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

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 19th

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

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2017.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk