

MINUTES
SPECIAL WORKSESSION/LEGISLATIVE DAY
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
1700 W. WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, ARIZONA
February 27, 2018
10:00 a.m.

CONVENED IN THE ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL LOBBY AT 10:00 A.M.

Councilmembers Present: Knight, Shelton, Thomas, Watts and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Miller and McClendon
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
Assistant City Attorney, Dan White

At approximately 10:00 a.m. Yuma City Council met with Governor Ducey's staff member, Matt Clark

Mayor Nicholls and Clark discussed:

- the City's concerns related to video services, certificate of authority under HB2579,
- the consolidated local boards of HB2097 regarding Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS)
 - Clark stated unions declined
- SB1262 relating to retirement, assumed rate of return.
 - Clark opined that this bill is likely to go away
- DPS/ADOT authority to set license fees under HB2166. Mayor Nicholls expressed the City's support. Knight stated that everyone should be paying their fair share.
- if the Governor is supporting Port of Entry's in Yuma and the potential of funding or possibly a grant regarding the airport

Meeting with House Representative, Tim Dunn

Mayor Nicholls reviewed the following with Representative Dunn:

- HB2579 as noted above
- SB1147 regarding the county excise tax for transportation
- SB1392 and HB 2479 regarding Transaction Privilege Tax, digital goods and services
- SB1262 as noted above
- HB2501 regarding PTSD Presumption for Public Safety employees

Lunch with Senators Kerr and Otondo; Representatives Dunn, Fernandez, Mitchell and Peten was held at the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference Room.

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Introductions from the House Gallery

Representatives Mitchell and Fernandez introduced the Yuma City Council and Administration to the House Gallery.

Introductions from the Senate Gallery

Senators Otondo and Kerr introduced the Yuma City Council and Administration to the Senate Gallery.

Meeting with Senate President, Steve Yarbrough

Mayor Nicholls discussed the following:

- HB2501 as noted above
 - President Yarbrough expressed his opposition and would like to see some alternatives
- HB2514 related to HURF distribution
- HB 2579 regarding the Cable franchise issue
- SB1392 and HB2479 Mayor Nicholls discussed the negative impact on the City from these bills.
 - President Yarbrough argued that it needs clarity and wants to see this in the statutes. He suggested if Mayor Nicholls has alternative language to send it his way.

Meeting with House Speaker, J.D. Mesnard

Discussions were related to:

- SB1147 as noted above
- SB1392 and HB2479 as noted above. Mayor Nicholls expressed that the bill will hurt revenue streams.
- SB1404 related to Occupational regulation. Mayor Nicholls expressed the City should maintain local control
- HB2514 Mayor Nicholls thanked Speaker Mesnard for his movement towards restoring HURF funds to the municipalities.

Meeting with House Representative, Darin Mitchell

Discussion ensued regarding:

- SB1392 and HB2479
- SB1147 as noted above. Mayor Nicholls stated he supports the idea of giving voters an option.
- SB1392 and HB 2479 as noted above. Mayor Nicholls shared the City's concerns.
 - Mitchell believes this bill is going away

- HB2097 Mayor Nicholls discussed concerns regarding raising funds. Wilkinson added that there is not a lot of confidence in the Boards/process at this time.

City Council left the Arizona State Capitol building at approximately 4:30 – 4:45 p.m. and traveled to the HighGround reception held at 830 N. 4th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

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