



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Reverend Arnold Jackson from Mount Moriah A.M.E Church, gave the invocation and Councilmember Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Manfredi was present telephonically.

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

3. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Price called for a minute of silence for those affected by COVID-19 and the current social issues.

Councilmember Wade gave a statement on the inhumane event witnessed by everyone in the recent days. He thanked the community for getting together through it together as a group, and encouraged respect.

Councilwoman Gusse announced that the Maricopa Veterans donated a wooden flag to the Council. She gave a brief statement on George Floyd.

Mayor Price reported going to the Governor's Office as part of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns and elaborated. He reported also attending the AZ League of Cities and Towns Executive Committee meeting via Zoom and elaborated.

4. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst reported that the City would go to the market, to price the bond refund and elaborated. He announced that the bond rating was upgraded and elaborated on the benefits of the higher ratings.

5. Minutes

- 5.1 [MIN 20-21](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 19, 2020 City Council Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that the Minutes be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

- 6.1 [MOU 20-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maricopa Sergeants Council - Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78. Discussion and Action.

This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

- 6.2 [MOU 20-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maricopa Officers Council - Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78. Discussion and Action.

This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

- 6.3 [MOU 20-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Professional Firefighters of Maricopa- IAFF Local 4561. Discussion and Action.

This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

- 6.4 [RES 20-17](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona declaring that the City Council deems the granting of a certain franchise beneficial for the City of Maricopa; ordering an election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, at which election there shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Maricopa the questions as to whether or not said franchise shall be granted to Southwest Gas Corporation. Discussion and Action.

Approved

7. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 7.1 [ORD20-04](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting an amendment to the City's Zoning Map to zone certain property described in Zoning Case #ZON19-11 for approximately 1.25 acres of land generally located east of Gunsmoke Rd and south of Magnolia Rd, within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits. The parcel of land is located in a portion of the Northeast quarter of Section 25 of Township 4 South, Range 3 east of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Vitiello was recused as an employee of the requesting agency.

Assistant Planner, Peter Margoliner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Agenda Item. He stated that Kooline Plumbing LLC requested the rezoning amendment (ZON 19-11) from the existing General Rural (GR) to Mixed Use General (MU-G). He detailed the site information and provided a visual of the location and zoning map. He discussed the amendment and detailed the public comment process and noted to comments were submitted. He stated the proposed amendment adhered to the General Plan's future land use designation, it would allow the applicant to continue its development plan for an office within the city and it would not impact the health, safety and general welfare of the area. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of ZON 19-11, subject to the conditions of approval stated in the staff report, and as amended.

Councilwoman Gusse asked if they would be using the existing structures. Mr. Margoliner responded they would bring in pre-manufactured structures. City Manager Horst elaborated. Mayor Price asked for clarification of the mixed used designation. Mr. Margoliner responded and a brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

Recused: 1 - Councilmember Rich Vitiello

7.2 **RES 20-18**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled "Maricopa City Code - 2002 Revision" and repealing the previously adopted City Code and all amendments thereto. Discussion and Action.

City Clerk Vanessa Bueras explained that staff hired a codification company to codify the Maricopa City Code approximately one year ago. She stated that during the process the City Code was reorganized and renumbered and therefore staff felt that repealing the existing Code and adopting a revised City Code would be in the best interest of the City.

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

7.3 **ORD 20-06**

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting "Maricopa City Code - 2020 Revision" by reference as Titles 1 to 18 of the Maricopa City Code and repealing the previously adopted City Code and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

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

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

7.4 **MISC 20-12**

The Mayor and City Council shall receive input from residents on how best to allocate

funding received through the AZCares Fund to support local businesses impacted by COVID19 and 501 (c)(3) nonprofits providing food and aid to those impacted by COVID 19. Discussion only.

Mayor Price explained the process of the Cares Act and elaborated on how it could be allocated. He stated that ideas had been received that would go on the record, and opened the floor for ideas from the community.

Chrystal O'John with the Veteran Care Center, gave information on the organization and gave information on their board members. She stated they would like to participate in the Care Act program because the recent traumatic events like COVID-19, current political discord, lack of employment and family stress was a trigger for veterans, including those in Maricopa. She stated they would like to provide COVID-19 emotional support by working with local partners. She stated Amber Liermann would be the acting Volunteer Program Director and had put together a program that would take place at the Maricopa Public Library. She elaborated on the services. Vice Mayor Smith asked if it was a non-profit organization. C. O'John responded it was a 501 3C.

Lucinda Boyd founder of The Streets Don't Love You Back gave information on her organization and stated they were interested in possibly receiving some of the funds to open up their services to a wider scope of the community. She elaborated. Vice Mayor Smith asked if the organization was a non-profit. Mrs. Boyd responded it was a 501 c3. Councilmember Wade asked if they knew how many people they had served since they started in Maricopa. Mrs. Boyd responded and elaborated on additional services.

Mayor Price elaborated on creating a process and discussed possible ideas. Councilmember Brown stated that many small businesses would not come back and that the City would have to be very prudent on how the funds would be distributed and elaborated. Councilmember Wade proposed possibly calling for a committee or a task force. Mayor Price discussed making the process as expeditiously as possible.

Discussed

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, to Adjourn at 7:49 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 2nd day of June, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2020.

**Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk**