

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Deputy Mayor Morris** called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

**Pastor Tyrone Jones**, Church for the City, gave the invocation. **Jennifer Albers**, Assistant Director of Planning, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Morales, Smith, Knight, Shoop, Shelton, and Deputy Mayor Morris  
Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Nicholls  
Staffmembers Present: Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton  
Associate Planner, Erika Peterson  
Director of Utilities, Jeremy McCall  
Various Department Heads or their representative  
City Attorney, Richard W. Files  
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

**FINAL CALL**

**Deputy Mayor Morris** made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms for agenda related items from members of the audience.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Amberly's Place Update

**Tori Bourguignon**, Executive Director of Amberly's Place, started the presentation by thanking the City Council, the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, and the Legislators for their steadfast support of victims in the Yuma community.

Amberly's Place Background

- Amberly's Place employs professionals who have specialized training in dealing with victims of abuse
- Amberly's Place is a Family Advocacy Center and a 501 C3 Nonprofit organization
- Serves roughly 3,000 primary and secondary victims of abuse in Yuma County per year
- Amberly's Place is not a shelter
- Serves five types of abuse victims:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Sexual Assault
  - Elder Abuse
  - Child Abuse
  - Human Sex Trafficking

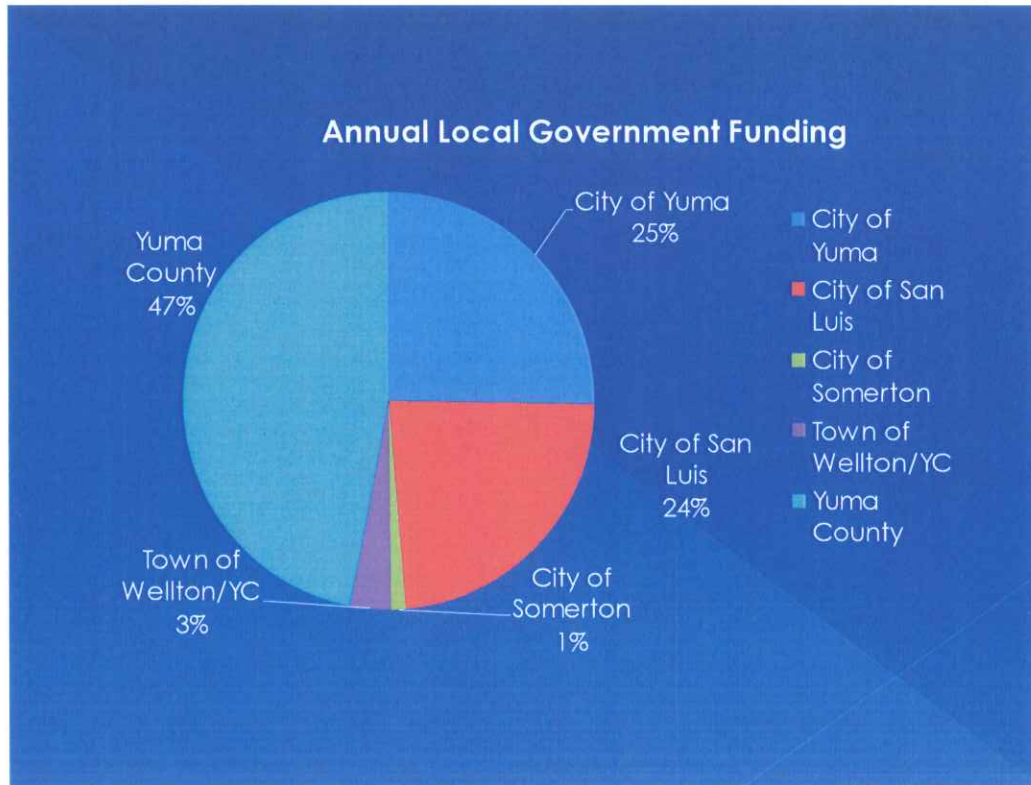
- Services available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Amberly's Place History

- Was established in 1999 to provide multi-disciplinary intervention by the Yuma Family Advocacy Coalition
- Multi-Disciplinary includes prosecutor, forensic nursing, forensic interviewer, victim advocate
- Since 1999 Amberly's Place has seen over 50,000 victims

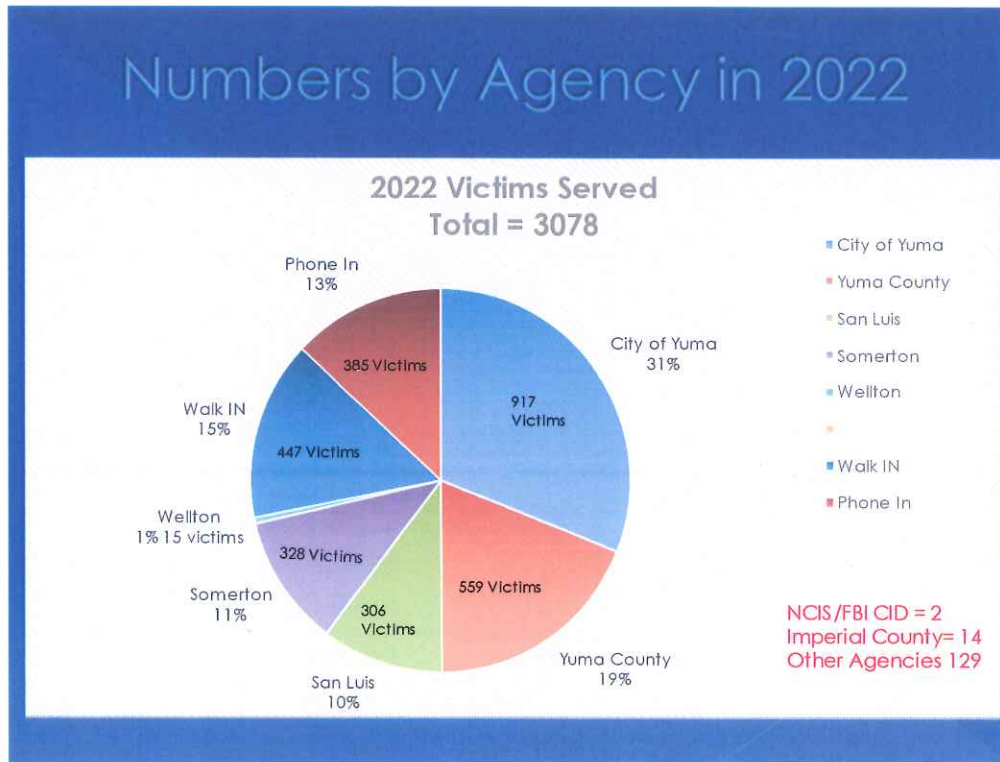
Child/Family Advocacy Model Cost Savings

- The average cost for a Family Advocacy Center (FAC) investigation is about \$2,900; it is 36% more expensive for a non-FAC investigation
- Amberly's Place has nearly a \$1.6 million annual budget
- Salaries, employee related expenses (EREs), and overheads are covered by the STOP Grant and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Fund
- Additional funding comes from support of local municipalities including City of Yuma, City of San Luis, City of Somerton, Wellton, and Yuma County



Statistics

- In 2022, Amberly's Place, along with the Yuma Police Department, served 917 primary and secondary victims, not including phone calls or walk-ins
- In 2022 Amberly's Place served a total of 3,078 victims



- 2022 Breakdown of victimization, by type of case

### Victimization Types 2022 Totals -YPD

Victimization	Primary	Secondary	Total
Adult Sexual Assault	30	32	<b>62</b>
Child Abuse (Neglect)	6	16	<b>22</b>
Child Abuse (Physical)	31	29	<b>60</b>
Child Sexual Abuse	103	169	<b>272</b>
Domestic Violence	246	220	<b>466</b>
Elder Abuse	3	2	<b>5</b>
Stalking/Harassment	5	1	<b>6</b>
Kidnapping	1	0	<b>1</b>
Human Trafficking	3	4	<b>7</b>
MDT Assist (Suicide/Non DV Homicide)	9	7	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>917</b>

- City of Yuma had a total of 330 walk-in victims in 2022

### 2022 City of Yuma Walk-In Victims

Victimization	Primary	Secondary	Total
Adult Sexual Assault	5	3	8
Child Abuse (Neglect)	1	1	2
Child Abuse (Physical)	4	3	7
Child Sexual Abuse	4	3	7
Domestic Violence	122	143	265
Elder Abuse	2	0	2
Stalking/Harassment	6	8	14
Kidnapping	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	1	1	2
MDT Assist (other partners)	13	10	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>330</b>

- As of October 1, 2023, focusing on Yuma Police Department cases only, there are 665 primary and secondary victims

### 2023 City of Yuma YPD Cases As of Oct. 1, 2023

Victimization	Primary	Secondary	Total
Adult Sexual Assault	23	12	35
Child Abuse (Neglect)	12	8	13
Child Abuse (Physical)	6	7	13
Child Sexual Abuse	59	127	186
Domestic Violence	164	225	389
Elder Abuse	1	0	1
Stalking/Harassment	1	0	1
Kidnapping	3	5	8
Human Trafficking	1	0	1
MDT Assist (suicide/homicide/house fire)	10	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>665</b>

- There has been a total of 426 Walk-in victims as of October 1, 2023

**2023 City of Yuma Walk-Ins  
 As of Oct. 1, 2023**

Victimization	Primary	Secondary	Total
Adult Sexual Assault	7	7	14
Child Abuse (Neglect)	3	11	14
Child Abuse (Physical)	2	5	7
Child Sexual Abuse	1	1	2
Domestic Violence	135	226	361
Elder Abuse	5	2	7
Stalking/Harassment	1	3	4
Kidnapping	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
MDT Assist (suicide/homicide/house fire)	11	6	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>426</b>

Personal Advocacy

- Amberly’s Place provides advocacy assistance with medical exams, forensic interviewing, and immigration assistance
- Amberly’s Place is the only advocacy center in the United States of America that has a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mexican Consulate because of their proximity to the border
- The MOU with the Mexican Consulate allows for Amberly’s Place to secure a T nonimmigrant status Visa or U nonimmigrant status Visa for victims of abuse
- Bilingual advocates with Master of Social Work degrees assist with court hearings, explain the victim’s rights, and help with securing orders of protection

Deliverables

- Advocacy
  - Personal and Legal
  - Inform victims of court dates and criminal justice system information
- Safety Planning
  - Crisis Intervention
- Victim’s Rights
- Court Escort & Order of Protection assistance
- Forensic Medical Exams
- Forensic Interviews

- Transportation
- Emergent Needs Assessment
  - Food/Clothing/Shelter/Transportation
- Counseling/Therapy
  - Amberly's Place pays for the first three sessions of therapy
  - Provides referrals to outside agencies for services or resources
  - MOU with Regional Center for Border Health
- Emotional Support and Safety
  - Hotline/Crisis line counseling
  - On-scene crisis response
  - Emergency financial assistance
- Satellite Offices in Wellton, San Luis, and Somerton

Agency Sponsored Expenses

- Agency vehicles to transport people to and from court
- Therapy Services to victims
- Financial Assistance to victims
- Forensic Interview/Case Assistance
- AZ Post Certified Trainings (free)
- Advocate Salary and ERE's

Return on Investment



Discussion

- Elder abuse is single handedly the most under reported crime next to human trafficking. Elder abuse cases are challenging due to the person abusing the vulnerable adult is oftentimes a family member caring for them. Amberly's Place works with Area Council on Aging, and Adult Protective Services to help victims of elder abuse and provide the same services that are offered for domestic violence and child abuse victims. (Morales/Bourguignon)

