

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 18, 2017
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Councilmember Thomas gave the invocation. **Joel Olea**, Director of Public Works, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Shelton, Wright, Miller, Knight (telephonic), Thomas, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	Craft
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson 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 from members of the audience.

PRESENTATIONS – There were no presentations scheduled at this time.

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of minutes of the following City Council meetings:

Regular City Council Meeting	April 19, 2017
Council Citizen's Forum	August 1, 2017
Regular Council Worksession	August 1, 2017
Council Citizen's Forum	October 3, 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 an Application for Extension of Premises/Patio Permit submitted by John Spaugh, agent for Showcase Sports Bar located at 2703 S. 4th Avenue (EP17-03) (Admin/Clerk)
3. Award to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder meeting specifications for Office Supplies, a one-year contract, with the option to renew four additional one-year periods, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$227,000.00 to: Hoppstetter's Office Products, Yuma, Arizona (Bid #2018-20000047) (Fin/Purch)
4. Authorize the use of a Cooperative Purchase Agreement through Arizona State Contract to purchase one Broom Bear Sweeper at a total cost of \$272,330; Freightliner of Arizona, Tolleson, Arizona (Bid #2018-20000065) (Public Works)
5. Approve execution of a Third Amendment to Water Delivery Agreement with Yuma Cogeneration Associates (Utilities/Admin)
6. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents with the Arizona Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Committee (ACASNC) to accept grant funds to support community spay and neuter surgeries (Police/Admin)
7. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the required documents for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Agreement No. #EMW-2016-FP-00225 to receive grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 (Fire/Community Risk Reduction)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA – There were no resolutions scheduled for adoption at this time.

III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

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

At the request of Mayor Nicholls, **Bushong** displayed the following title:

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 purposes, and authorizing payment of costs for the acquisitions (three different 50-square-foot parcels located at the intersections of 14th Street and 3rd Avenue and 13th Street and 3rd Avenue) (Atty)

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

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

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 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

Motion (Miller/Thomas): To appoint Tiffany Ott to an unexpired term on the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2020. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0.

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

Mayor Nicholls requested that the contract with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. regarding warranties and service agreements for residential water customers be placed on the next City Council Meeting agenda for discussion and possible action. He explained that the marketing letters went out to residents last week with his name on it, which was not supposed to happen, and it has not been received as well as it has in other cities. For the benefit of the community, City Council should take a second look at the contract.

Miller requested the following future agenda items:

- Discussion regarding the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), as well as providing adequate public safety funding in the upcoming City budget
- Discussion regarding the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)
- Review of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for landscape maintenance at City properties

Mayor Nicholls suggested that Dale Ponder from the League of Cities and Towns (League) come to assist with the discussion regarding the PSPRS. He requested that this discussion be delayed until he and Craft can finish their presentations to the members of PSPRS. **Miller** requested that Mayor Nicholls and Craft give their presentation at an upcoming City Council Worksession. **Mayor Nicholls** further suggested that the League could also assist with the discussion regarding HURF.

Motion (Miller/Wright): To have a presentation by Mayor Nicholls and Craft on the PSPRS and discussions and projections from the City Administrator on what and where the City is going with it. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0.

Motion (Miller/Shelton): To receive a presentation from the City Administrator on the HURF funds and what the City has done to lobby the State to receive more HURF funds, and also what the City would do with those funds if received.

Thomas noted that the City's plans for any HURF funds received can only be based off of projections from the State, and asked if it might be premature to have that discussion. **Wilkinson** stated that the discussion regarding HURF is typically done during the Capital Improvement Program process, which is just in the beginning of the planning stages. However, he believes he could provide a conceptual idea of where that money may be spent.

Voice vote: **approved** 6-0.

Files stated his understanding that the landscaping RFP has already gone out and his desire to ensure that if it is pulled back for City Council discussion that it is done properly and in compliance with State law. He requested time to look into the matter prior to scheduling it as an agenda item. **Miller** stated that he is comfortable with this. In its place, he asked to schedule a discussion regarding the public safety budget. **Wilkinson** stated that he will not see preliminary budget numbers until November, so he has nothing at this point to bring to City Council. **Miller** noted that last night Wilkinson stated he had projections of what PSPRS is going to be 22 years out, and City Council could review those projections and discuss what the City needs to do to make sure public safety is prioritized. **Mayor Nicholls** stated that discussing next year's budget is premature, however a discussion of priorities could take place after the PSPRS discussion. **Wilkinson** stated that he does not believe he has the Fiscal Year 2019 numbers yet for PSPRS, and at only three months into the fiscal year there are no budget projections yet for next year. Normally at the City Council Retreat each City department will present their issues and priorities, and City Council will have the opportunity to discuss their goals and things they want to see in the budget. **Wright** stated that he sees a benefit in discussing goals, objectives, and priorities, and the numbers will follow. **Thomas** stated that without budget numbers it could only be a philosophical conversation. Additionally, City Council can set priorities as far as what they would like for public safety personnel, but in the end it will be up to the citizens of Yuma to support those priorities. The City recently went out for a vote on a sales tax increase to help fund public safety and roads, and that proposition did not pass. **Shelton** stated that he does not see a point in having the discussion without any budget figures and would rather wait. **Knight** voiced his agreement that a budget discussion without budget numbers is premature. He added that as of January 1st there will be at least two new councilmembers and their input should be considered as well.

Motion (Miller/Wright): To discuss the public safety budget at the next City Council Meeting. Voice vote: **failed** 2-4, Shelton, Knight, Thomas, and Mayor Nicholls voting nay.

Motion (Thomas/Shelton): To cancel the January 2, 2018, Citizen's Forum and Worksession and the January 3, 2018, City Council Meeting in order to hold the Inauguration scheduled for January 3, 2018. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0.

VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Wilkinson announced that InsulTech is under contract to build a new facility and will be expanding their workforce from 50 to 80 jobs. Almark, whose facility is currently under construction, has announced that they will be expanding on their initial production line. Lastly, MPW Industrial Services, who purchased a parcel at the Yuma Commerce Center, are investing \$13.6 million there for a total of \$31.7 million and will be hiring for 44 positions with an average salary of about \$47,000 per year.

Wilkinson reported the following events:

- October 20th – Trick-or-Treat on Historic Main Street
- October 21st and 22nd – Golftober Fest at Desert Hills Golf Course
- October 21st – Second Annual Mayor's Binational Bike Ride
- October 21st and 22nd – 25th Annual Halloween Ball Bash at the PAAC

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – There were no speakers signed up at this time.

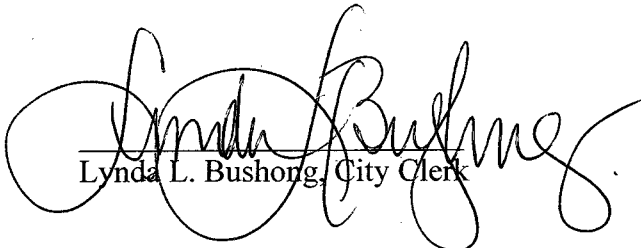
PRESENTATION

Tribute of the Muses

A video created for the Tribute of the Muses awards ceremony which took place on October 13, 2017, at the Yuma Art Center was displayed. The video was produced by Rick Power, Alexis Duron, Geoff Montgomery, and Zach Carleton from the City's Media & Public Affairs division.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. No Executive Session was held.


Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:

April 4th, 2018

City Clerk: