

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
November 14, 2017
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Miller, Knight, Thomas, Craft, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Wright
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
Director of Parks and Recreation, Debbie Wendt
Principal Planner, Jennifer Albers
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 15, 2017

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 – Agreement: Harvest Preparatory Academy Emergency Relocation Site (execute an agreement to use Desert Sun Stadium to relocate Harvest Preparatory Academy students in the event of an emergency) (Parks and Recreation)

Knight asked if there has ever been an emergency in the past that required the use of Desert Sun Stadium by Harvest Preparatory Academy. **Wendt** stated that there has not. However, the City has a similar agreement with Crane Elementary School District who recently conducted a drill at Desert Sun Stadium. **Wilkinson** added that there has been one evacuation in the past, but could not recall which school it was.

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4 – Agreement: Caballeros de Yuma (execute an agreement for use of Parks and Recreation facilities for specified events (Parks and Recreation)

Mayor Nicholls asked if the agreement is ready for approval at tomorrow night's City Council Meeting. **Wilkinson** confirmed that the agreement has been reviewed and approved by both sides.

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.8 – Request for Proposal (RFP): Professional Insurance Broker/Risk Management Consulting Services and Other Related Services (authorize a one-year contract with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods with Willis Towers Watson/Willis of Arizona, Inc.) (City Attorney)

Knight asked if the City has utilized the same insurance brokerage firm before. **Files** stated that it is the same firm the City has used for the past eight years.

Resolution Consent Agenda R2017-032 – 2017 City of Yuma General Election Canvass (declare the results of the November 7, 2017, City of Yuma General Election) (City Clerk)

Knight declared a potential conflict of interest with regard to the 2017 City of Yuma General Election Canvass as he is one of the City Councilmember candidates.

Thomas asked if the recount process could be clarified. **Wilkinson** explained that because there was only a difference of five votes between candidates Karen Watts and Gregory Counts, an automatic recount was triggered by Arizona law. City Council will certify the vote tomorrow and the City's attorneys will file for a recount with the Yuma County Superior Court, because the ballots can only be unsealed by a court order. The County will test their machines, run the recount, and retest the machines to ensure they are in good working order. The results of the recount will be made public once the judge finalizes the order. The process will take at least two days, so the results should be available by November 21st. There is no need for City Council to re-canvass the results after the recount.

Adoption of Ordinances Consent Agenda O2017-047 – Real Property Exchange – Northeast Corner of 16th Street and 4th Avenue (declare two parcels of vacant City-owned property surplus and authorize the sale or exchange of the surplus properties) (City Administration)

Mayor Nicholls declared a potential conflict of interest regarding the adoption of Ordinance O2017-047 as his firm completed work in that area.

Public Hearing on Resolution R2017-031 – General Plan Amendment: Smoketree Desert Land L.L.C. (change the land use designation from Public/Quasi Public to Medium Density Residential for property located at the southwest corner of Avenue 7 ½ E and 36th Street (DCD)

Knight asked what a Planned Unit Development might include. **Albers** stated that it typically consists of duplexes, townhomes, and row houses or it might be a small lot subdivision. **Knight** noted that currently there is no road to provide access to the development. **Albers** explained that specific improvements will be addressed in the rezoning and subdivision stages. There is not a pre-annexation or development agreement with this property owner to address those improvements at this time.

Mayor Nicholls asked if the Yuma County Rail Corridor Study completed by the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) was discussed with the property owner. **Albers** stated that the City has not received any comments from YMPO regarding the study and was not involved in any discussions with the property owner regarding the study.

III. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Knight/Thomas): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor