City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council Work Session

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Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Rich Vitiello

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 | **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 - Mayor Christian Price,Vice Mayor Henry Wade,Councilmember Marvin L. Brown,Councilmember Nancy Smith,Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse,Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, and Councilmember Rich Vitiello

3. Agenda Items

3.1 **WSPRES 19-04** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss the 10-year Financial Plan.

City Manager Horst gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the City's Ten-Year Financial Plan. He explained that the plan provided a perspective on the financial condition of the City's General Fund. He further explained that the financial plan was based on the FY2019 budget and provided a long-range context for staff and City Council to make budgetary decisions or course corrections for the future. He stated the document laid the groundwork for sound fiscal management through a process that incorporated strategic planning, historical data, economic assessments and sound policies. He acknowledged the Finance Department, Angele Ozoemelam, Cassandra Brown and others not present. He discussed major forecast assumptions and methodology of the financial plan, including revenues and expenditures. He reviewed the economic outlook of home values, employment, and commercial development. He discussed population, local tax distribution, the general fund forecast and other operating funds. He concluded his presentation and opened the floor for questions.

Councilmember Brown commended the ten year projections and then expressed concerns with the impact of the popularity of electric vehicles on HURF funds. City Manager Horst stated that a number of states were gearing towards change in taxation to miles driven and elaborated. Mayor Price explained that legislature was already exploring potential solutions.

The Presentation was heard.

3.2 **WSPRES 19-05** The Mayor and City Council shall discuss the potential of a bond refund.

City Manager Horst thanked Angele Ozoemelam and Brenda Hasler for their research into the matter and gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2010 GADA Bonds. He gave a brief background and explained that the City's outstanding 2010 GADA Bonds would be callable on August 1, 2020 at par for $10,330,000. He elaborated on the refunded maturities and stated it was assumed that the Series 2019 Refunding was structured substantially the same as the bonds being refunded. He stated the City could either wait for 2020 for refunding or do an early/advance refund. He explained that if the City waited for the current refunding closing on June 2020, using the interest rates as of June 26, 2019, it would provide an estimated NVP saving of 12.4% of the refunded bonds. He explained the advanced refunding option closing in September 2019, using the interest rates as of June 26, 2019 would provide savings of 8.9% of the refunded bonds. He elaborated and recommended going forward now. Consensus was in agreement of going forward with the early/advanced refund.

The Presentation was heard.

3.3 **WSPRES 19-06** The Mayor and City Council shall hear an update on the Santa Cruz Wash Flood Plain project.

City Manager Horst gave background on the North Santa Cruz Wash Flood Plain Project. He explained that the project would remove approximately ten square miles out of the flood plain and that it was currently two months behind schedule. He stated the projected cost was $64 million, however approximately $10 million could come from the United States Corp of Engineers (USCOE). He discussed other possible reductions and stated the Return on Investment (ROI) could result in $1.28 billion in new development. He turned the presentation over to City Engineer, Josh Plumb. Mr. Plumb stated the study data had gone through Pinal County for review and comment revisions, and it was currently pending Gila River Indian Community (GRIC)'s review and comments. He gave more background and then discussed baseline conditions, system components and the recommended alternative. He detailed the recommended alternative and reiterated the costs. He provided a schedule update. City Manager Horst further elaborated.

Mayor Price asked for further explanation on why it was important. City Manager Horst elaborated. Mr. Plumb detailed the next steps: resolve GRIC comments, revise study, resubmit study, design concept refinements, model the recommended alternative and document the study and report development.

The Presentation was heard.

4. Executive Session

4.1 **ES 19-17** 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 how to proceed with the Master Planning and Marketing Agreement with J & J Commercial Properties, Inc. dba CPI, potential liability related thereto, 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 Henry Wade, seconded by Councilmember Nancy Smith, to Adjourn at 6:50 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 6th day of August, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2019.

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Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk