



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Special Meeting

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Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:30 AM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Henry Wade

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [SP 22-01](#)

The purpose of this meeting is for the City Council and City Staff to review and discuss the Future Planning of the City as well as City processes and practices.

City Manager Horst made an introduction on what he would be covering today. He updated the council on what was presented to staff during their Future Planning meeting, which was held on December 9th. He then made a PowerPoint presentation. He presented the proposed Mission/Vision statement which was "Unlock the full potential of the City of Maricopa to create a thriving and durable community." He then discussed the proposed strategic objectives were:

- 1. Maintain and enhance Maricopa's physical environment*
- 2. Ensure a safe and secure community*
- 3. Promote economic vitality and a sustainable community*
- 4. Be a premier city*

City Manager Horst stated that our goal is to implement a plan that when this city retires, we can enjoy the amenities for perpetuity, debt free. He then discussed some options to make our roads more narrow so that we can include pedestrian and bike lanes. He then discussed water issues and annexation. City Manager Horst then discussed the Department of Emergency Management and Communications which will include:

- 9-1-1 center*
- 3-1-1 center, which would be a point of entry for residents, business owners and visitors requesting non-emergency city services or information,*

- *Community/Civilian Responders*
 - *Behavioral health and social service calls*
 - *Quality of life and conflict calls*
- *Emergency Management: Lead coordinating agency during emergency situations, weather, major events (planned & unplanned) public alerts and outreach*

He then discussed future need land acquisition. He stated that we need to secure sites for future fire station locations, future City Hall/PD Annex, future parks/open space, cemeteries, etc.

He discussed future capital projects and transportation. CM Horst stated that he would like to add some money to next year's budget for preliminary design work for the east west corridor to include more commercial. Council was in favor.

Next, City Manager Horst discussed the Green Road alignment. Ben Bitter stated that they have done a preliminary overview on how it would connect to SR238. Nathan Steele stated that staff has been in communication with GRIC to see if we could come up with an agreement in order to make this happen since part of the property is on their land.

Mike Riggs then discussed improvements to the area where the old Veteran's center was. He stated that they will be making improvements to the road adjacent to the building. Creating an entrance and side walk that is more safe. They also discussed sharing MUSD's parking for the park and the museum. This will include an entrance to MUSD's parking lot from Plainview. Mayor Price suggested having flashing lights on the road or that can be operated by the crosswalk to make it safer and pedestrian friendly.

City Manager Horst then discussed significant infrastructure projects. Ben stated that they are trying to improve the intersection of 347 and Smith-Enke to lessen the amount people are stopped at the light, include an extra turn lane and other things to make the intersection more efficient. In order to make efficient improvements to HWY 238 to Green Road we would have to make the improvements and take ownership of them. With the development, we can work with developers to make the improvements. If we take ownership of the road, ADOT would not maintain it. Council was in favor of the city taking ownership, maintain and improve 238.

Next, he discussed the Water Resources Development Act. Section 595 sets aside \$150M to bring critically needed infrastructure to Arizona. He stated that staff has three projects in mind.

- *Project #1: West Maricopa Transmission Waterline Project*
- *Project #2: Utility Pipeline RR crossing*
- *Project #3: Aquifer Recharge Facility*

Next, he discussed storm water management. He discussed taking over water plans review from the county. Other options include creating a storm water utility/enact impact fee as well as work with MRCD to manage or perform work in house to include non-canal systems.

We broke for lunch at 11:30 and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

City Manager Horst proposed to ask the Planning Commission to also serve as the Transportation Advisory Committee. He also proposed that the Board of Adjustment

also be the Planning Commission. Mayor Price stated that he preferred that the BOA stay as is. CM Horst stated that we would merge TAC with P&Z and would leave BOA as is. CM Horst then discussed P&Z. He stated that he would try and schedule a joint meeting between council and P&Z so there's clarity on what responsibilities they have. He then presented some general recommendations for BCC's which included:

- Bi-annual reports to the City Council
- Fee waivers by set policy and not arbitrary determinations...
- Chair may not serve more than two years consecutively
- Consider existing board member recommendations for new or replacement board members
- Consider restricting service to no more than two 4-year terms
- Consider opening recruitment to include citizens, those who work within the community and/or other resources where appropriate
- Consider a one-year youth member appointment (Sr. High School.) for certain committees (Age-Friendly, Arts & Cultural Affairs, etc.)

Mayor Price stated that he wanted to know what other cities are doing regarding fee waivers. He felt that some of these waivers should be considered. He's interested in exploring as he sees a value in fee waivers. He wants to make sure we keep it broad enough. Councilmember Smith was in favor of fee waivers being set by policy.

Councilmember Smith stated that she was in favor of restricting the chair from serving more than two years consecutively. Vice-Mayor Manfredi stated that he was not in favor of restricting service to no more than two 4-year terms since council don't have term limits. Councilmember Marsh stated that members do need some training when they first come on. City Manager Horst stated that we need to revisit the BCC handbook since it was written some time ago. Maybe eliminate the staff liaison so that they report back to the council. Council agreed to revisit.

Next, Rudy presented an update on the projects currently under construction or have been completed. He also updated council on projects that will be going vertical soon.

Next, the tour began. First stop was Central Arizona College where the council had the opportunity to participate in a police shooting simulation. We then toured the city and saw the projects that are currently planned, permitted or under construction.

The tour ended and the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.