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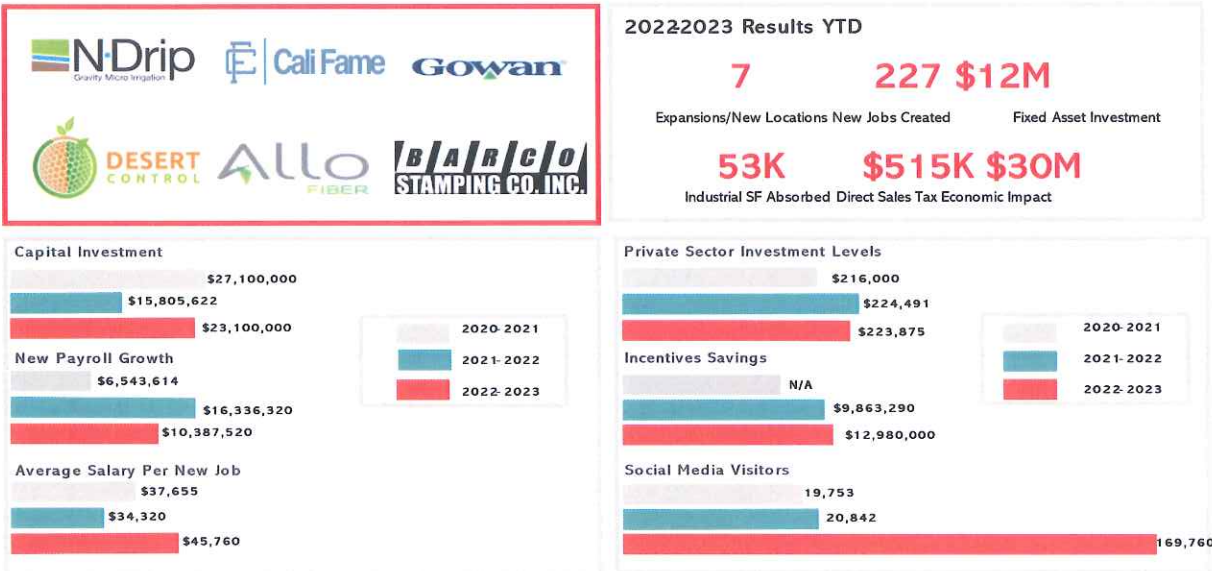
Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Annual Performance Report

**Greg LaVann**, Interim President and CEO of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC), presented the following:

- There was a lot of diversity in the types of industry brought into the City of Yuma this past year:
  - Manufacturing
  - Agricultural Tech Manufacturing
  - Corporate Headquarters
  - Fiber Optics
  - Consumer Product Manufacturing
- When promoting the City of Yuma to prospective companies looking to bring their business to the area, there is a strong value proposition when presenting them with the assets and resources the City of Yuma has to offer:
  - Access to water
  - Access to labor
  - Access to California
  - Education and Workforce training resources
- GYEDC's priority is to recruit companies that will create new jobs with above average salaries to help elevate the community and allow for their employees to afford a home, provide for their family, go on vacations, amongst other benefits to help maintain their health and wellness.
- Economic impact on Capital Investment is vital to economic development, and the health of a community. Property taxes and Sales taxes generated are used to pay for schools, pay for college, and pay for City activities, and for this reason, a return on investment is important.
- The City of Yuma invests \$250,000 a year with GYEDC, the return on investment (ROI) can be viewed in different perspectives:
  - Job Standpoint, ROI is approximately \$1,000 per new job created
  - Payroll Standpoint, ROI is 45 times every dollar given to GYEDC returned in payroll
  - Capital Investment Standpoint, ROI is approximately \$60 per every dollar invested in GYEDC

**LaVann** noted that any way the ROI is measured, GYEDC is returning the City's investment 10-fold, if not more.

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- At a two-year benchmark (2021-2023) GYEDC helped create 701 new jobs and helped with 15 expansions, or new locations for businesses within the City
- GYEDC is working on improving the average salary for every job created to be above \$40,000 a year. County median is \$32,000 a year, however cost of living and inflation are rising.

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- Considering the size of the Yuma market, when comparing the last two annual reports of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) and GYEDC, Yuma is on par with GPEC in every single economic developing metric, with the exception of new jobs created per 1,000 people.

HOW DO WE COMPARE?



ANNOUNCEMENTS = 20	ANNOUNCEMENTS = 100
NEW JOBS CREATED = 751	NEW JOBS CREATED = 20,787
NEW JOBS CREATED PER 1,000 PEOPLE = 3.75	NEW JOBS CREATED PER 1,000 = 4.15
JOB GROWTH % = .007%	JOB GROWTH % = .007%
AVERAGE WAGE = \$38,615 (County = \$32,387)	AVERAGE WAGE = \$59,931 (County = \$51,860)

- Green manufacturing projects coming soon to Yuma:
  - Plug Hydrogen – The largest hydrogen manufacturing company in the world
  - True North Energy – Clean Energy Provider
  - BrightNight – Renewable Power Company
- The City of Yuma is working with the Yuma International Airport to find developers interested in building hangars in Yuma and help increase Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) aerospace and defense industry investments in the community
- Panattoni Development Company is a developer with capital money looking to come to Yuma and develop 2 million square feet of buildings to help bring businesses into the community that are looking to lease, rather than build.
- Along with bringing industry into Yuma, it is also important for current partners and investors to be doing well, 80% of jobs come from established local companies.
- Future efforts for bringing industry to Yuma include creating a binational contractor attraction in Mexico and hiring personnel go to Mexico and meet with companies, trade associations, and brokers.
- GYEDC is working with the Arizona Commerce Authority on a foreign direct investment campaign to go around the world and make other countries aware of what Yuma has to offer
- **LaVann** recently met with 12 companies around the world, via zoom, and determined that these companies are looking at Arizona holistically and not focusing only in the Phoenix area, which is a great opportunity for Yuma to promote its assets and resources
- Partnering with Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture and helping them with marketing their assets, and at the same time promoting Yuma to bring more ag tech manufacturing and ag tech research and development to the community
- Spaceport Project continues to move forward
- Reviving the Yuma Manufacturers Associations. The association currently has 23 members making up almost 10% of the entire workforce in Yuma County

- Yuma Manufacturers Association assisted former Shaw Industries employees by extending job offers to 64 displaced workers after the plants closure.
- A new company coming into San Luis is expected to hire 100 employees that live in the San Luis and Somerton area
- Efforts will continue to help displace workers from Shaw Industries with obtaining employment by February of 2024
- Worked with the Arizona Western Entrepreneurial College's Manufacturing Center to obtain a \$3 million grant for their new facility
- Helped with obtaining a \$12 million forgivable loan for Arizona Western College and Yuma Regional Medical Center to open the new Healthcare College
- Partnering with First Things First, Manufacturers Association, Arizona at Work, and Arizona Western College to improve childcare within the community to help people go back to work

#### Discussion

- A solution for childcare is needed in the community and the City would greatly benefit when a solution is found. **(Morris)**
- Agrees that looking to Mexico for potential investors for our area is a great idea. **(Morris)**
- Being that not all industries are equal, GYEDC is focusing on consumer product manufacturers that are making higher end products with a high profit margin to try to reach the \$40,000 yearly employee pay benchmark. **(Morris/LaVann)**
- The new fiber optic internet coming to Yuma will likely help open new opportunities in agriculture and offer jobs that probably do not yet exist. **(Morales)**

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#### Achievement for Excellence Award from Government Finance Officers Association

**Knight, Shelton, and Morales** presented Crystal Figueroa, Director of Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Blenda Dale, Accountant II/Executive Assistant of Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, for their Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

#### **I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion** (Morales/Knight): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended. Voice vote: **approved 6-0.**

#### **A. Approval of minutes of the following City Council meeting(s):**

Variance Appeal – Board of Adjustments Minutes

November 1, 2023

#### **B. Executive Session**

Executive Sessions may be held at the next regularly scheduled Special Worksession, Regular Worksession and City Council Meeting for personnel, legal, litigation and real estate matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 Section A (1), (3), (4), and (7). (City Atty)

C. Approval of Staff Recommendations

1. Approve a Series #10: Beer and Wine Store Liquor License application submitted by Lauren Merrett, agent for Maverik located at 2930 E. Gila Ridge Road. (LL23-14) (Admn/Clk)
2. Approve a Series #12: Restaurant Liquor License application submitted by Marina Barajas, agent for Carnitas El Taste Foothills located at 5836 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 1. (LL23-15) (Admn/Clk)
3. Approve a Series #07: Beer and Wine Bar Liquor License application submitted by Gerardo Nunez, agent for 928 Tacos located at 1150 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street. (LL23-16) (Admn/Clk)
4. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a construction services contract for the 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue Multi-Use Pathway, 28<sup>th</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street Project, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$471,226.80 for the base bid, and \$56,773.20 for the alternate bid for a total of \$528,000.00 to DPE Construction, Inc., Yuma, Arizona. (RFB-23-253) (Eng/Fin)
5. Authorize the purchase of various Ground and Turf Maintenance Equipment to Hillyard, Mesa, Arizona; Stotz Equipment, Avondale, Arizona; and RDO Equipment, Yuma Arizona utilizing Arizona State Contract, Sourcewell and Mohave Education Services cooperative purchase agreements, at an estimated cost of \$228,417.63. (CPA-24-131) (Pks & Rec/Fin)
6. Authorize the use of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement initiated by the State of Arizona for the purchase of a 3D Laser Scanner with AllTerra Central, Inc., Austin, Texas for a total amount of \$104,956.51. (YPD/Fin)
7. Authorize the purchase and delivery of two shade structures from Exerplay, Cedar Crest, MN, utilizing the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative Purchase Agreement for an estimated expenditure of \$94,408.69. (CPA-24-108) (Pks & Rec/Fin)
8. Authorize the renewal of the annual software subscription for a total expenditure of \$161,694.18 to: Tyler Technologies, Inc., Dallas, TX. (RFP-2011000118) (IT/Fin)
9. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a sole source purchase extending the Warranty and Protection Plan of the Integrated Ballistic Information System (IBIS) with Forensic Technology Inc., of Largo, Florida, for total expenditure of \$123,879.00. (GRT-24-140) (YPD/Fin)
10. Approve amendments to the City of Yuma Investment Policy relating to authorized investments and changing the title of the authorized director. (Fin)
11. Approve the final plat of the Spirit Park Subdivision. The property is located at the southeast corner of Avenue 3E and 38<sup>th</sup> Street. (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion** (Knight/Smith): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended.

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Resolution R2023-055**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, declaring and adopting the official canvass of the results of the special election held on November 7, 2023 (Pursuant to the Yuma City Charter, Article IV, Section 9, and Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-642 (A)) (Adm/Clk)**

Roll call vote: **adopted 6-0.**

**III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA**

Ordinance O2023-035- Text Amendment: Accessory Dwelling Units: (Amend Title 15, Chapter 154, to update the placement, size, and height of accessory dwellings) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtty Plng)

**Shoop** requested that Ordinance O2023-035 be removed for separate consideration.

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**Motion** (Knight/Shoop): To adopt the Ordinances Consent Agenda as recommended, with the exception of Ordinance O2023-035.

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Ordinance O2023-036**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, relating to zoning regulations to update the definitions and allowable zoning districts for nursing and personal care facilities and residential care homes (amend to align the City of Yuma Zoning Code with the State of Arizona statutes for residential care facilities) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtty Plng)**

**Ordinance O2023-037**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Title 13, Chapter 139 of the Yuma City Code regulating fireworks within the City (amend Yuma City Code to comply with state law) (Atty)**

Roll call vote: **adopted 6-0.**

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**Motion** (Knight/Morales): To adopt Ordinance O2023-035 as recommended.

**Bushong** displayed the following titles(s):

**Ordinance O2023-035**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, relating to zoning regulations to update the placement, size and height requirements for accessory dwelling units (amend Title 15, Chapter 154, Article 15, Section 16 to update placement, size and height requirements for accessory dwellings) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtty Plng)**

Roll call vote: **adopted 5-1, Shoop voting nay.**

#### IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

##### **Ordinance O2023-038**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, declaring certain City-owned real properties, hereafter described, surplus for City use and authorizing the sale of each of the surplus properties through separate or collective competitive process such as requests for proposals (150 N. Madison Avenue and 120 N. Main Street) (Admn/Econ Dev)**

#### FINAL CALL

**Deputy Mayor Morris** made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms from members of the audience interested in speaking at the Call to the Public.

#### V. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution R2023-052 – General Plan Amendment: 1749 S. Arizona Avenue and the Northeast Corner of Riley Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> St (Following the public hearing, approve the Major Amendment request to amend the City of Yuma general Plan to change the land use designation from Commercial to High Density Residential, for properties locate at 1749 S. Arizona Avenue and the northeast corner of Riley Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtty Plng)

Resolution R2023-053 – General Plan Amendment: 1717 S. Pacific Avenue (Following the public hearing, approve the Major Amendment request to amend the City of Yuma General Plan to change the land use designation from Industrial to Commercial, for a portion of the property located at 1717 S. Pacific Avenue) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtty Plng)

**Deputy Mayor Morris** opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

**Peterson** presented the following information:

1749 S. Arizona Avenue and the Northeast Croner of Riley Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street:

- General Plan amendment for approximately 2.8 acres for the properties located at 1749 South Arizona Avenue and the northeast corner of Riley Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- Applicant is proposing to change the land use designation from Commercial to High Density Residential
- Properties are currently undeveloped
- Proposed change of rezoning is due to the intent of developing a multi-family residential development
- Anticipated increase of dwellings by 84 and the maximum population by 151 persons
- Access to property is off Arizona Ave., 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Street, and Riley Ave.
- A public meeting was held on site and there was no one from the public in attendance
- Staff did receive phone calls from the public seeking information about the request
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of this request

1717 S. Pacific Avenue

- General Plan amendment for approximately 7.48 acres located at 1717 South Pacific Avenue
- Applicant is requesting to change the land use designation from Industrial to Commercial

- The change is only for a portion of the parcel
- Property was previously used for RV sales; it is currently vacant
- The applicant's intent to change the land designation from Industrial to Commercial is to develop a commercial multi-tenant shopping center following annexation into the City of Yuma
- There is no anticipated population increase
- The commercial development will increase the number of year round job availability
- Access to the site is available off Pacific Avenue
- A Neighborhood meeting was held on site; four neighboring property owners for the residential development to the south were in attendance with questions regarding access to the site and if any access would be available from the residential development site
- Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this request

**Motion** (Knight/Smith): To close the Public Hearing. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0. The Public Hearing closed at 6:22 p.m.

**Motion** (Knight/Morales): To adopt Resolution R2023-052 as Recommended

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Resolution R2023-052**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Resolution R2022-011, the City of Yuma 2022 General Plan, to change the land use designation from Commercial to High Density Residential for properties located at 1749 S. Arizona Avenue and the northeast corner of Riley Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street (Change the land use designation to High Density Residential for approximately 2.8 acres) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0

**Motion** (Smith/Knight) To adopt Resolution R2023-053 as Recommended

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Resolution R2023-053**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Resolution R2022-011, the City of Yuma 2022 General Plan, to change the land use designation from Industrial to Commercial for the property located at 1717 S. Pacific Avenue (Change the land use designation to Commercial for approximately 7.48 acres) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0

## **VI. Utility Rates**

MC 2023-183 – Notice of Intention to Adjust Water and Wastewater Utility Rates (Adopt a Notice of Intention pursuant to A.R.S § 9-511.01 to increase water and wastewater rates, reinstate the Water Resource Trust Fund surcharge, and set a public hearing on the proposed rate increase) (Utl/Admn)

### Discussion

- Recommends the decision on this motion occur at the beginning of the fiscal year in July, rather than the beginning of the calendar year, in January. Believes with the Holiday season approaching, staff

will not have sufficient time to prepare a strong message to help the public understand and accept the utility rate increase. **(Shelton)**

- The approval of the motion is to start the process of the rate increase. Public hearings will occur in mid to late January; that is enough time to create a messaging campaign for the public and encourage them to attend the public hearings before making any decisions. It is not prudent to delay the notice of intent until May. **(Simonton)**
- The approval of the motion is to put the intent of the rate increase out to the public; no decisions will be made at this time. **(Morris/Simonton)**
- Information of the public meetings that will be held in January will be put out to the public in accordance with state statutes and published on the City's social media pages. **(Simonton/Shelton)**
- Public Hearings that will be held at the Water and Sewer Commission will be moved to the training room at the Utilities Facility, so that there is ample space for the public to attend and provide input during that process. **(Simonton/Shelton)**
- Public Hearings are to be held during a regular scheduled City Council Meeting per the State Statute. At that time City Council has the option to adopt the rates, ask for modifications of the rates based on public comments, or ask for the motion to be decided at the following City Council Meeting. **(Simonton/Morales)**

**Motion** (Knight/Smith): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended.

Roll call vote: **adopted 6-0**

## **VII. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

### Appointments

**Motion** (Morales/Smith): to reappoint Robert Campbell and Christopher Thompson to the Building Advisory Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Knight/Morales): to reappoint Thomas Rushin to the Design and Historic Review Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Smith/Morales): to reappoint Amanda Coltman to the Merit System Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Shelton/Knight): to reappoint Lorraine Arney and Christopher Hamel to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Knight/Smith): to reappoint Fowler Malone and Chris Morris to the Residential Advisory Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Knight/Morales): to reappoint Vinod Mohindra and Carrie Scott to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Smith/Knight): to reappoint Christopher Harmon to the Housing Authority Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

**Motion** (Morales/Shelton): to appoint Kirsten Carpenter to the Clean and Beautiful Commission to an initial five-year term expiring December 31, 2028. Voice Vote: **Approved 6-0.**

Announcements

**Knight, Morales, Smith, Shelton, and Deputy Mayor Morris** reported on events and meetings they have attended during the last two weeks and upcoming events of note.

Expressing concern, **Shelton** requested staff consideration regarding business banner restrictions that have been brought to his attention by a constituent. **Simonton** will set up a time to meet with **Shelton** to address the concerns.

Scheduling – No meetings were scheduled at this time.

**VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Simonton** reported the following events:

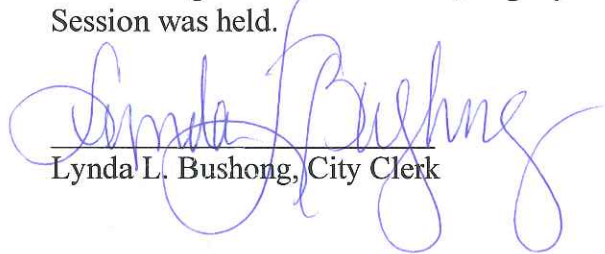
- November 17 – Tribute of the Muses at the Historic Yuma Theatre

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

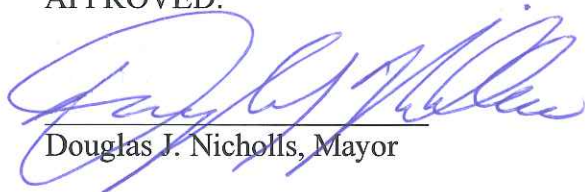
**Sherri Levek**, City resident, requested the City of Yuma adopt a Resolution calling for release of hostages and ceasefire in Gaza.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, **Deputy Mayor Morris** adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

  
Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of: <u>Dec 20 2023</u>
City Clerk: <u>LB</u>