



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith
Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Councilmember Wade gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilmember Amber Liermann, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Mayor Christian Price and Councilmember Bob Marsh

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 21-01](#) 2021 Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Price read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of February, 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Maricopa. He presented the proclamation to Mrs. Porter in honor of her late husband.

Read

4. Report from the Mayor

Vice Mayor Smith reported attending the Pinal County Partnership meeting held last week and elaborated on meeting the new board supervisors and items discussed. Next, she reported attending the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development meeting and elaborated on items discussed.

Councilmember Marsh reported attending the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) meeting, the ribbon cutting for the Hope Women's Center, two Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) meetings, a meeting with the Maricopa Senior Coalition, and the Pinal County Partnership meeting with Vice Mayor Smith. He reported getting his second COVID-19 vaccine. He stated the Arizona League of Cities and Towns gave a presentation on water resources and elaborated.

Councilmember Manfredi announced that tomorrow at 2 p.m. the Legislative Transportation Committee would meet and discuss House Bill 2068 introduced by Representative Roberts for a potential overpass at Riggs Road and State Route (SR) 347. He encouraged the community to contact House Transportation Committee members to voice their support.

Councilmember Wade reported on his conversation with newly elected Senator Mark Kelly.

Councilmember Vitiello commended the COVID-19 clinic event held at Copper Sky and all the participants including staff, Southwestern Pediatrics, and all volunteers. He thanked everyone, including his wife, registered nurse Joanne Vitiello for volunteering.

Councilmember Liermann gave information on the, now available, Text to 911. She stated it was a great option for the hearing and speech impaired, and those who can't call during emergencies. She thanked everyone who was involved including Jennifer Hogan.

Mayor Price discussed the scoping study to fix SR 347 and said it was passed by the Gila River Indian Community and would now go back to MAG. He elaborated on the following steps and processes. He encouraged the community to contact the Transportation Committee members and submit comments in support.

Councilmember Vitiello thanked Pinal County for the vaccine distribution to the City.

5. Report from the City Manager

There were no items reported.

6. Call to the Public

Elizabeth Howell, with the Age Friendly Advisory Committee gave information on the Shred-a-ton canned food drive to be held on Saturday, February 27 from 10-2 pm. She stated FOR Maricopa would be accepting canned food donations and people could bring paper documents to be shred.

Brian Ott suggested that it was time for a comprehensive city vision study and elaborated. Mayor Price stated staff would provide him copies of the Vision 20-40 and the most current Future Strategic Planning to start, and then meet for further discussion.

Peggy Chapados recognized the Community Service Department, Police and Fire & Medical Departments, the front desk staff Margeaux, Kathy and Andy. She thanked Southwestern Pediatrics and Family care including, Daisy, Josefina, Ashley, Lisa, Erica, Sultan and Joanne. She thanked Dr. Kramarczyk, all volunteers and the CERT team. She stated she was grateful the County Supervisor was here tonight because the County could do better at distributing and communicating with the community.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Price stated that the minutes had been moved to the consent agenda for convenience purposes.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- 7.1 [MISC 21-04](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve proposed amendments to the Planning and Zoning Commission Bylaws. Discussion and Action.
This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.
- 7.2 [SUB 21-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a re-plat of Rancho El Dorado Phase III, parcel 33, Tract Q1, previously recorded in Pinal County, Cabinet F, Slide 187, case # SUB21-01. Discussion and Action.
This Subdivision was Approved.
- 7.3 [SUB 21-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a final plat for the "Bowlin Corner" commercial plat, case # SUB21-02. Discussion and Action.
This Subdivision was Approved.
- 7.4 [MIN 21-05](#) Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2021 City Council Regular meeting. Discussion and Action.
These Minutes were Approved.

8. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

- 8.1 [PRES 21-02](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation from Pinal County Supervisor Jeffrey McClure and Pinal County Health Department staff regarding the Covid vaccination process. Discussion only.
- County Supervisor Jeffrey McClure introduced Public Health Director, Dr. Tascha Spears. Dr. Spears thanked Southwestern Pediatrics, Sultan, and all the volunteers who came out to the vaccine clinic. She gave information on the confirmed cases of COVID-19 and elaborated on the county's data. She gave information on the interactive dashboard posted on the Pinal County Health Department's website. She detailed the vaccine distribution process and stated that at this time there are 30 partners ready to give vaccines throughout Pinal County. She stated the major challenge was limited vaccines and elaborated on vaccine allocations. She stated that they had recently been approved to hire new staff to help answer phone calls. She stated that the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) issues a statement on the COVID UK variant that had been found in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. She opened the floor for questions.*
- Mayor Price discussed the high demand on the vaccine and noted that Senator Kyrsten Sinema had requested additional doses from the Biden Administration and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). He asked Dr. Spears to talk about how Pinal County works with AZDHS for requests and distribution. He asked if the County had a plan in which cities can help participate as pods or distribution points.*

Dr. Spears stated that the number of doses were allocated based on the estimated amount of people that were on Group 1-A and 1-B. She stated the estimate was made at the State and Federal level and elaborated on allocations. She stated the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program would start approximately on February 11 and elaborated. She stated they had locations so that when they do have more vaccines they could be ready to mobilize. She elaborated that everything depended on the amount of vaccines available.

Vice Mayor Smith suggested posting the amount of immunizations that have been administered and elaborated. She also suggested sending information on pre-projected supplies coming in. She stated the scheduling system should be easier to use. She asked if the Fry's pharmacy in Maricopa would have the vaccines available. Dr. Spears responded that AZDHS would be sending the final lists of participating Fry's by tomorrow. Vice Mayor Smith reiterated Mrs. Chapados concerns about not having the option of speaking with a live person over the phone and asked when the additional staff would start. Dr. Spears stated they would start conducting interviews on February 4th. Vice Mayor Smith stated that the City was ready to host more vaccine events and elaborated.

Councilmember Marsh stated that there were a lot of people in the 1B group that don't have access to the internet and need more outreach and transportation. Dr. Spears responded they had sought the assistance of the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens and elaborated. She stated that she would take back the suggestions. Councilmember Marsh estimated there was a 30% Hispanic population in the County, and suggested that the information be available multilingual.

Councilmember Wade asked if employees were available to work from home. Dr. Spears elaborated. Councilmember Vitiello asked for distributions in different counties. Dr. Spears elaborated. Mayor Price asked how many facilities had been onboarded. Dr. Spears stated there were 36 and stated it was an AZDHS process. Mayor Price asked if there was a way to partner with logistic companies. Dr. Spears elaborated. Vice Mayor asked if there was anything the City could do. Supervisor McClure stated that more pressure could be put at the federal level. Discussion ensued regarding the request for more vaccines.

The Presentation was heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Marsh, seconded by Councilmember Amber Liermann, to Adjourn at 8:27 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 February, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2021.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk