



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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**Mayor Christian Price**  
**Vice-Mayor Henry M. Wade Jr.**  
**Councilmember Marvin L. Brown**  
**Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse**  
**Councilmember Vincent Manfredi**  
**Councilmember Nancy Smith**  
**Councilmember Rich Vitiello**

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Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

*The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Pastor Jonathan Klemm, with Jericho Way Ministries, gave the invocation and Councilmember Rich Vitiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Vice Mayor Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

### 3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

### 4. Report from the Mayor

*Councilmember Smith reported attending the Copa Shorts Film Fest and commended the talent. She reported participating as a judge at the State DECA Competition. She gave details on the organization and encouraged volunteering.*

*Vice Mayor Wade reported on his attendance to the following events: The American Legion Post 133 event, the Copa Shorts Film Fest, the Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Board's local partner luncheon, the Against Abuse Gala and the Maricopa Music Festival. He reported judging the Mr. Maricopa High School Pageant and participating in the Arizona Black Rodeo as Grand Marshall. He reported attending the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Washington D.C. Lastly, he reported participating in a bowling tournament for Keep Teachers Teaching at Ultra-Star and elaborated on the organization.*

*Councilmember Brown elaborated on the NLC conference and the workshops he attended including a workshop on the census.*

*Councilmember Vitiello reported on his attendance to the following events: A meeting along with Mayor Price and local seniors, his first Canada Arizona Business Council (CABC) meeting and the Heritage Academy Groundbreaking. He elaborated on the trip to Washington D.C. and the NLC conference. Lastly, he reported participating in the American Legion Softball Tournament coordinated by Councilwoman Gusse on March 16th.*

Councilwoman Gusse, thanked Vitiello for his collaboration and stated it was the American Legion's 100th anniversary, and the 10th for the Maricopa American Legion. She reported attending the Cesar Chavez Pinal Foundation scholarship event and announced two Maricopa High School students received scholarships at the event. She stated there would be an inaugural event to commemorate Women's History Month and announced the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment on women's right to vote would be in June.

Mayor Price announced the State Route (SR) 347 scoping study kicked off this week and elaborated. He explained the plan could take up to eighteen months and added they were working close with Gila River and Ak-Chin. He reminded everyone the Salsa Festival would be on Saturday (March 23), and encouraged participation. Next, he reported on the trip to Washington D.C. for the NLC conference and elaborated on the value of making relationships with congressional representatives and learning about federal issues. He noted he attended breakout sessions on transportation, immigration and Supreme Court cases and elaborated.

**5. Report from the City Manager**

*There were no items reported.*

**6. Call to the Public**

Stacey Vannesdale announced that tomorrow evening (March 20), the 1st annual Women on the Verge of Greatness event would take place at City Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Gale Randolph, with Families First CDC, announce that they would partner with Women on the Verge, and Speechless Reflection Photography to host a Prom Dress Pop-Up Boutique to give away prom dresses and more. She stated the event would be held on Friday (March 22) at 45138 W. Garvey Avenue from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. She stated it was available for Maricopa High School and Pathway students as well as for the special needs prom. She stated they were in need of clothing racks and asked for help spreading the word.

Torri Anderson thanked the community for the success of the Against Abuse Gala. She announced they raised over \$35,000 and shared statistics from the non-profit.

Shelley Gillespie gave an update on the Copa Shorts Film Fest and thanked Mayor Price for being master of ceremonies, City Manager Horst, Councilmember Manfredi, Councilmember Smith and everyone else involved. She acknowledged Kaden Rogers and elaborated on his dedication to movie making. She stated they would make an announcement on next year's event soon.

Kim Vanderburg, Team Lead for The Wall that Heals Pinal County stated the wall was recently in Pinal County. She presented the Mayor and City Council an appreciation certificate and the flag that was flown at the wall when it was in the City. She reported on the event's attendance and read a letter left at the wall. She thanked the City for sponsoring the wall and acknowledged Paul Leonard.

Berry McCain spoke on his military background. He stated he cared about Maricopa because he was a resident. He thanked Mayor Price, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Smith, and Councilwoman Gusse. He acknowledged, his cousin, late

*Senator John McCain. He explained why he spoke at various public meetings and noted he was a registered lobbyist for Arizona Veterans with Disabilities.*

*Judith Zaimont announced the next Maricopa Arts Council event would be a concert by the Maricopa Music Circle, on Saturday, April 6 at the Maricopa Agriculture Center. She stated the fee was \$15 for admission and invited the public to attend.*

## 7. Minutes

- 7.1 [MIN 19-21](#) Approval of Minutes from the February 19, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## 8. Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Henry Wade, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- 8.1 [IGA 19-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve Amendment No. 2 to the current Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Arizona and the City of Maricopa for design and construction of roadway improvements for the Maricopa/Casa Grande (MCG) Highway, Porter Road to White & Parker Road. The current IGA dated July 5, 2016 and Amendment No. 1 dated May 7, 2018, designates the State of Arizona, acting by and through its Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to serve as the City's authorized agent for the roadway project and allows the use of federal funds for the project. The federal funds and local match designated for the project in the current IGA and Amendment No. 1 are \$4,080,398 federal and \$340,498 local for a total of \$4,420,896. With Amendment No. 2, the federal funds and local match increased to \$4,888,018 federal and \$519,022 local for a total of \$5,407,040. The funding will be drawn from budget line item MCG Highway Widening, Porter to White & Parker (30044146-67750-35022). Discussion and Action.

**This Intergovernmental Agreement was Approved.**

- 8.2 [RES 19-12](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, pertaining to the submission of projects for consideration in the Arizona's 2020 Highway Safety Plan. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 8.3 [RES 19-13](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent for Keeping Teachers Teaching if their grant application is funded by the Gila River Indian Community. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 8.4 [RES 19-15](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent for the funding Power Networking Group if their grant application is funded by the Gila River Indian Community. Discussion and Action.

**This Resolution was Approved.**

- 8.5      [SPEVLIQ 19-03](#)      The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for an Application submitted by Pat Kieny on behalf of Native Grill & Wings to host a beer garden for the Great American 4th on Saturday, July 4 2019, at Copper Sky Regional Park located at 44345 W Martin Luther King Blvd. Discussion and Action.

**This Special Event Liquor License was Approved.****9.      Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 9.1      [PH 19-02](#)      The Mayor and City Council shall hear public comment regarding a request to abandon the public right of way (ABDN17-01) segments of Papago Street and McDavid Road in a portion of the Townsite of Maricopa resubdivision, Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona containing approximately 0.31 acre in exchange for a newly defined public access easement in the same general vicinity.

*The public hearing, PH 19-02 was opened at 7:53 p.m. City Engineer, Josh Plumb gave a summary of the request to abandon the public right-of-way. There were no public comments, the public hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.*

**The Public Hearing was held.**

- 9.2      [RES 19-11](#)      A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, vacating and abandoning, with compensation in the form of an easement, Papago Street and a portion of McDavid Road generally located north of Edwards Avenue, South of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, and West of State Route 347 within the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- 9.3      [APP 19-01](#)      The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on making appointments to the various committees whose terms are expired or are vacant. Discussion and Action.

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee: Councilwoman Gusse nominated Elizabeth Howell, Councilmember Manfredi was not ready to make an appointment, Vice Mayor Wade nominated Andy Lockridge and Councilmember Vitiello nominated Colleen Strom. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Board of Adjustments: Councilmember Manfredi nominated Dean Tevault, Councilmember Vitiello nominated Greg Cambell and Vice Mayor Wade nominated Chance Love. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Heritage District Citizen Advisory Committee: Councilwoman Gusse nominated Stacey Vannesdale, Councilmember Manfredi was not ready to make an appointment, Vice Mayor Wade nominated Terrence Vyffhuis and Councilmember Vitiello nominated Lucia Rodriguez. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Councilmember Manfredi that*

*these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Arts Committee: Councilmember Smith nominated Susan Cameron, Vice Mayor Wade nominated Shelley Gillespie, Councilmember Manfredi was not ready to make an appointment, Councilmember Vitiello nominated Cynthia Portrey and Councilwoman Gusse nominated Antonia Presume. A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Smith that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Parks, Recreation and Libraries (PRL) Committee: Mayor Price stated he would make his appointment at the next meeting, Councilmember Vitiello nominated Kevin McDill, Vice Mayor Wade nominated Kristina 'Tina' Dugan, and Councilmember Manfredi nominated Michael Collins. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Councilmember Smith that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Vice Mayor Wade nominated Linda Huggins, Councilmember Manfredi nominated Joshua Babb, and Councilmember Vitiello nominated Dan Frank. A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Councilmember Smith that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Transportation Committee: Councilmember Manfredi was not ready to make an appointment, Vice Mayor Wade nominated Roger Gillespie and Councilmember Vitiello nominated Brian Hoffman. A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Smith that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*The following nominations were made for appointment to the Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee: Vice Mayor Wade nominated Ammar Abed, Councilmember Manfredi nominated Amanda Evans Clark and Councilmember Vitiello nominated Javier Moncada. A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade that these appointments be approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**The Appointments were made.**

**9.4      [ORD 19-03](#)**

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending section 2-82(3)(a) of the City Code of Maricopa regarding Council Standing Subcommittees to eliminate the Marketing and Communications Subcommittee, eliminate the Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee, eliminate the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee and revise the Budget, Finance, and Operations Subcommittee. Discussion and Action.

*Mayor Price gave a brief summary.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Vice Mayor Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

**10.      Executive Session**

- 10.1 ES 19-03** The Mayor and City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and representatives of the City in order to discuss and get direction on how to proceed with the development of Estrella Gin and moving forward with an Invitation for Bid for the sale or lease of property, the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A) (7).
- 10.2 ES 19-04** 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 possibly entering into a purchase agreement for real property, the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A)(7).
- 10.3 ES 19-05** The Mayor and City Council may go into executive session for the purpose of discussion or consultation with the City Attorney and representatives of the City in order to discuss and get direction on how to proceed with negotiations and a potential agreement for the purchase, sale or lease and development of Copper Sky Commercial and the potential terms thereof, and for legal advice regarding same, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), (A)(4) and (A) (7).
- 10.4 ES 19-06** 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, 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).
- 10.5 ES 19-07** 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 Officers 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, 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).

**11. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, seconded by Vice Mayor Henry Wade, to Adjourn at 8:07 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 regular meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 19th day of March, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.**

**Dated this 2nd day of April, 2019.**

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Vanessa Bueras  
City Clerk