

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Samuel Loveless, Second Councilor, Yuma Arizona Stake Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gave the invocation. **Sergeant Major David Potter**, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Morales, Smith, McClendon, Morris, Shoop, Shelton, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staffmembers Present: Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton
Director of Finance, Doug Allen
Chief Information Officer, Isaiah Kirk
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

FINAL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

Reading of Library Card Sign-Up Month Proclamation

Mayor Nicholls read a proclamation declaring September Library Card Sign-Up Month and encouraged everyone to sign up for their own library card.

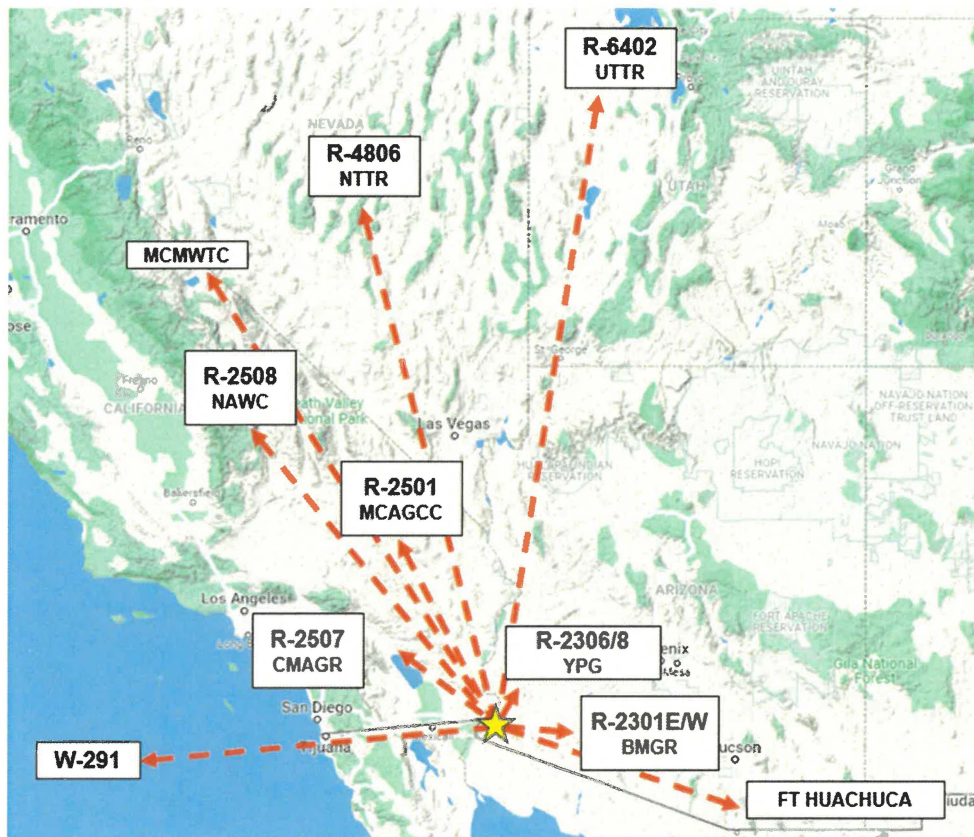
Ashley Jones, Director of the Yuma County Library District, thanked City Council for the proclamation and highlighted some of the current and upcoming resources available at the library locations throughout Yuma and online.

Briefing on the upcoming Marine Corps Air Station-Yuma (MCAS-Yuma) WTI Exercise

Colonel Jarred Stone, Commanding Officer of MCAS-Yuma, expressed appreciation for the relationship that exists between the City and MCAS-Yuma. Use of City facilities not only provides marines with a realistic training experience but is also an opportunity for citizens to see firsthand some of the training that takes place in Yuma.

Major Sean Graham, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) Evolution Coordinator, played a video showcasing previous Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course 2-24, and provided the following information on the upcoming WTI 1-25:

- Overview
 - From September 8th through October 28th, WTI students will conduct operations in and around Yuma
 - The flight phase will take place September 25th through October 26th
- Purpose
 - To prepare marine aviation personnel for various combat environments by exposing them to a realistic and challenging training course
- WTI Operating Area
 - As far north as Utah, east to Fort Huachuca, and west to the Pacific Ocean



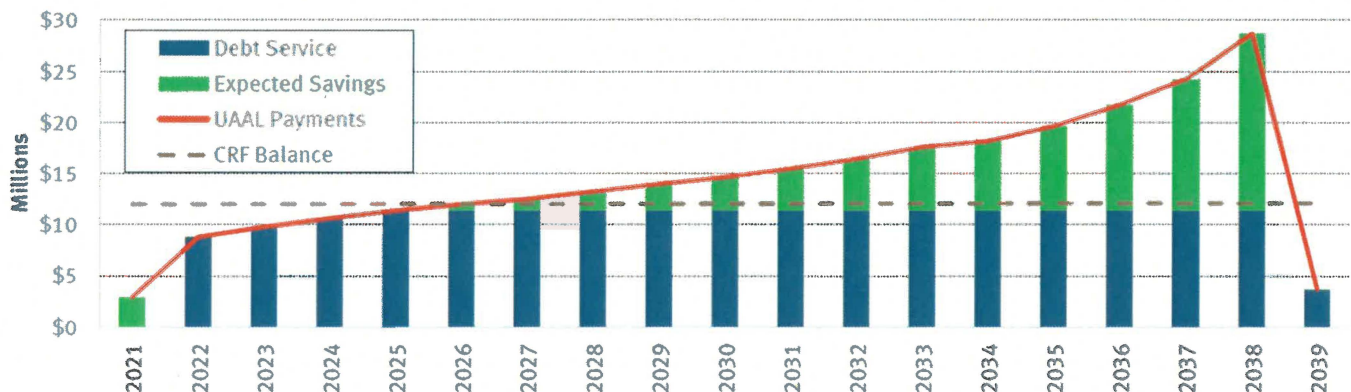
- WTI Course
 - Seven-week course
 - Academic Phase – 19 days
 - Flight Phase – 30 days
 - WTI Instructors
 - Marine Air-Ground Task Force Integrator
 - Risk Manager
 - Unit Training Officer
 - Weapon System Expert

- Student Composition
 - Aviator
 - Aviation Command and Control
 - Intelligence
 - Aviation Ground Support
 - Infantry and Ground Combat Arms
 - Aircraft Maintenance / Ordnance
- FHA Evolution
 - Monday, October 7 from 6 pm – 10 pm
 - Sikorsky Ch-53E Super Stallion and CH53K King Stallion heavy lift helicopters
 - Crane Middle School and Kiwanis Park
 - Evolution Coordination
 - Passenger Movement
 - Local Agency Integration
 - Yuma Police Department
 - Yuma Fire Department
 - Parks and Recreation Department
 - All Federal Aviation Administration Regulations will be followed

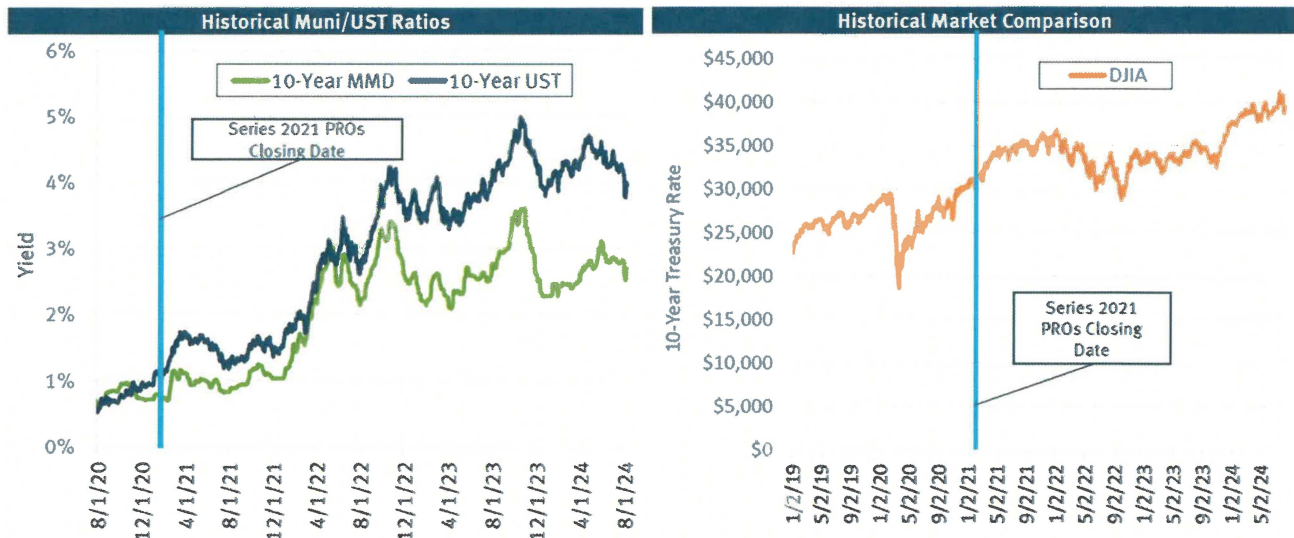
Bond Buy-Back Program Presented by Stifel

Allen introduced **Mark Reader**, Managing Director with Stifel Public Finance (Stifel), who presented the following overview of the potential bond buy-back program:

- Series 2021 Pledged Revenue Bonds: Summary of Financing Results
 - Due to market conditions and quick action, the City was able to borrow at a rate of 2.381%, which includes all issuing expenses
 - In comparison, the current 10 Year Treasury Rate is 3.85%
 - This led to an expected savings of 49%, or \$72 million
 - The City has received an annualized return of 7.63% to date



- Market Comparison: 2021 Revenue Bonds Pricing vs. Today
 - Treasury rates have increased considerably since the bonds were issued



- Potential Use of Short-Term Invested Cash: Summary
 - The City has an opportunity for significant savings through a bond buy-back
 - As rates have increased, prices have decreased
 - Investors who hold the bonds may be willing to sell them back at a lower price
 - This would allow them to minimize their loss and reinvest those funds
 - The City could potentially buy some of the bonds back at a lower price than they were initially sold
 - Must act quickly as the Federal Reserve has announced impending rate cuts
- Cash Buy-Back of Taxable Series 2021 Revenue Bonds
 - \$10 million could buy back up to \$11.81 million of the City’s Taxable Series 2021 bonds
 - The City could go higher or lower than \$10 million, but going much lower would lose the benefit of the scale needed to generate market attention
 - Interested bondholders would have the option to offer some of their bonds for sale back to the City, and the City could then select the best offers
 - There is some ability to shape how the City receives the savings
 - A long-term savings scenario would maximize the Net Present Value (NPV) the City can achieve
 - An accelerated savings scenario would achieve a smaller NPV, but the benefit would be seen more up front

Date	Long Term Savings Case		Accelerated Savings Case	
	Cash Flow Savings	NPV @ 3.00% ⁴	Cash Flow Savings	NPV @ 3.00% ⁴
Today	-\$10,000,000	-\$10,000,000	-\$10,000,000	-\$10,000,000
6/30/2025	\$155,354	\$153,970	\$102,373	\$101,461
6/30/2026	\$310,708	\$301,196	\$1,030,683	\$1,005,105
6/30/2027	\$310,708	\$292,423	\$2,183,930	\$2,069,408
6/30/2028	\$310,708	\$283,906	\$2,155,750	\$1,983,404
6/30/2029	\$310,708	\$275,637	\$2,122,770	\$1,896,391
6/30/2030	\$310,708	\$267,609	\$105,280	\$90,676
6/30/2031	\$310,708	\$259,814	\$105,280	\$88,035
6/30/2032	\$310,708	\$252,247	\$105,280	\$85,471
6/30/2033	\$310,708	\$244,900	\$105,280	\$82,982
6/30/2034	\$310,708	\$237,767	\$105,280	\$80,565
6/30/2035	\$2,901,163	\$2,170,032	\$978,633	\$732,003
6/30/2036	\$2,886,349	\$2,096,439	\$980,011	\$711,811
6/30/2037	\$2,894,758	\$2,041,687	\$980,731	\$691,714
6/30/2038	\$2,886,260	\$1,976,773	\$980,793	\$671,736
6/30/2039	\$927,041	\$616,467	\$314,080	\$208,858
Total	\$5,447,293	\$1,470,865 / 14.71%	\$2,356,154	\$499,619 / 5.00%

- The long-term savings scenario could reduce debt service by \$15,447,297, while the accelerated savings scenario could reduce debt service by \$12,356,154
- Considerations Associated with a Tender
 - Investor Participation
 - When an issuer initiates a tender offer, the issuer invites holders of the bonds to offer them for purchase by the issuer
 - Bondholders are not required to offer their bonds for purchase by the issuer
 - Similarly, the issuer is not required to purchase all or any bonds offered by any bondholder
 - Market Conditions
 - The potential benefit may change as market conditions change
 - Cost Incurred to Initiate Tender
 - Stifel has agreed to work at risk, meaning they will not get paid if there are no transactions
 - However, a non-refundable \$5,000 cost for the Tender and Information Agent will be required to begin the process

Discussion

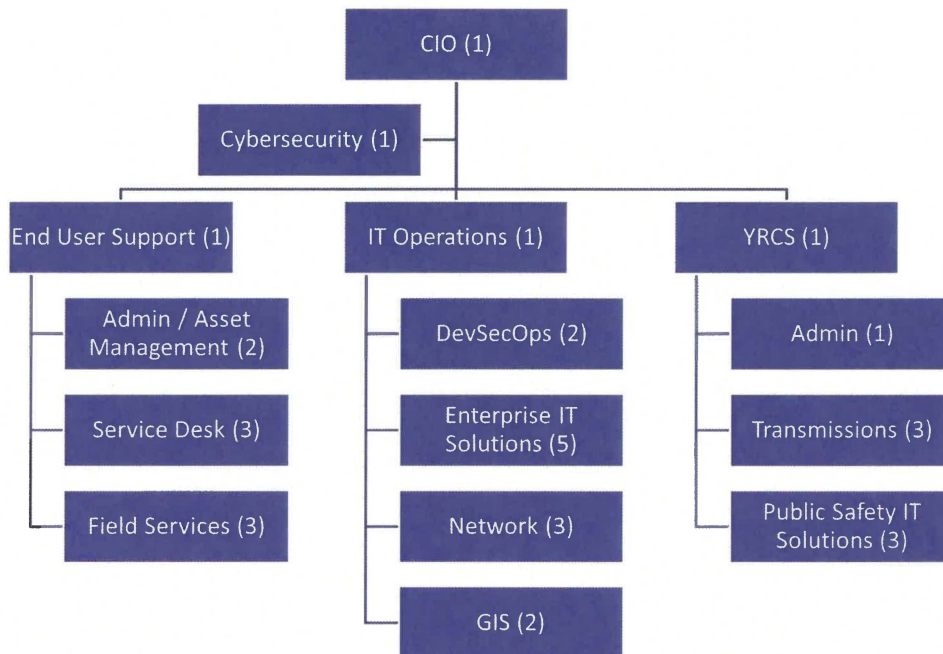
- This opportunity was created by rates almost doubling since the bonds were issued in 2021; the market is expecting a rate reduction of 100 basis points, or 1%, by the end of the year (**Mayor Nicholls/Reader**)
- Based on current conditions, it is likely that there will be enough bondholders willing to sell their bonds back to create competition, allowing the City to choose the best offers; conditions may change as time passes, so acting soon is in the City’s best interest (**Morales/Reader**)
- If the City were to act immediately, the lead time for the bond buy-back would be about three weeks; City Council could direct staff to begin preparing the required documents pending a decision, which would shorten that window a bit in the event they decide to proceed (**Morris/Reader**)

- As various investments mature, the City has money coming in that can be used for the bond buy-back; information on how much money is available will be provided to City Council (**Mayor Nicholls/Allen**)

Information Technology Department Update

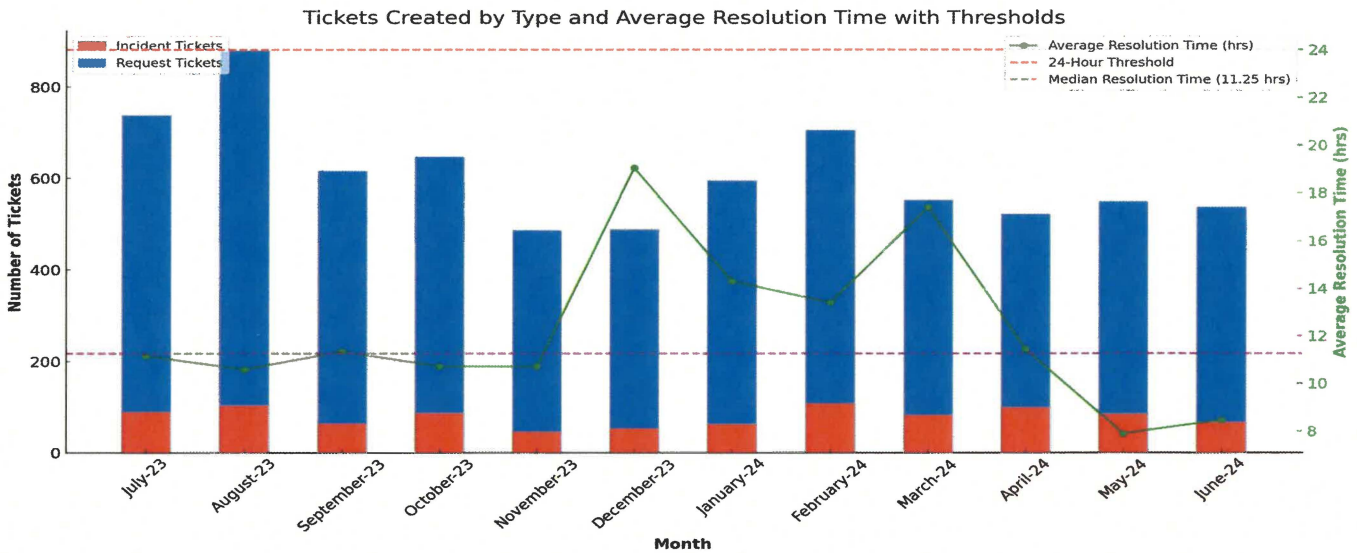
Kirk presented Information Technology's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 update as follows:

- Organizational Structure
 - 24 full-time employees
 - One additional full-time employee will be added in January 2025

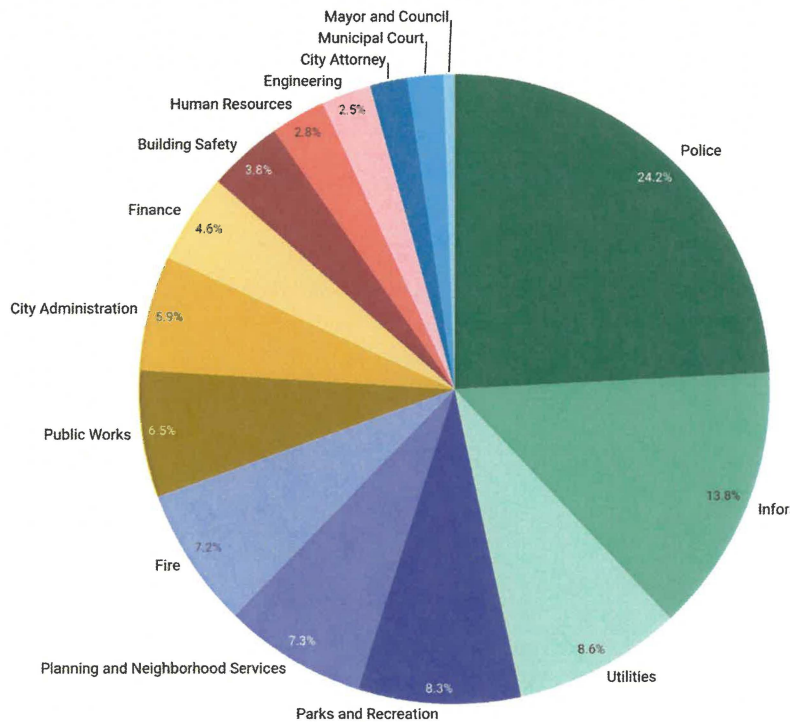


- Service Uptime/Availability Overview
 - Goal of 99.8% service availability has been exceeded the past two years
 - FY 2023 – 99.9%
 - FY 2024 – 99.96%
 - This equates to only three hours and 28 minutes of downtime throughout the year, or four minutes per week
- Tickets Created and Completed
 - Over 7,300 tickets were completed in FY 2024
 - Decrease of 25% from FY 2023 due to changes made to how requests are processed
 - Efforts are being made to be proactive and reduce red tape to allow employees to do more for themselves without IT's involvement
 - Achieved average resolution time to 11.25 hours in FY 2024
 - Decreased 55.5% from average resolution time of 24 hours in FY 2023
 - Ratio of requests to incidents is 6:1
 - Requests include the need for new products and services, employee onboarding and offboarding, etc.
 - Incidents include issues with products and services not working properly

- Goals in FY 2025 are to decrease tickets by 20% and work towards a request to incident ratio of 4:1



- Tickets by Department and Time of Day
 - One Technician moved into the Yuma Police Department (YPD)
 - While YPD accounts for almost 25% of the tickets submitted, they account for about 30% of equipment
 - Dedicated technician located at YPD helps to quickly resolve tickets by eliminating travel time
 - IT Liaisons established in every department to empower departments to take care of simple fixes themselves and provides information to IT on their department’s needs



- Deployment of New Services
 - Windows 11
 - Deployed to all systems in 2023
 - Microsoft identified Windows 10 as being end-of-life in 2025 and will no longer provide software updates, technical assistance, or security fixes
 - Turned on Advanced Features, which allows IT to deploy new features as they are released by Microsoft, as opposed to being months behind
 - Microsoft 365
 - All Microsoft Office products are now in the cloud, allowing employees to access them from any location
 - One Drive
 - Enabled the migration of 3.3 million files, or 35.3 terabytes, from the City's servers to the cloud
 - Employees can access their files from any computer at any location
 - Microsoft Teams
 - Replaced Zoom for virtual meetings and allows collaboration across the City
 - Added a chat feature, which has reduced the number of emails and voicemails
 - Allows for employees to collaboratively edit documents in real time
- Inbound Email Protection
 - Of the 7.3 million emails that hit the City's gateway, only 2.3 million are delivered
 - 99.95% pre-delivery protection
 - Threats are detected and eliminated prior to arriving at the user's inbox
 - 0.045% post-delivery protection
 - Security continues to be monitored and threats can be identified after delivery
 - 0.005% manually protected
 - End users identify and report suspicious emails
- Modernize Applications and Integrations
 - Automation of routine processes
 - Including employee onboarding and offboarding and ordering of approved products
 - Single Sign-On (SSO)
 - Users can access multiple applications and websites without logging in to each one individually
 - Creation of DevSecOps Team
 - Integration of Development, Security, and Operations teams for faster, more efficient deployment of products

Discussion

- Multi-factor authentication helps to keep the City secure as more products become cloud-based; the version of Microsoft 365 that the City uses is only available within the United States, so access will be denied to users who try to log in from another country (**Mayor Nicholls/Kirk**)
- iPads are replaced every four to five years; while an iPad may continue to work for 10 years or more, Apple stops providing updates for iPads after five years (**Shoop/Kirk**)
- IT was able to get all City systems up and running in less than 24 hours after the recent CrowdStrike incident, with public safety dispatch being the first area that was addressed (**Simonton**)

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Consent Agenda Item C.4 – Cooperative Purchase Agreement: Freshworks Freshservice Enterprise IT Ticketing Software (authorize a three-year subscription for a total estimated expenditure of \$260,000.00) (CPA-25-04) (IT)

Discussion

- If approved, this software subscription will help manage and automate the request and incident tickets submitted to IT (**Mayor Nicholls/Kirk**)

Motion (McClendon/Morris): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

A. Approval of minutes of the following City Council meetings:

Special Council Meeting Minutes	August 13, 2024
Regular Council Worksession Minutes	August 20, 2024

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 #12: Restaurant Liquor License application submitted by Feifei Zhao, agent for Oriental House located at 2951 S. 4th Avenue. (LL24-11) (Admn/Clk)
2. Approve a Series #06: Bar Liquor License application submitted by Maria Stefanakos, agent for A Swanky Place LLC located at 3950 W. 24th Street. (LL24-10) (Admn/Clk)
3. Authorize the purchase of HDPE Pipe to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Ferguson Waterworks of Yuma, Arizona in an amount of \$189,777.00 (excluding tax) for the Desert Hills Golf Course irrigation upgrades. (RFB-25-024) (Eng/Purch)
4. Authorize the use of the State of Arizona Cooperative Purchase Agreement for a three-year IT Ticketing Software subscription for a total estimated expenditure of \$260,0000.00 to: CDWG, Chicago, IL. (CPA-25-094) (IT/Purch)
5. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a one-year contract for pavement preservation services with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, one year at a time, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance, to the following contractors: Cactus Asphalt, Tolleson, Arizona; Holbrook Asphalt Company, St. George, Utah; Sunland Asphalt & Construction, LLC., Phoenix, Arizona and VSS International, Inc., West

Sacramento, California, for an estimated annual expenditure of \$2,354,000.00. (RFQ-24-350)
(Pub Wks/Purch)

6. Authorize the City Administrator to sign a participation letter allowing the Yuma Police Department to participate in the Department of Defense Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program, otherwise known as the 1033 Program. (YPD/Admn)
7. Authorize the City Administrator to execute five subrecipient Agreements for fiscal year 2024-2025, totaling \$317,824.0, awarding CDBG and HOME funding in accordance with the Annual Action Plan adopted by City Council on June 26, 2024. (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Nbhd Svcs)
8. Approve an Infrastructure and Services Report for Annexation Area No. ANEX-42924-2024, identified as the Irwin Trust Annexation, located in the vicinity of E. 28th Street and S. Rebecca Avenue. (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtly Plng)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution R2024-044 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (to provide the framework for achieving equal access to the City’s facilities, programs, services, and activities within a reasonable timeframe) (Eng)

Mayor Nicholls declared a conflict of interest regarding Resolution R2024-044 as his firm works with the consultant performing the contract, turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Morris, and left the dais.

Motion (Smith/Morales): To adopt the Resolution R2024-044 as recommended.

Bushong displayed the following title:

Resolution R2024-044

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, adopting the 2023 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self -Evaluation and Transition Plan (approved plan will serve as a guide for the City of Yuma to improve access to the City’s facilities, programs, and services to individuals with disabilities) (Eng)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0-1, **Mayor Nicholls** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Nicholls returned to the dais.

Motion (Morales/Smith): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended, with the exception of Resolution R2024-044 which was adopted through a previous vote.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

Resolution R2024-045

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, approving and authorizing the execution of an addendum to the Real Property Exchange and Development Agreement with

Southgate Mall, LLC (to allow for the location of a new freestanding sign in a manner which is safe for pedestrians and motorists and supports the needs of the area businesses) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Resolution R2024-047

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, approving and authorizing a Lease and Operating Agreement with the Yuma County Historical Society for the City-Owned properties located at 240 South Madison Avenue and 272 Madison Avenue (the partnership ensures that Yuma's historical sites are not only preserved for future generations, but also remain accessible and engaging for both residents and visitors) (Admn)

Resolution R2024-048

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving the City of Yuma, Title VI Implementation Plan 2025-2028 (to ensure the City of Yuma does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin and establishes mechanisms for identifying and addressing any such Title VI complaints) (Eng)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

III. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bushong displayed the following title:

Ordinance O2024-028

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, annexing to the City of Yuma, a portion of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 22 West of the Gila and Salt River Base & Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, and amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, designating the zoning of certain property to the Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District, and amending the zoning map to conform thereto, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 7, Arizona revised statutes as amended (two parcels and adjacent 28th street right-of-way consisting of approximately 29.4 acres located in the vicinity of East 28th Street and South Rebecca Lane) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

IV. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HOSPITAL REVENUE BOND SERIES 2024A

Resolution R2024-048 – Industrial Development Authority Hospital Revenue Bonds Series 2024A (approve the issuance of bonds by the Industrial Development Authority not to exceed \$310,000,000 for Yuma Regional Medical Center) (City Atty)

Smith and **Morales** declared conflicts of interest on Resolution R2024-048 and left the dais.

Files reminded City Council that the proposed resolution includes an emergency clause, which requires an affirmative vote of at least five Councilmembers to make the resolution effective immediately.

Trevor White, attorney for the Industrial Development Authority (IDA), presented the following information:

- The IDA is a subcommittee of the City of Yuma comprised of five members who have been appointed by City Council
- The Series 2024A bonds, which shall not exceed \$310 million, will allow Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) to finance various projects in the City of Yuma and the City of San Luis

- The bonds do not constitute any indebtedness of the State of Arizona, the IDA or the City of Yuma; neither the City nor the IDA will be held liable for payment of the principal or interest on these bonds
- The bonds will be underwritten by the Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase and will be sold through a public offering
- The IDA has held two Special Meetings at which the issuance of the bonds was approved unanimously
- A public hearing was held as required by law, at which no comments or objections were made
- If approved, the bonds will provide for:
 - The construction of a health professions building, site improvements, and surface parking on property owned by YRCM on the southeast corner of Avenue A and West 24th Street
 - The acquisition of land and construction of a micro hospital in San Luis
 - The construction of a behavioral health building on property owned by YRMC at 7214 East 31st Place
 - The replacement of clinical laboratories, expansions and improvements of certain departments, and renovations in a number of facilities
 - The refund of roughly \$50 million of previously issued Series 2014A bonds
- These long-term, fixed-rate, fully amortizing securities will have a proposed maturity of 30 years and will have a rating of at least “A” by both Standard and Poor’s (S&P) and Fitch

Discussion

- These bonds will be secured by YRMC’s revenue, which includes both current revenue and anticipated future revenue increases (**Mayor Nicholls/White**)

Vernon Moore, Chief Financial Officer at YRMC, joined White at the podium.

Continuing Discussion

- The behavioral health building will be utilized for an adult intensive outpatient program; YRMC will also have a new psychiatry residency program starting in a few years (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)
- The health professionals building is a classroom space; the first floor will be a simulation lab, and the second floor will belong to Arizona Western College (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)
- The Mayor of San Luis signed off on the land acquisition and construction of the micro hospital because it will be located in San Luis; this was facilitated through San Luis’ City Administrator and City Attorney (**Mayor Nicholls/White**)
- Approval of the emergency clause would allow for quicker issuance of the bonds; the plan is to go to market on September 19th (**Mayor Nicholls/White/Moore**)
- YRMC currently has about 24 adult inpatient mental health beds and no juvenile inpatient beds; the psychiatry residency program should help increase the number of psychiatrists available in Yuma and allow YRMC to expand its facilities and operations to potentially include juveniles in the future (**Shelton/Moore**)
- By working with the IDA, YRMC receives the benefits associated with tax free municipal bonds; should anything go wrong with the bonds, the City and the IDA will be indemnified and held harmless (**McClendon/White**)
- The bonds will have no impact on the City’s budget; when the bonds are purchased, the IDA receives the proceeds and then loans them to YRMC, subject to a loan agreement (**McClendon/White**)

- Bond rates are expected to increase as the November 2024 election approaches; advisors from the Bank of America would like the bonds to go to market as soon as possible after the Federal Reserve meeting on September 18th (**Morris/Moore**)
- Approval of the emergency clause requires five affirmative votes, regardless of any conflicts of interest that have been declared; the resolution can be adopted without the emergency clause, but will go into effect 30 days later instead of immediately (**Moore/Files**)
- YRMC will be expending tens of millions of dollars this year just to prepare for these projects and will not be able to reimburse themselves until the bonds are sold (**Douglas Nicholls/Moore**)
- The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) notice posted prior to the public hearing held on August 21, 2024, explains specifically how the bond proceeds will be spent; any expenditures outside of those listed in the TEFRA notice will not be reimbursed by the trustee that holds the bond proceeds (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)
- The qualifying reimbursements listed in the TEFRA notice are only for equipment and buildings; there will be no reimbursement for overhead relating to the management of the bonds, and any funding for employees to staff the new facilities will come out of YRMC's operating budget (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)

Phil Clark, non-resident, expressed concern that Yuma Hospital District (YHD) #1, which owns the properties on which YRMC operates as a tenant, has not weighed in on this matter. The prior agreement between YRMC and YHD#1 stated that any improvements exceeding a certain dollar amount would require the approval of YHD#1. The prior agreement also included scenarios where YHD#1, and by extension the taxpayers of Yuma County, would be financially obligated in the event of default on the part of YRMC. While a new agreement was put into place because of a recent lawsuit, the details of the new agreement have not been disclosed.

Continuing Discussion

- A new lease agreement is in place and soon there will be a press release from YHD#1 and YRMC explaining the new agreement (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)
- The City Attorney's Office has not had any conversations or received any correspondence from YHD#1 regarding this matter (**Mayor Nicholls/Files**)
- The IDA has not received any objections, concerns, or questions; the details of the new agreement will be disclosed in an official statement, and information on the litigation between YRMC and YHD#1 is a public court record (**White**)
- Many lease agreements include a provision that allows a tenant to make improvements or other changes that would not be considered waste or detrimental to the value of the property (**White**)
- Non-communication is not the same as approval; including a memo or something showing that YHD#1 does not object to issuing the bonds would have aided City Council in making this decision (**Mayor Nicholls**)
- Delaying the approval of the proposed resolution will delay the projects and cause further expense to YRMC (**Mayor Nicholls/White**)
- The bonds being discussed are revenue bonds and will not directly result in increased taxes to pay for the bonds (**Mayor Nicholls/Shoop**)

Mayor Nicholls recessed the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Shelley Aronson, President of First River Advisory and financial advisor to YRMC, appeared via teleconference.

Continuing Discussion

- It will take approximately four to six weeks from the time of City Council approval to the actual sale of the bonds (**Mayor Nicholls/Aronson**)
- City Council is approving the capacity to fund the projects, but not the projects themselves; if YHD#1 does not approve of any of the projects, the associated funds will be refunded back to the bondholders (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)
- The emergency clause in the proposed resolution is standard practice for bond issuances (**Mayor Nicholls/Files**)
- The new agreement between YRMC and YHD#1 was extended to 2055 specifically to enable these bonds to be issued; the previous agreement's expiration of 2043 would not have provided sufficient time to pay back the bonds (**Aronson**)
- Notice was provided to YHD#1 when the new agreement was signed; additionally, over the last several months members of the board were given tours of the hospital to show them what was planned (**Mayor Nicholls/Moore**)
- The new agreement states that YHD#1 must approve any proposed improvement exceeding \$1.5 million; YRMC would not invest millions of dollars if it was not wanted by the property owner (**McClendon/Moore**)
- Notice was not personally provided to YHD#1 board members; the TEFRA notice was posted on the websites for the City of San Luis and the City of Yuma inviting anyone to attend the hearing and provide input (**Shelton/Moore/White**)
- If the resolution is adopted with fewer than five affirmative votes, it will go into effect in 30 days; staff could be directed to place it on a future agenda for reconsideration (**Mayor Nicholls/Files**)

Motion (Morris/McClendon): To adopt Resolution R2024-048 as presented.

Bushong displayed the following title:

Resolution R2024-048

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, approving the issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds (Yuma Regional Medical Center), Series 2024A, of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Yuma, Arizona; and declaring an emergency (to help ensure that Yuma remains a Safe and Prosperous City in accordance with City Council's desired strategic outcome) (City Atty)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 4-1-2, **Shoop** voting nay and **Smith** and **Morales** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Smith and **Morales** returned to the dais.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Announcements

Smith, McClendon, Shelton, Morales, and Mayor Nicholls reported on the following meetings attended and upcoming events:

- Yuma Regional Medical Center National Breastfeeding Month Event
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference
- Governor’s Conference on Tourism
- Dedication of the Taylor Dean McBride Auditorium at Yuma High School
- Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Board Meeting
- Visit Yuma “Eat In Yuma” Video Recording at La Casa Deli
- Church for the City and Harvest Preparatory Academy Beautification Project Meetings
- Elevate Southwest Board Meeting
- Arizona Commanders Summit at MCAS-Yuma
- Conversation with the Arizona Secretary of State’s Office on the United States 250th Anniversary

Scheduling – No meetings were scheduled at this time.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

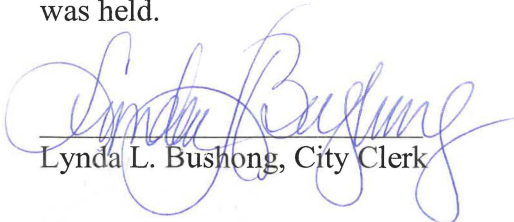
Simonton reported the following events:

- September 6th - Yuma Rocks at the Historic Yuma Theatre

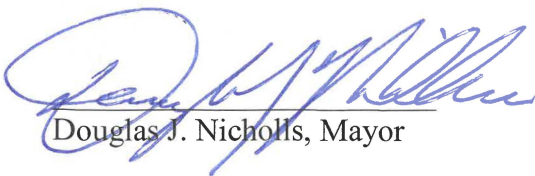
VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – No speakers were signed up at this time.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 8:27 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>OCT 02 2024</u>
City Clerk: <u>LB</u>