

**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 4, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

**Pastor Joe Avila**, Community Christian Church, gave the invocation. **Ron Corbin**, Deputy City Administrator, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present:	Shelton, Wright, Miller, Thomas, Craft, and Deputy Mayor Knight
Councilmembers Absent:	Mayor Nicholls
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
	Grants Coordinator, Laurie Neinast
	Various Department Heads or their representative
	City Attorney, Richard W. Files
	City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

**FINAL CALL**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Deputy Mayor Knight** read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2017 as Community Planning Month in the City of Yuma in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

**Wilkinson** continued the presentations stating that two years ago Yuma Area Benefit Consortium (YABC) selected the Wellness Council of Arizona to provide the City with a Health and Wellness Coach in an effort to reduce long term healthcare costs. A volunteer group of employees, known as the Wellness Ambassadors, along with the Health and Wellness Coach work together to create programs and run events to help improve the health of City staff. Programs include weight loss challenges, blood pressure checks, nutrition classes, exercise and yoga classes and walking and water challenges. The program has helped employees lose weight, lower their blood pressure and cholesterol levels, improve their physical fitness, and manage stress.

On September 15, 2017, the City was widely recognized at the Wellness Council of Arizona's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration. **Wilkinson** introduced the following winners:

- Ron Corbin – Senior Leadership Champion
- Cara Smothers – Wellness Committee Champion
- Frankie Vasquez – Personal Achievement Champion
- Rob Duffy and the Wellness Ambassadors – Workplace Process and Leadership

**Corbin** expressed how impressed he was with the group and stated that at the last weight loss challenge, City employees lost over 700 pounds. They also identified those employees with high blood pressure, resulting in early intervention which will help to reduce costs and keep premiums at a low. **Corbin** commended the team for their great efforts.

Finally, **Wilkinson** played a Public Service Announcement video on recycling titled: Out of the Green, Into the Blue which was videoed, produced and directed by Geoff Montgomery, Video Production and Operations Specialist with the City of Yuma. The video features Montgomery's son, Oliver. **Wilkinson** recognized Montgomery who received the following awards:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the category of Public Service Announcement for operating budgets under \$200,000 by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.
- An Award of Excellence with the City/County Communications and Marketing Association at its annual conference in the category for cities with populations under 100,000.

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

There being no discussion by City Council, **Deputy Mayor Knight** called for a motion. **Motion** (Thomas/Craft): 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 City Council Meeting	April 5, 2017
Regular Council Worksession	June 20, 2017
Council Citizen's Forum	September 19, 2017

##### **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 #12 Restaurant Liquor License Application submitted by Connie Ramos, agent for La Fonda Restaurant located at 1095 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. (LL17-12) (Admin/Clerk)
3. Approve a Special Event Liquor License Application submitted by Dustin Mylius on behalf of the Yuma Visitors Bureau for Rio De Cerveza Brew Fest. The event will take place at Desert Sun Stadium, 1280 W. Desert Hills Drive, on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (SP17-32) (Admin/Clerk)
4. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a one-year contract with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance for Offsite Fuel Card Services with the following company: Sellers Petroleum, Yuma, Arizona. (PW/Purch)
5. Authorize the execution of an agreement with Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) providing for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 funding in the amount of

\$232,000.00 and setting performance standards for GYEDC. The outside agency agreement is renewable for four additional one-year terms upon approval of the City of Yuma's annual budget and in the amount City Council determines to fund GYEDC. (Admin)

6. Approve the corrected final plat for the Pro-Med Subdivision. The property is located at the northwest corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridgeview Drive, Yuma, Arizona. The applicant is Pro-Med of Yuma, LLC. (DCD/Planning)

## II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution Consent Agenda R2017-028 – Adopt a resolution supporting the application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant to complete the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center (Center) in downtown Yuma at the historic Hotel Del Sol. (Admin)

**Shelton** stated it would be his desire to see the Hotel Del Sol restored to some level of usability and restored to the private sector. Further, **Shelton** stated he had no problem with the bus transport side. However, he opined the railroad has done little to no upgrades to make their facilities more customer friendly and have not been communicative with the public.

**Wright** asked if other floors of the Hotel Del Sol can be used and if other commercial usage at this site would meet the criteria for this grant. **Neinast** confirmed it would, and that the long term intent is to bring private industry into the area. **Wright** asked if commitments have been received from the railroad, bus and other businesses who will benefit from this Center. **Neinast** replied that the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) currently handles the Greyhound portion of our transportation here in Yuma. That activity will transition to downtown. Amtrak is not participating at this time, but discussions are still underway. The intent of bringing the Amtrak portion in is for the safety of our citizens to have a safe facility to house them while they wait for their trains that arrive and leave in the middle of the night. In response to **Wright's** question, **Neinast** stated the Hotel Del Sol site was selected during a transportation feasibility study that looked at 16 sites. Many factors played into the selection of the Hotel Del Sol including proximity to the railroad, Interstate 8, the bus transportation system, large employment centers and the build-out of our bike systems as well as economic development and revitalizing downtown.

**Thomas** asked what other intended uses the City has for this hotel if we do not use it as a transportation center. **Wilkinson** responded that if we do not get outside federal funding it is not a project that the City would take on by itself.

**Miller** questioned where the City's 20% of the funding would come from if the TIGER grant is awarded. **Wilkinson** responded that the grant application lists the 2% fund. However, any public-private partnership can be used towards that match.

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

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

**Resolution R2017-028**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, supporting the Application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant to complete the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center in downtown Yuma.** (supports the use of the historic Hotel Del Sol as a Multi-Modal Transportation Center that will serve and support the transportation and commercial needs of the community and the region) (Admin)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 4-2; Shelton and Miller voting Nay.

**III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA**

There being no discussion and no speakers **Deputy Mayor Knight** called for a motion.

**Motion** (Craft/Miller): To adopt the Ordinances Consent Agenda as recommended.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Knight, **Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Ordinance O2017-039**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amended Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, rezoning certain property located in the Agriculture (AG) District to the Light Industrial (L-I) District and Amending the Zoning Map to conform with the rezoning** (two parcels totaling approximately 12.1 acres located at 6651 and 6705 E. Gila Ridge Road) (ZONE-18685-2017) (DCD)

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

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

There being no discussion and no speakers **Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Ordinance O2017-041**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing that certain parcels of real property, hereafter described, be acquired by the City of Yuma by gift, purchase, easement, or under the power of eminent domain, for the reason that such property is necessary to improve the public roadway and utility infrastructure and other related public proposes, and authorizing payment of costs for the acquisitions** (acquisition of right-of-way 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) (Atty)

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – there were no public hearings scheduled at this time.

## FINAL CALL

**Deputy Mayor Knight** 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

**Motion** (Craft/Thomas): To appoint Carolyn Renzy to an unexpired term on the Library Board of Trustees, with a term expiration of June 30, 2018. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0.

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

**Motion** (Craft/Thomas): To reschedule the Citizens Forum and Worksession scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017, to Monday, October 16, 2017. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0.

## VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

**Wilkinson** reported the following events:

- October 5<sup>th</sup> - Deadline to register for the package deal for all six of the 5K and 10K runs.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - YumaCon at the Civic Center from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Zombie Fun Run and Fun Walk at the West Wetlands Park starting at 6:00 p.m.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Free movie in the Park starting at 7:30 p.m.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Project Gains - a Military and Law Enforcement Display starting at 5:00 p.m.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Taste of Yuma at the Quartermaster Depot from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - A new Exhibit at the Historical Society starting at 6:00 p.m.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Tribute of the Muses at the Yuma Art Center starting at 7:00 p.m.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> - City of Yuma Property Auction at the old APS yard. Gates open at 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

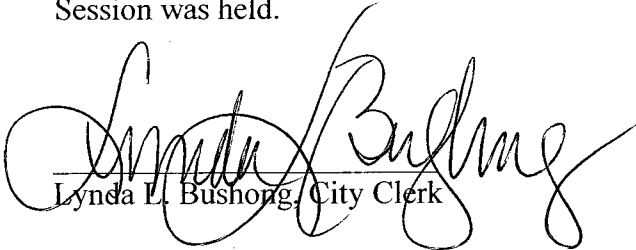
**Wilkinson** stated members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board are coming to Yuma for a meeting to be held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the reason for City Council moving the Worksession from Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

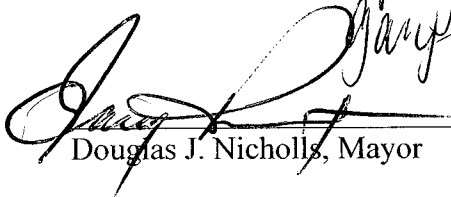
**Diane Umphress**, 1310 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, spoke to Council about October being Domestic Violence Awareness month and reported on a few statistics relating to domestic violence. Umphress thanked the City of Yuma for their support of Amberly's Place.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, **Deputy Mayor Knight** adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

  
Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

*Deputy Mayor  
Gary Knight  
for*

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:
March 21, 2018
City Clerk: 