

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
March 1, 2016
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:01 p.m.

Councilmembers Present:	Craft, Knight, Miller, Shelton, Thomas, Wright, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson City Engineer, Joshua Scott Senior Buyer, Melinda Holmes Various department heads or their representatives City Attorney, Steven W. Moore City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE (MAWTS-1) EXERCISE

Colonel James Adams, Commanding Officer of Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-One (MAWTS-1), presented information regarding the upcoming Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course (WTI), noting that approximately 5,000 Marines will be coming to Yuma to participate in the course, which begins on March 7th and runs through April 24th. He stated, the Assault Support Tactics 3 (AST3) event allows WTI students to receive the most realistic training possible. He thanked the City for their cooperation and support.

Major Wilbur Oles, Evolution Coordinator, explained that AST3 is comprised of two exercises: a Non-combat Evacuation Operation (NEO) in Twentynine Palms, California, and Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) here in Yuma. This very realistic exercise enables participants to receive training that is consistent with missions they may be called upon to execute when they are out in Fleet Marine Forces. The FHA will take place on Friday, April 15, 2016, with a flight window of 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Landings will take place at Kiwanis Park, Trinity Christian Center, Centennial Middle School, and Yuma Regional Medical Center. Five aircraft will be participating in the exercise, which will include two CH-53E and three UH-1Y helicopters.

The FHA is a three-phase operation, beginning with the insertion of security forces and Medical Civil Action Program (MEDCAP) personnel into Kiwanis Park. Phase 2 will involve providing aid to dislocated civilians/refugees as well as assault support for those refugees and casualty evacuation support for the simulated mass casualties. The night will end with Phase 3, which will be the extraction of all security forces and MEDCAP from Kiwanis Park. Spectators are encouraged at all locations, but are asked to follow the instructions and directions of local authorities and exercise personnel for their own safety.

Safety precautions will include the following:

- Strict adherence to all FAA regulations
- Minimum 500' Above Ground Level except during takeoff and landing
- Drip pans and limited movement for turf preservation
- Military Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, Military Police, and Yuma Police on site
- No ordinance will be carried on any aircraft or personnel
- Role players will be in civilian clothing and wearing reflective belts
- No public or recreational events are scheduled at the landing sites
- Landings at YRMC are not to interfere with actual emergencies

Oles provided several examples of real-world application of the skills practiced during the FHA exercise including humanitarian assistance provided to Nepal following the earthquake in 2015 and to Pakistan in the wake of the flooding in 2010, as well as here in the United States after Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Yuma is the premier place to train, and he expressed thanks to the City for their support and for making this training possible.

Shelton asked if there were any roles for the students who will be present at Centennial Middle School. **Oles** stated that at this time, the best way for the students to show their support is as spectators. **Mayor Nicholls** noted that school will not be in session at the time they will be performing the exercise. He stated that this is a visible example of the City's full support of local military operations. The hearts and minds of everyone in Yuma support not just the Marine Corps, but every individual Marine, soldier, and sailor in their mission to protect our country. He expressed thanks to all who serve.

II. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF MARCH 2, 2016

Mayor Nicholls opened the meeting to discussions and questions on items before the City Council for action tomorrow.

B.6 Bid Award: 16th Street and 4th Avenue Intersection Improvements – Award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the construction of the 16th Street and 4th Avenue Intersection Improvements project, in the amount of \$5,134,700.88 to: Cemex Construction Materials South LLC, Yuma, Arizona. (Public Works – Bid #2016-20000098)

Mayor Nicholls declared a potential conflict of interest with regards to Item B.6 as his firm is involved with the project. He left the dais.

Wright asked if approval of this item will also allow the City Administrator to execute the contract with the selected firm. **Scott** stated that the Council action authorizes the City Administrator to execute a contract for the listed bid price. **Wright** asked if the contract is subject to time limitations. **Scott** explained that pursuant to the bid, the selected firm must complete the project within 300 days or they will be subject to damages. **Wright** requested to review the template or sample contract. **Holmes** stated that a copy of the contract will be provided to the City Council for review.

Mayor Nicholls returned to the dais.

B.7 Consent to Assignment: Professional Title and Escrow Services – Authorize the City

Administrator to execute documents consenting to the assignment of a contract for professional and title escrow services, RFQ #2011000422, from Citizens Title and Trust to Stewart Title and Trust of Phoenix, Inc. (City Administrator)

Knight asked if the terms of the contract will remain the same. **Moore** stated that the existing contract is simply being assigned to a different company. The terms of the contract will not change.

III. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Knight/Craft): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor