

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR WORKSESSION**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**June 4, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Watts, Thomas, Knight, McClendon, and Miller  
Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Nicholls  
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, John D. Simonton  
Police Captain, Rod Hamilton  
Various department heads or their representatives  
City Attorney, Richard W. Files  
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

**I. SUMMER PREPAREDNESS**

**Jeff Spohn**, Director of the Southwest Division of Arizona Public Service (APS) Company and **Charles Molina**, Yuma Construction/Maintenance Operations Supervisor provided a summary of APS' coverage and a presentation on summer preparedness, including planned activities, customer support and communication tools as follows:

APS Service Territory

- 11 of Arizona's 15 counties
- 34,646 square mile service area
- Serving about 1.2 million customers
- 430 substations, 300,000 transformers, more than 550,000 poles and structures
- Approximately 6,200 miles of transmission lines, 11,200 miles of overhead lines and 21,850 miles of underground cable

Review of Summer 2018

- 451 Poles Replaced
- 7,000 Lighting Strikes
- 50,000 Crew hours restoring power

Planned Reliability Activities

- System Preparation
  - Line patrols and tower inspections
  - Predictive and preventative maintenance programs
  - Transmission peak load studies
  - Operations Preparation and response to elevated fire conditions

- Vegetation Management
  - Tree trimming on cycle for all transmission circuits and distribution feeders
  - Wildfire prevention training with APS crews and first responders
  - Defensible Space Around Poles (DSAP) Program

#### Distribution System Improvements

- Supervisory Controlled Switches
  - Helps avoid sustained outages by automated reclosing and accelerates load restoration
- Fault Location Isolation and Service Restoration (FLISR)
  - Quickly identifies the location of a fault and isolates the faulted area
- Volt-VAr Management
  - Supervisory control of Regulators and Capacitor Banks

#### 2017-2018 Reliability Projects

- FY17 Deployed 102 Communicating Fault Indicators in 2017.
  - Accelerates fault restoration by indicating fault location.
- FY17/18 Deployed 113 Supervisory Controlled Switches in 2017-2018.
  - Helps to avoid sustained faults with automated reclosers. Accelerates load restoration with centralized control of remote switches.
- FY18 Deployed 158 non-communicating single phase reclosers in 2018.
  - Replaces fuses with automated reclosers to help avoid sustained faults.

#### Customer Support and Digital Tools

- Through the APS app customers can: monitor their energy use, report an outage, get energy saving tips, make a payment and view APS' outage map among other things.
- Customers can get a breakdown of costs.
- Customers can also sign up for alerts to let them know if their home is impacted by an outage or if they are nearing a usage threshold.
- There are currently about 230,000 customers that have downloaded the APS app. The APS App was launched in 2016.

#### Customer Support and Digital Tools-Outage Map

- The outage map is another useful tool for customers. The map is constantly updated with information about any outages and includes information such as outage boundaries, the cause of the outage and the estimated time of restoration.
- Customers can access the outage map from a computer or on the APS app.

#### Discussion:

**Shelton** asked if the App will replace the 1-800 number in case of any power outages. **Spohn** responded that the App will not replace that, but it is another tool for customers to use to view any current power outages in the area. **Shelton** suggested that APS let the media know what number to call in case of a major power outage.

**II. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF JUNE 5, 2019**

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 Intergovernmental Agreement: Marine Corps Air Station Yuma (YPD) – (Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Marine Corp Air Station Yuma and the City of Yuma Public Safety Training Facility) (Police/Support Svcs)

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.6 Intergovernmental Agreement: Drug Enforcement Administration, Phoenix Division (YPD) - (Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Drug Enforcement Administration, Phoenix Division and the City of Yuma Public Safety Training Facility) (Police/Admin)

**Deputy Mayor Knight** asked if this was a first time renewal for both items. **Hamilton** confirmed it was a first time renewal for both items.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** (Thomas/Watts): To adjourn the meeting. No Executive Session was held. Voice vote: **adopted** 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor