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Meeting Minutes - Final Maricopa Consolidated Domestic Water Improvement District Council Task Force Committee

Monday, February 22, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

MCDWID members present: Chair Chris Giles, Secretary Lucia Rodriguez as well as their attorney, Bill Collins.

City of Maricopa members:

Present 3 - Christian Price, Nancy Smith, and Rich Vitiello

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [TF 21-02](#)

The Maricopa Consolidated Domestic Water Improvement District Task Force Committee will discuss establishing communication & seek to find resolutions between the Maricopa Consolidated Domestic Water Improvement District and The City of Maricopa.

City Attorney Denis Fitzgibbons stated that there was some confusion about the IGA because there was confusion on whether or not the City approved it. The IGA was signed by the City Manager, which was allowed per the City Code change in 2010. This contract specifically never went to council because it was signed in December of 2017 by Interim City Manager Trisha Sorensen. There was general discussion.

Next, the District members stated that there was an agreement that was sent to the city but they had not heard back. City Manager Horst stated that staff did respond with only a couple of changes requested. However, that particular agreement did not discuss a district wide examination or testing of the hydrants within the district. Assistant Chief Pitassi address the task force and stated that he had received the IGA from the district and that he responded with comments specifically, NFPA compliance. He added that when the board responded back with comments they added a clause stating that they would not be held liable for the NFPA compliance. He added that the groups needed to come back together to come up with an agreement that is agreeable to both parties.

Vice-Mayor Smith stated that she was not ready to sign a maintenance agreement until the hydrants are tested. Chief Leffler agreed. Bill Collins stated that that's what the maintenance agreement does. Chief Leffler stated that he would like a complete overview of the system then work on the maintenance agreement. He wanted to make

sure they were working properly prior to entering into an agreement. Bill Collins reiterated that this is all part of the maintenance agreement. Mayor Price suggested including the testing of the hydrants, from a third party, be included in the maintenance agreement.

The City Manager felt it was necessary to have a system wide testing of all hydrants at one time, with an agreed upon third party, with staff present from both sides. The city would pay the cost for this testing.

The board stated that they have 63 hydrants and have tested four of them as of today. Chief Leffler stated that once agreed the City would flush all of the hydrants until they are clear. They will do that once a year to every single hydrant.

City Manager Horst stated that he wanted to get a draft agreement to the Board by the end of the week.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:06 p.m.