



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Special Meeting

City Hall
39700 W. Civic Center
Plaza
Maricopa, AZ 85138
Ph: (520) 568-9098
Fx: (520) 568-9120
www.maricopa-az.gov

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

MUSD Board members present were: President Ben Owens, James Jordan, Torri Anderson, Anna Marie Knorr, and Robert Downey.

City of Maricopa members:

Present: 6 - Councilmember Henry Wade, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Amber Liermann, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, and Councilmember Bob Marsh

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Rich Vitiello

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [SP 21-05](#)

The Maricopa City Council and Governing Board of the Maricopa Unified School District shall discuss upcoming projects, future plans, priorities, and needs.

Dr. Lopemann made a PowerPoint Presentation. She provided good news in MUSD which included:

- *Funding School Repair and Renewal Without Raising Taxes*
- *Raising the Bar in Maricopa: Signature Programs in MUSD*
- *Growing Our Own Teachers*
- *Great Staff Stick with MUSD*
- *Enrollment Today and In the Future*

Dr. Lopemann also provided an overview and some renderings on the 2nd High School that they are building. She also informed the group that MUSD has raised the bar by launching the Maricopa Virtual Academy K-12, Community Preschool, as well as introducing the Dual Language Immersion Preschool and Kindergarten.

There was general discussion regarding various topics including recreational marijuana. Vice-Mayor Smith asked the Board members for input regarding the recreational marijuana proposition. She welcomed any comments from each individual board member to be included in the record when the item goes before the City Council for a vote.

Next, Mayor Price requested for a heads up on issues that might affect the community as a whole so that they can be aware regarding certain issues that the mayor might be contacted about. Dr. Lopeman agreed to add the council to their communication e-mails.

President Owens asked for updates regarding the growth occurring in Maricopa. City Manager Horst stated that most of the information could be found on the website, www.whatsnewmaricopa.com, but that City staff could update the school district on a regular basis.

Board member Anderson reciprocated the Mayor's request and also asked for a heads up on items that affect the school district. She also encouraged the City Council to view the Board's agendas and attend meetings as needed. They all agreed that the City Council should receive the Board meeting agendas and the Board would receive the City Council agendas.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.