

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
OCTOBER 2, 2019
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Pastor Phillip Hayman, Valley Baptist Church, gave the invocation. **Scott Legros**, Police Lieutenant, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Watts, Thomas, Knight, McClendon, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Miller
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, John D. Simonton
Fire Chief, Steve Irr
Chief of Police, Susan Smith
Deputy Chief of Police, Lisa Culp
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

Chief Irr presented Armando Corona, a civilian from the Yuma community, with a Lifesaving Award for his part in saving the life of his neighbor, Dan Lomax, on August 15th. Corona performed CPR on Lomax, who was in cardiac arrest, until the Yuma Fire Department (YFD) arrived. YFD team members Captain Paco Guzman and Engineer Jordan Simpson were also recognized.

Chief Smith and **Deputy Chief Culp** presented the Yuma Police Department's (YPD) latest recruitment video and a recruitment flyer. The recruitment flyer advertises a \$10,000 hiring bonus for lateral moves as well as incentives YPD can offer including special assignments unique to YPD.

Chief Smith explained that YPD is still experiencing challenges in attracting people to the organization. In the past, YPD has been careful about offering signing bonuses because they felt it was important to take care of the officers currently working. However, adoption of the public safety pay plan by City Council takes care of the current officers. The \$10,000 hiring bonus, which will be paid out in increments over a two-year period, is an attempt to attract talent from other agencies both within and outside of Yuma County

with the thought that an incremental payout will provide some stability and retention of the officers for the two years.

Chief Smith then introduced Sgt. Stephanie Malone handler for K-9 Officer Raiko, who is retiring tonight after a six-year career with YPD. Raiko will live in retirement with Sgt. Malone and her family.

Discussion

- The new Arizona Western College Law Enforcement Training Academy is filling up nicely. The City of Kingman is scheduled for the academy which begins October 7th and Culp is excited to report YPD has six attendees. (Watts/Culp)
- The City of Yuma's own Geoff Montgomery produced YPD's recruitment video; he and his group were thanked for doing a great job. (Shelton/Smith/Mayor Nicholls/Thomas)
- The YPD recruitment video will be played at job fairs and on YPD's Twitter and Facebook accounts. (Nicholls/Smith)
- The most recent recruitment that closed last week had only 76 applicants. That number is not very promising given the number received out of a larger group. Such numbers are causing them to be more creative and go in a different direction such as targeting laterals. (Knight/Smith)
- There have been concerns about the average age of our officers. Targeting laterals is a great way to bring experience in. (Nicholls/Smith)
- The video and flyer are great tools for use by YPD's recruiting officer. (McClendon/Smith)
- One lateral from the Snowflake/White Mountain area started on September 23rd. (Culp/Smith)

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Regular Council Meeting	May 1, 2019
Special Council Worksession	May 7, 2019
Council Citizen's Forum	May 14, 2019
Regular Council Worksession	August 6, 2019
Council Citizen's Forum	September 17, 2019
Regular Council Worksession	September 17, 2019

B. Approval of Staff Recommendations:

1. 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)
2. Approve a Series #06 Bar/Person Transfer Liquor License application submitted by Robert Valdez Rodriguez, agent for Kress located at 284 S. Main Street, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors (LL19-11) (Clerk/Admin)

3. Approve a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Melissa Elane Irr on behalf of Children's Museum of Yuma County, Inc. for Unwined. The event will take place at the Historic Sanguinetti Mercantile Building at 7 W. 2nd Street on Friday, October 25, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (SP19-25) (Clerk/Admin)
4. Approve a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Isaac Daniel Russell on behalf of Littlewood Fine Art & Community Co-Op for Jazz Night. The event will take place at Littlewood Fine Art & Community Co-Op, 176 S. Main Street, on Saturday, November 9, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (SP19-27) (Clerk/Admin)
5. Award to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, a one-year contract for Hazardous Waste Transport and Disposal, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$77,000.00 to: Actenviro, Laveen, Arizona. (Bid #2019-20000163) (Fin/Purchasing)
6. Authorize the City Administrator to execute an amended 2018 HOME Community Housing Development Organization agreement with Housing America Corp (DCD/Neighborhood Svcs)
7. Authorize the City Administrator to execute four HOME agreements totaling \$670,186 in accordance with the 2019 Annual Action Plan (DCD/Neighborhood Svcs)
8. Authorize the retirement and transfer of a Yuma Police Department canine to the canine's assigned handler. (Police/Patrol)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Thomas/Watts): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended.

Bushong displayed the following title(s):

Resolution R2019-041

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Yuma and Harvest Power Community Development Group, Inc. of City-owned property located at 1793 S. 1st Avenue (12-month lease in the amount of \$1,640.00 per month which reflects a monthly rate increase of \$140.00 over the last lease term) (City Atty)

Resolution R2019-042

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving a Development Agreement permitting the deferral of City of Yuma Development Fees and water and sanitary sewer capacity charges for Terraces West Subdivision (effective length of the deferral agreement is for three years from date of execution upon payment of a \$500.00 deferral fee) (Eng)

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

III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Thomas /McClendon): To adopt the Ordinances Consent Agenda as recommended.

Bushong displayed the following title(s):

Ordinance O2019-033

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, rezoning certain property located in the Agriculture (AG) District to the Low Density Residential (R-1-40) District, and amending the zoning map to conform with the rezoning
(approximately 33.38 acres for the property located near the southeast corner of Avenue 9E and 24th Street)
(DCD/Planning)

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

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-There were no ordinances scheduled for introduction at this time.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ITEMS-There were no public hearings scheduled at this time.

FINAL CALL

Mayor Nicholls 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.

VI. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Appointments-There were no appointments scheduled at this time.

Announcements:

Thomas, Deputy Mayor Knight, Shelton, Watts and **Mayor Nicholls** reported on events and meetings they have attended during the last two weeks and upcoming events of note.

Watts requested a presentation regarding the Kennedy Aquatic Wellness and Rehabilitation Project be given at an upcoming meeting. The groups purpose is to enhance the pool and team up with community players to make Kennedy Pool a year-round community pool for use by the City and other groups. **Mayor Nicholls** suggested it be placed on a future Citizen's Forum agenda.

Scheduling-There are no items to schedule at this time.

VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Simonton reported the following events:

- October 5th – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.-YPD’s Public Safety Night at Target.
- October 5th– YumaCon at the Civic Center.
- October 5th– Kids at Hope Concert at the Colorado River State Historic Park.
- October 5th– 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.-Michelada Festival at the Arizona Marketplace.
- October 7th – 6:00 p.m. Fire Prevention Week Awards Ceremony at Fire Station One.
- October 11th – 7:00 p.m. Tribute of the Muses at the Historic Yuma Theatre.
- October 12th – 8:00 a.m. to Noon - Household Hazardous Waste at the Civic Center.
- October 12th – 6:00 p.m.-Zombie Run.

Mayor Nicholls reported on the 4th Annual Mayor’s Bi-National Bike Ride to be held on October 19th

Shelton stated that in addition to the music there are good reasons to support Kids at Hope. The Kids at Hope program reaches out to young people to prevent acts of violence and to put them in a better place. Kids at Hope helps law enforcement by giving kids a place to divert from juvenile detention into the hands of Mr. Hardy’s counselors.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC-There are no speakers scheduled at this time.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor