

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
December 5, 2017
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:02 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Miller, Knight, Thomas, Craft, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Wright
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
Director of Public Works, Joel Olea
Director of Engineering, Jeff Kramer
Finance Director, Pat Wicks
Police Lieutenant, Don Willits
Purchasing and Contracts Manager, Robin Wilson
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Charles Coughlin, president of HighGround Public Affairs Consultants, presented a briefing on the 2017 regular session of the Fifty-Third Legislature and the outlook for the 2018 regular legislative session. Topics included:

- Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS)
- Highway Users Revenue Fund (HURF)
- Water Task Force
- Construction Tax Reform

Coughlin introduced Scott Smith, HighGround's new Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs. **Scott** presented an overview of his work experience and expressed his eagerness to work with HighGround on legislative issues on behalf of the City.

Shelton and **Coughlin** discussed future expectations for PSPRS and HURF. **Coughlin** projects that while substantial reforms have been made to PSPRS and the system is performing financially very well today, it will likely never recover from the losses that occurred back in the early 2000s. **Thomas** and **Coughlin** discussed the impact of the Water Task Force and the potential for a flat income tax system. **Coughlin** stated that the main goal right now for the Water Task Force is to figure out if there is a way to better manage Arizona's water supply today to make sure that we continue to have water available for growth and development while maintaining commitments to cities, towns, and counties throughout the state. Regarding a flat income tax system, **Coughlin** opined that he does not see that happening given the current financial environment. Governor Ducey is an innovator and is trying to create a tax policy which he believes will create additional growth which in turn will create additional revenues.

II. ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Nicholls declared a potential conflict of interest with regard to the Road Project Update, turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Knight, and exited the room.

Olea presented a summary of the road maintenance completed during the 2017 calendar year as follows:

- Yuma's roadway network consists of 367 centerline miles
- The City has contracted with a third party to conduct a new pavement assessment
- The goal of pavement maintenance is apply the right treatment at the right time and focus on the 175 centerline miles of pavement in good condition
- Roads that fall into the poor and very poor categories are addressed through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process
- Multiple types of sealants are applied to Yuma's roads to preserve and improve their condition
 - Tire Rubber Modified Surface Sealant (TRMSS)
 - Polymer Modified Master (PMM) Seal
 - Slurry Seal Type II

Kramer provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program pavement replacement projects from 2016 through 2020 as follows:

- Completed
 - Approximately 10 lane miles
 - 1st Avenue – 24th Street to 26th Street
 - 22nd Street – 4th Avenue to Avenue A
 - 24th Street – Avenue B to Avenue C
 - 4th Avenue and 16th Street Intersection Improvement
 - 8th Street – Pacific Avenue to Castle Dome Avenue
- Scheduled for Construction
 - Imminent startup through Memorial Day 2018
 - 1st Avenue – Orange Avenue to 9th Street
 - 1st Avenue – 12th Street to 16th Street
 - 3rd Avenue – Orange Avenue to 14th Street
 - Gila Street – 1st Street to Giss Parkway
 - Giss Parkway – 6th Street to Castle Dome Avenue (partnering with ADOT)
- Under Design
 - Scheduled for construction in spring/summer 2019
 - 16th Street – Avenue B to Avenue C
 - 40th Street – Arizona Avenue to Avenue A
 - 4th Avenue – 32nd Street to 40th Street
 - Arizona Avenue – 33rd Street to 40th Street
 - Avenue A – 32nd Street to 36th Street
 - 8th Street – Avenue C to Avenue D (partnering with Yuma County)
- Planning
 - Scheduled for design in 2020-2021
 - Avenue 10E – 28th Street to N Frontage Road

- 32nd Street – Avenue B to Avenue C
- Avenue 10E Improvements
- North Frontage Road – Avenue 9E to Avenue 10E
- 45th Avenue – 16th Street to 20th

Mayor Nicholls returned to the dais.

III. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF DECEMBER 6, 2017

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4 – Cooperative Purchase Agreement: Ground and Turf Maintenance Equipment (estimated total cost of \$355,726.94 during Fiscal Year 2018 for purchases from Bingham Equipment Company, Jacobsen, and Simpson Norton Corporation)

Craft asked why the amount being spent is less than half of the budgeted amount of \$741,814. **Wicks** explained that the budgeted amount listed is the full balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.6 – Grant Award: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Inc. (execute a Memorandum of Understanding – Funding Agreement with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$19,103.50)

Mayor Nicholls asked what an active shooter kit is. **Willits** explained that it is enhanced body armor that can be worn over an officer's regular uniform in the event that they are entering an active shooter situation.

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 – Cooperative Purchase Agreement: Generator Maintenance and Service (one-year contract with Empire Southwest, LLC, with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods for an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000)

Knight asked if this agreement is for more than one generator. **Wilson** stated that it covers the maintenance of all of the City's backup generators which are placed at multiple locations throughout the City.

Adoption of Ordinance O2017-047 – Real Property Sale or Exchange – Northeast Corner of 16th Street and 4th Avenue (declare two parcels of City-owned property surplus and authorize the sale or exchange of the properties with the reservation of an aesthetic easement)

Mayor Nicholls declared a potential conflict of interest with regard to the adoption of Ordinance O2017-047 as his firm has been involved in the project at that location.

IV. CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE ANYCOMM PROJECT

Mayor Nicholls stated that while the draft resolution presented to City Council is a good framework, it needs to be more specific regarding what the City can and cannot do with the data that is collected by

the anyCOMM technology. He stressed the importance of transparency and making the resolution clear to all citizens. **Wilkinson** asked to be provided with City Council's suggestions and concerns. **Knight** stated that he presumed the oversight committee would be tasked with providing input on the rules that will be put in place and asked if a resolution is necessary to authorize the forming of that committee. **Wilkinson** confirmed that a City Council action is required to form a committee. **Knight** suggested that the committees be formed promptly to allow them to provide input into the drafting of the final resolution. **Mayor Nicholls** opined that an ad hoc committee can provide input on the resolution, and the oversight and legal committees can be formed once it is clear what will be expected of the members.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. No Executive Session was held

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor