



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

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Councilmember Amber Liermann
Councilmember Bob Marsh
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Procedure for Addressing the City Council

The Maricopa City Council values citizen comments and input. If you wish to speak on a matter concerning Maricopa city government that is on the agenda, please fill out a speaker card and give it to the City Clerk before the meeting starts. The Mayor will call your name when that portion of the agenda is reached.

The Call to the Public portion on the agenda provides citizens an opportunity to identify for the City Council matters of interest or concern related to city government that are not on the printed agenda.

Under the provisions of the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the City Council is prohibited from responding to issues that have not been properly noticed. Therefore, the City Council may only listen to citizens who wish to address them on non-agenda items. We regret that the City Council cannot respond beyond thanking you for your comments. City staff will follow-up on your questions via telephone or email, whichever is preferred. A speaker card is not required for this portion of the meeting but it is appreciated.

Whenever any group of persons wishes to address the City Council on the same subject matter, it shall be proper for the Mayor to request that a spokesperson be chosen.

The City asks that, when your name is called, you come forward to the podium, state your name and then begin speaking. All speakers are expected to observe common standards of decorum and courtesy. Personal attacks, political speeches, or threats of political action are inappropriate in this forum and will be grounds, at the discretion of the Mayor, for ending a speaker's time at the podium.

In the event that the meeting is disrupted in any way that the City in its sole discretion deems inappropriate, the City reserves the right to immediately remove the individual(s) from the meeting. Reasons for removing an individual include but are not limited to making offensive remarks or statements, disrespectful statements or actions, and any other action deemed appropriate.

All remarks shall be addressed to the City Council as a body and not to staff or the public. No person other than a member of the City Council, the City Manager or the City Attorney and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion without the permission of the Mayor.

Depending on the number of items on the Council agenda and the number of speaker cards submitted, the Mayor may establish shorter time limits for speakers.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM. Maricopa Assembly of God Pastor Jim Hain gave the invocation and Councilmember Vitiello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Price was present telephonically.

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

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

No items were presented.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Marsh reported taking a trip to Jordan, Utah with City staff to explore the technology advanced city. He announced that the next Council meeting, on June 21st would be Mayor Price's last meeting as Mayor and encouraged attendance.

Councilmember Smith reported that the Pinal Partnership Breakfast gave an update on the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (PRTA). She reported attending the Be Awesome Awards and discussed the organization, and encouraged parents to get their kids involved. She reported also participating in the trip to Jordan, Utah and elaborated. She reported attending the Arizona League of Cities and Towns' Budget and Finance Economic Committee meeting and elaborated on their upcoming proposed legislative item.

Councilmember Wade thanked those who attended the prayer vigil in honor of the recent victims of gun violence and elaborated on the event.

Vice-Mayor Manfredi gave information on the upcoming Senior Lunch & Learn on June 17th at the library at 11:00 AM where the candidates running for Council will present. He stated registration was not necessary unless participants wanted lunch provided. Next, he stated that in conjunction with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a Flag Retirement Ceremony would be held on June 18th from 2 to 7 PM at City Hall.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst turned over his report time to Deputy City Manager, Ben Bitter. Mr. Bitter introduced the new Director of the Office of Engineering and CIP, Keith Brown. He gave a brief background on Mr. Brown and Mr. Brown gave a brief statement.

Mayor Price stated he was traveling in Denver, Colorado on behalf of the City to meet with investors in real estate. He reported working with Deputy City Manager, Ben Bitter, former Intergovernmental Affairs Director, Dale Weibusch, Todd Bauman, and Representative Martinez on the state budget and allocations pertaining to the City.

6. Call to the Public

Vice-Mayor Manfredi provided information on the new agenda title page. He stated it was the language that was already included on the speaker card, and had been added to the Agenda so everyone had access to it regardless of whether they were speaking or not. He read the procedures to address the council.

Lynda Goode gave an update on World Health Organization matters..

Sue VanGosen expressed concerns that schools were already overcrowded and more apartments would only add to the problem. She discussed traffic concerns and child safety and added more schools were needed.

Tina Dugan discussed the sign enforcement during the past few weeks. She stated she was a stakeholder on the recent changes and read the updated sign code approved at the March 1st meeting. She stated the recent enforcement could have improved. She stated Code Enforcement officers gave real estate agents wrong information about requiring permission from the Home Owner Association, setbacks and elaborated. She stated the information available online was outdated, and that it included the City of Maricopa page. She suggested sending the information out to the community.

Vice-Mayor Manfredi stated creating a possible committee to address those issues was being discussed and directed Mrs. Dugan to contact staff.

7. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Amber Liermann, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 7.1 [SUB21-49](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action to approve subdivision cases #SUB21-49, final plat for Desert Passage Subdivision, Parcel 8, to subdivide 12.1 acres of land unto 64 single-family residential lots. Discussion and Action.
This Subdivision was Approved.
- 7.2 [LIQ 22-01](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and take action on recommending approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control regarding an application submitted on behalf of Cold Beers and Cheeseburgers which is located at 20350 N. John Wayne Parkway #160. Discussion and Action.
This Liquor License was Approved.
- 7.3 [CON 22-20](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a second amendment to the Employment Agreement with Ricky Horst. Discussion and Action.
This Contract was Approved.
- 7.4 [MIN 22-24](#) Approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2022 City Council Regular meeting.

Discussion and Action.

These Minutes was Approved.

- 7.5 [RES 22-33](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pinal County Flood Control District and the City of Maricopa for the maintenance of flood control improvements in Hogenes Farms. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

8. **Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 8.1 [APP 22-03](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on making an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Parks, Recreation and Libraries Committee. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Liermann nominated Dillan Martin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Liermann, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Appointment be Appointed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.2 [PRES 22-05](#) The Mayor and City Council shall hear a presentation regarding school traffic. Discussion only.

Development Services Director, Rodolfo Lopez stated City staff had been in discussions the local school district and charters schools in regards to traffic. He gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding school traffic. He gave a brief background and stated that staff began meeting with schools in late 2021 and held four round-table meetings with school representatives. He stated that staff requested traffic plans from each school. He stated drone videos were taken to analyze the actual traffic versus the submitted traffic plans, and the City identified five schools having traffic issues. He stated staff provided suggestions on ways to improve traffic such as campaigning walking/biking to school, revising internal circulation, utilizing parking stalls, maximizing internal drive isles, utilizing bus pull-out areas, expanding/promoting bus programs and possibly hiring off duty officers for PM traffic control. He presented the drone footage for Legacy Traditional School, Saddleback Elementary School, Heritage Academy, Butterfield Elementary School and Santa Rosa Elementary School. He elaborated on the identified issues and a brief discussion ensued. Mr. Lopez detailed City suggestions and opportunities such as acquiring additional land, using drive isles, alternative staggered release times, redesigning internal circulation, using bus pullout areas and parking stalls. He stated at present schools would revise and submit updated traffic plans before the start of the upcoming school year. He stated if continued queuing occurred in public right-of-way, (ROW), the City of Maricopa Police Department would begin ticketing drivers when blocking the ROW. City Manager Horst added that parents also needed to participate in the solution and elaborated. He commended staff and school representatives and stated both were very concerned with school and vehicular safety.

Brittany Pisola agreed with Mrs. Dugan that the information on the website was not easily accessible. She commented on traffic on Porter Road and concerns that the speed limit was 35 miles per hour. She expressed concerns with the different requirements for public schools and charter schools. She stated more signage and cross walks were needed. She stated that Heritage had plans for a second exit and it

still didn't have one. She stated the new apartments would increase numbers in school and traffic and would make the issue worse. She elaborated on slower speed limits. She thanked the City for meeting with the schools and hoped her suggestions would be considered.

Councilmember Smith responded to the school capacity concerns. She stated she spoke with a school board member and confirmed that as new subdivisions were built, the schools would change their borders to meet capacity. She commented that access to Central Arizona College was also blocked off.

Councilmember Liermann asked if there was a plan on having safety education for parents and students. City Manager Horst elaborated that public affairs would put together information and schools would put out information at the beginning and possibly throughout the school year. He elaborated on parent involvement and the education process. He stated elaborated on crosswalks and speed limits and explained there were many laws that governed their locations.

Councilmember Wade inquired about the difference between charter schools and public schools. Mr. Horst elaborated.

Councilmember Vitiello discussed the schools being held accountable. He stated parents need to care and elaborated.

Mr. Lopez emphasized on the importance of the dialogue between organization. Mayor Price gave a brief comment in agreement. Vice-Mayor Manfredi stated he would not be opposed to making the speed limit 35 and elaborated on enforcement. He thanked staff.

The Presentation was heard.

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Amber Liermann, to Adjourn at 7:10 PM. 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 7th day of June, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2022.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk