

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 1, 2025
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Pastor John Welcher, Immanuel Southern Baptist Church, gave the invocation. **David Wostenberg**, Director of Engineering, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINAL CALL

Mayor Nicholls made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Martinez, Morris, McClendon, Smith, Morales, Watts, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staffmembers Present:	Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton Director of Community Development, Alyssa Linville Various Department Heads or their representative City Attorney, Richard W. Files Deputy City Clerk, Janet L. Pierson

Onvida Mental Health Update

Dr. Kristina Diaz, President, Onvida Health Medical Group, presented the following:

- Overview
 - Onvida's Mission: Building a Healthier Tomorrow
 - Onvida's Core Values:
 - Bringing kindness
 - Achieving together
 - Aspiring for better
 - Doing the right thing
 - Leading with optimism
 - Onvida employs approximately 4,000 care team members, with \$400 million invested in salaries and benefits, along with a robust medical staff.
- How do we determine our direction?
 - Decisions are guided by:
 - Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA)
 - Patient survey data
 - Employee feedback
 - Industry trends
 - Community input

- Historical CHNA Highlights and Responses
 - 2013: Identified the need for cancer care and primary care that led to:
 - Opening of the Cancer Center
 - Launch of Family & Community Medicine Residency Program
 - 2016: Identified the continued need for primary care and specialty care that resulted in:
 - Expansion of outpatient services
 - Development in East County and the Foothills
 - 2019: Identified behavioral health as a major need that led to:
 - Initiation of Psychiatry Residency Program in 2023
 - Opening of Behavioral Health Unit in 2024
- Behavioral Health Expansion
 - Growth in psychiatric providers from 1 to 9 providers, including specialists for:
 - Military
 - Law enforcement
 - Adolescents and children (age 6 and above)
- Facilities:
 - Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit on 32nd Street with planned expansion
 - Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic in the Foothills
- Levels of Behavioral Health Care
 - Outpatient Care:
 - Individual therapy
 - Autism screening (new capability)
 - Bariatric patient support
 - Child and adolescent care
 - Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP):
 - For patients needing structured therapy post-crisis or hospitalization
 - Inpatient Care:
 - Crisis stabilization and emergency psychiatric care
- Residency Programs
 - Three residency programs: Family Medicine (2013), Sports Medicine (2020), Psychiatry (2025)
 - 61 graduates to date, with 30% remaining in the local community
 - Each physician estimated to impact 250,000 lives over their career
 - Over 2,000 applications received for 12 residency slots, indicating national recognition
- Community Impact and Future Vision
 - Onvida's digital reputation has improved to a 4-star rating on Google
 - Over 100 new physicians are expected to join the community in the next 12 months
 - Continued commitment to building a healthier tomorrow through workforce development and expanded services
- Distribution of Behavioral Health
 - Primary Care – Entry point for most patients.
 - Emergency Room – For crisis situations.
 - Inpatient Unit – 24/7 walk-in access for adults (18+).
 - Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) – Structured therapy sessions (3 hours each).
 - Outpatient Services – Ongoing support and therapy.

- Levels of Care
 - Long-Term Support
 - Medication management and day-to-day functioning support by psychiatrists and primary care providers.
 - Intensive Therapy
 - For patients recently discharged from inpatient care or needing focused group therapy.
 - Crisis Care
 - Inpatient unit available for immediate support.
- Outpatient Services Highlights
 - Individual Therapy
 - Autism Screening (newly available to pediatric and adolescent patients)
 - Support for Bariatric Patients
 - Expanded Access for children and adolescents (ages 6+)
- Outpatient Team Members
 - Dr. Patel - Child & Adolescent Specialist
 - Dr. Terefe - Residency Program Director
 - Gina Botello - NP, Experienced Nurse Practitioner
 - Dr. Lorena Cansino - Geriatric Psychiatry
 - Anita Comstock - Counseling Services
 - Dr. Tosado - Medical Director, long-time provider
- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)
 - Target Groups
 - Law enforcement, military, and patients transitioning from inpatient care.
 - Focus Areas
 - Life skills, coping mechanisms, anxiety, depression, stress, and family conflict.
 - Led By
 - Psychiatrists, social workers and therapists.
- Inpatient Unit Details
 - Opened in February 2023
 - Capacity 23 beds (14 currently in use due to staffing)
 - Access: walk-in or via Emergency Room (ages 18+)
 - Care Team:
 - Led by psychiatrist, supported by nurse practitioners and interdisciplinary staff
 - Includes a sensory room funded by the foundation for stress management
 - Common Diagnosis Treated:
 - Depression, anxiety, psychosis, and other acute mental health conditions
- Inpatient Team Members:
 - Dr. Roberson and Dr. Suhail – Inpatient psychiatrists
 - Jennelle Rudnick, N.P. – Care coordinator and IOP liaison

Discussion

- The Inpatient Unit is open 24/7 and there is always someone there to receive incoming patients. The treatment team, led by a psychiatrist, conducts daily safety assessments. Patients are discharged only when they are no longer in crisis, and a treatment and support plan is in place. Wraparound services are essential to ensure continuity of care, including step-down to outpatient services, connection to primary care providers and ongoing behavioral health support. Patients under 18 are not permitted in the Inpatient Unit but they can receive outpatient services. (**Morales/Diaz**)

- TRICARE insurance is accepted for Behavioral Health Care. At this time, it is not clear if Veteran Affairs (VA) Vouchers are being accepted for treatment. (**Morales/Diaz**)

Reading of Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness

Mayor Nicholls read a proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Yuma and urged all residents to join in this observance by raising awareness, supporting organizations that serve victims and work together to build a community where every individual can live free from violence.

Tory Bourguignon thanked the Mayor and City Council and recognized Kayla Irr Mendez, Brand Ambassador Coordinator at Amberly's Place and Esther Martinez, Victim Advocate for the Yuma County Attorney's Office, for their diligent part of the collaborative effort in the community in addressing domestic violence. **Bourguignon** shared the following data:

- 312 cases that Amberly's Place assisted the Yuma Police Department with.
- 203 primary victims and 109 secondary victims.
- 521 additional individuals sought help directly from Amberly's Place since January 1.
- Total of 842 victims of domestic violence so far this year.

Bourguignon also thanked the multiple agencies that are a part of the collective effort of ending domestic violence, and the agencies partnership with the City of Yuma Police Department.

Subdivision Process Update

Linville presented the following regarding House Bill 2447 and the implementation plan that will be necessary to ensure the City is in compliance with the new legislation:

- Overview of House Bill (HB) 2447
 - The intent is to remove public hearing requirements and require cities and towns to authorize administrative personnel to review and approve:
 - Development Plans
 - Subdivision Plats
 - Design review applications without public input
 - HB 2447 to be in effect by December 31, 2025
- Current Subdivision Process
 - Preliminary Plat
 - Public notification of preliminary plot submission
 - * Postcards to neighbors within 300 ft.
 - * Agency Notification
 - * Yuma Sun Publication
 - * Website Commenting
 - * Public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and staff recommendation
 - 8-week process
 - Construction Plans
 - Typically submitted at the same time as the preliminary plat
 - Administrative Review
 - 14-21 Day/Review

- Final Plat
 - Public notification
 - * Agency Notification
 - * Yuma Sun Publication
 - * Website Commenting
 - * Public Hearing before City Council for final approval
 - 5-week process
- Required Changes by HB 2447
 - Prohibits the approval of preliminary and final plats through a public hearing
 - Public notification is no longer required
 - Agency notifications will still be made and include internal and external agency partners
 - Approvals to be made administratively
 - This legislation also requires the removal of public hearings for design reviews
- Review of Other Cities
 - Public hearing process is being removed from both the Subdivision Process and Design Review Process
 - Subdivision Process:
 - The Director will approve minor and major plat modifications for the Subdivision process
 - Requires the developer to conduct a citizen participation plan
 - Design Review Process:
 - Administrative design review for multi-family or 5 or more units, or non-residential of 2,000 square feet or more for Design Review Process
 - Design review completed through the building permit process
 - All appeals will be presented to City Council
- Outstanding Questions

Linville stated that she will need direction from City Council on the following outstanding questions:

 - Should site plans be submitted with rezoning applications?
 - All applications? Or only residential?
 - Should notification be made to agencies or neighbors?
 - Should design review become a component of the building permit process?
 - Commercial/industrial
 - Multi-family residential featuring 30+ units

Discussion

- **Mayor Nicholls** shared concerns about a new state law that changes how development reviews are handled. He noted that the City already has some of the fastest review times in the State and felt the law unfairly forces changes to a system that has worked well for over 10 years. He also expressed frustration that the law removes public input from the process, which he believes goes against the values of transparency and community involvement. Legal counsel will look into issuing a legal opinion regarding keeping public input in the process intact. Taking the voice away from the public is not good business. (**McClendon/Files/Mayor Nicholls/Morris**)
- Timelines have not been updated while awaiting direction from City Council on public input. (**Morris/Linville**)

- Legislation prohibits holding a public hearing. Other means of notification to the public can still be done if that is the direction of City Council. (**Morris/Linville**)
- The question then becomes what to do with the public comments once they come in. (**Morris/Linville**)

City Council provided the requested direction to **Linville** as follows:

Q. Should site plans be submitted with rezoning applications?
A. No.

Q. Should notification be made to agencies or neighbors?
A. Notification should continue to be made to agencies. Requiring the developer to have a Citizen Implementation Plan, like other cities currently require, would take the responsibility away from the City but still allow for public comment.

Q. Should design review become a component of the building permit process? Although outside of the bill requirements, this is an opportunity to add minimum design standards to commercial, industrial, or multi-family projects at the same time as implementing the bill.
A. This question was tabled as City Council needs more information from staff prior to making this decision.

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Consent Item C.4 - Request for Qualifications Award: Design Services for Long-Term Efficiency of Operations for Yuma East Wetlands (Authorize the City Administrator to execute a professional services contract for Design Services for the Long-Term Efficiency of Operations project for the Yuma East Wetlands for a total cost of \$911,318.03 to Stantec Consulting Services Inc.) (RFQ-25-238) (Eng/Purch)

Mayor Nicholls declared a conflict of interest on Motion Consent Agenda Item C.4, turned the meeting over to **Deputy Mayor Smith**, and left the dais.

Motion (Morris/Morales): To approve Motion Consent Agenda Item C.4 as recommended. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0-1, **Mayor Nicholls** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Nicholls returned to the dais.

Motion (Morales/Watts): To approve the remainder of the Motion Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of Item C.4, which was approved through a previous vote. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

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

Regular Council Worksession Minutes

September 2, 2025

B. Executive Session

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)

C. Approval of Staff Recommendations

1. Approve a Series #10: Beer and Wine Store Liquor License application submitted by Muntasser Matti, agent for Yuma Market located at 890 E. 24th Street. (LL25-17) (Admn/Clk)
2. Approve a Series #06: Bar Liquor License application submitted by Valentin Guzman Jr., agent for The Bank Bar & Lounge located at 274 S. Main Street. (LL25-18) (Admn/Clk)
3. Authorize the award for the construction services for the Riley Avenue and 18th Street Sidewalk and Streets Infrastructure Improvements project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$130,583.29 to IOI Construction Corporation, Chandler, Arizona. (RFB-26-007) (Eng/Purch)
4. Pulled for separate consideration; see above.
5. Authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement with AMR River Medical for use of the City of Yuma's Public Safety Training Facility (PSTF). (YFD/Admn)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution R2025-089 – Development Fee Deferral: Cielo Verde Unit 3 Phase 2 Subdivision (adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement to defer City of Yuma development fees and water and sewer capacity charges for Cielo Verde Unit 3 Phase 2 Subdivision, and to collect a \$500.00 administrative fee for the deferral agreement. The effective length of the deferral agreement is for three years from date of execution) (Eng)

Resolution R2025-090 - Development Fee Deferral: Cielo Verde Unit 4 Phase I Subdivision (adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement to defer City of Yuma development fees and water and sewer capacity charges for Cielo Verde Unit 4 Phase I Subdivision, and to collect a \$500.00 administrative fee for the deferral agreement. The effective length of the deferral agreement is for three years from date of execution) (Eng)

Resolution R2025-091 - Development Fee Deferral: Cielo Verde Unit 4 Phase II Subdivision (adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement to defer City of Yuma development fees and water and sewer capacity charges for Cielo Verde Unit 4 Phase II Subdivision, and to collect a \$500.00 administrative fee for the deferral agreement. The effective length of the deferral agreement is for three years from date of execution) (Eng)

Resolution R2025-092 - Development Fee Deferral: Cielo Verde Unit 6 Phase I Subdivision (adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement to defer City of Yuma development fees and water and sewer capacity charges for Cielo Verde Unit 6 Phase I Subdivision, and to collect a \$500.00 administrative fee for the deferral agreement. The effective length of the deferral agreement is for three years from date of execution) (Eng)

Morales declared a conflict of interest on Resolutions R2025-089, R2025-090, R2025-091 and R2025-092 and left the dais.

Motion (Smith/Watts): To adopt Resolutions R2025-089, R2025-090, R2025-091 and R2025-092 as recommended.

Pierson displayed the following title(s):

Resolution R2025-089

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 Cielo Verde Unit 3 Phase 2 Subdivision (deferral for a period of three years upon collection of a \$500.00 administrative fee) (Eng)

Resolution R2025-090

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 Cielo Verde Unit 4 Phase I Subdivision (deferral for a period of three years upon collection of a \$500.00 administrative fee) (Eng)

Resolution R2025-091

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 Cielo Verde Unit 4 Phase II Subdivision (deferral for a period of three years upon collection of a \$500.00 administrative fee) (Eng)

Resolution R2025-092

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 amended Cielo Verde Unit 6 Phase I Subdivision (deferral for a period of three years upon collection of a \$500.00 administrative fee) (Eng)

Roll call vote: **adopted 6-0-1, Morales** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Morales returned to the dais.

Motion (Morris/Smith): To adopt the remainder of the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended.

Pierson displayed the following title(s):

Resolution R2025-088

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol, Yuma Sector and the City of Yuma (for Emergency Medical Technician clinical education and fieldwork through the City of Yuma Fire Department) (YFD/Admn)

Resolution R2025-093

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, declaring its intention to create Municipal Improvement District No. 129, serving Desert Ridge Townhomes, to operate, maintain and repair landscaping improvements included within, near and adjacent to the retention and detention basins and parkings and parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures of

Desert Ridge Townhomes (located at the southeast corner of Avenue 7½ E and 24th Street) (Cmtv Dev/Cmtv Plng)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinance O2025-040 – Rezoning of Property: Northwest Corner of Colorado Street and 20th Avenue (Rezone approximately 1.62 acres located at the northwest corner of Colorado Street and 20th Avenue, Yuma, AZ, from the Manufactured Housing Park (MHP) District to the High Density Residential (R-3) District) (Cmtv Dev/Cmtv Plng)

Ordinance O2025-041 – Statutory Compliance Hearing/Amendment: Ordinance O2022-048 (Pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-462.01, determine compliance with the conditions of approval for rezoning Ordinance O2022-048, and introduce an ordinance to amend O2022-048 to extend the time to comply with the rezoning conditions) (Cmtv Dev/Cmtv Plng)

Morris declared a conflict of interest on Ordinance O2025-040 and O2025-041 as his firm may be involved in the design of the project. **Morris** left the dais.

Motion (Morales/McClendon): To adopt the Ordinances O2025-040 and O2025-041 as recommended.

Pierson displayed the following title(s):

Ordinance O2025-040

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 Manufactured Housing Park (MHP) District to the High Density Residential (R-3) District, and amending the zoning map to conform with the rezoning (for approximately 1.62 acres located at the Northwest corner of Colorado Street and 20th Avenue) (Cmtv Dev/Cmtv Plng)

Ordinance O2025-041

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Ordinance O2022-048 to extend the time for compliance with conditions for the rezoning of certain property from Limited Commercial (B-1) District to the Medium Density Residential/Planned Unit Development (R-2/PUD) District and amending the zoning map to conform thereto (for property located at the Southeast corner of 24th Street and Avenue 7½E) (Cmtv Dev/Cmtv Plng)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0-1, **Morris** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Morris returned to the dais.

Ordinance O2025-042 – Issuance of Utility System Revenue Obligations (Utility Revenue Bonds) Series 2025 (Adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of Utility System Revenue Obligations (Utility Revenue Bonds) Series 2025 to fund \$44,000,000 water and wastewater improvements in the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan, refund prior obligations (bonds) if advantageous, and cover issuance costs, with final terms delegated to the City Administrator and Finance Director within Council-approved limits) (Admn/Fin)

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Ordinance O2025-043 – Issuance of Pledged Revenue Obligations (Revenue Bonds) Series 2025 (Adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of Pledged Revenue Obligations (Revenue Bonds) Series 2025 to fund \$72,000,000 infrastructure and community improvement projects in the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan, refund prior obligations (bonds) if advantageous, and cover issuance costs, with final terms delegated to the City Administrator and Finance Director within Council-approved limits) (Admn/Fin)

Mayor Nicholls declared a conflict of interest on Ordinance O2025-042 and O2025-043 as those are bonding items affecting the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), turned the meeting over to **Deputy Mayor Smith** and left the dais.

Motion (Morris/Watts): To adopt the Ordinance O2025-042 and O2025-0043 as recommended.

Pierson displayed the following title(s):

Ordinance O2025-042

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, providing for the sale and execution and delivery of utility system revenue and/or revenue refunding obligations, in one or more series, and authorizing the completion, execution and delivery with respect thereto of agreements necessary or appropriate as part of financing and/or refinancing part of the waterworks and sewer plant and system of the City; delegating to the City Administrator and the Director of Financial Services of the City certain authority with respect to the purposes hereof; and declaring, for purposes of section 1.150-2 of the Federal Treasury regulations, official intent to be reimbursed in connection with certain capital expenditures (to fund \$44,000,000 in water and wastewater improvements in the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan) (Admn/Fin)

Ordinance O2025-043

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, (1) approving the sale and execution and delivery of pledged revenue and/or revenue refunding obligations, in one or more series, evidencing a proportionate interest of the owners thereof in a purchase agreement; (2) approving the form and authorizing the execution and delivery of necessary agreements, instruments, and documents related to the sale and execution and delivery of such obligations; (3) delegating authority to the city administrator and the Director of Financial Services of the City to determine certain matters and terms with respect to the foregoing; (4) declaring, for purposes of section 1.150-2 of the Federal Treasury regulations, official intent to be reimbursed in connection with certain capital expenditures; and (5) authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this ordinance (to fund \$72,000,000 in infrastructure and community improvement project in the FY202-2030 Capital Improvement Plan) (Admn/Fin)

Roll call vote: **adopted 6-0-1, Mayor Nicholls** abstaining due to conflict of interest

Mayor Nicholls returned to the dais.

Motion (Morris/Smith): To adopt Ordinance Consent Agenda as recommended, with the exception of Ordinance O2024-040, O2024-041, O2024-042 and O2024-043 which were adopted through previous votes.

Pierson displayed the following title(s):

Ordinance O2025-033

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Title 15 of the Yuma City Code, Chapter 150, Sections 150-015 and 150-016, adopting by reference the 2024 International Building Code, including appendices C, I, J, K, and O, and the amendments recommended by the Building Advisory Board dated February 12, 2025, and providing a penalty for violations thereof (the nationally published codes are amended to fit Yuma's regional and local conditions, such as soils, ambient temperatures and seismic considerations) (Cmt Dev/Bldg Sfty)

Ordinance O2025-037

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, relating to accessory buildings, uses and structures (simplifying the code as applied to uninhabitable accessory buildings for height limits and setbacks) (Cmt Dev/Cmt Plng)

Ordinance O2025-039

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Title 13 of the Yuma City Code, Chapter 131, adopting by reference International Fire Code 2024, including appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, and the amendments recommended by the Building Advisory Board dated July 9, 2025, and providing a penalty for violation thereof (to stay current with the code cycle and establish sound criteria for regulating existing buildings and structures) (YFD)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance O2025-038 – Text Amendment: Industrial Zoning Districts (Amend Title 15, Chapter 154 to update development regulations and allowable uses within the Light Industrial (L-I) and Heavy Industrial (H-I) Zoning Districts) (Cmt Dev/Cmt Plng)

Motion (Mayor Nicholls/McClendon): To move that the added text in Section 3 of Ordinance O2025-038 be amended to remove the word "on" and add in its place the words "within one mile of".

Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Pierson displayed the following title(s):

Ordinance O2025-038

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, relating to zoning regulations, providing for changes to the zoning code to update development regulations and expand the allowable uses within the Light Industrial (L-I) and Heavy Industrial (H-I) zoning districts (alignment with modern industry trends, safety standards, and economic development objectives) Cmt Dev/Cmt Plng

V. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Appointments

Motion (Morales/McClendon): To appoint Luis Cuevas to the Planning and Zoning Commission, with a term expiration of December 31, 2030. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Announcements

Watts, Morales, Smith, McClendon, Morris reported on the following meetings attended and upcoming events:

- Yuma County Nurses Foundation General Meeting
- Carver Park Kids at Hope Tunnel of Hope
- Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Chamber Mixer
- 12th Annual Day of Remembrance of Murder Victims
- Employee Neighborhood Leadership Academy
- Humane Society of Yuma's 19th Annual Fur Ball Event
- Arizona Western College KAWC What's Up Yuma? Radio Show
- Arizona Western College Fourth-Annual Legislative Town Hall
- Western Arizona Council of Government Executive Board Meeting
- Americas 250 Celebration Committee Meeting
- Civic Craft Leadership Program Meeting
- Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting
- Greater Yuma Port Authority Board Meeting
- Arizona Association of Economic Development Quarterly Meeting
- Community Conversation Meetings

Scheduling

Motion (Smith/Morales): To schedule a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. regarding the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's notice of public comment on the proposed permanent transfer of Colorado River Water from Greenstone group (d/b/a GSC Farms, LLC) in La Paz County to the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona, with an agenda to be posted in accordance with state law.

Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Simonton reported the following events:

- October 4 – Tacos & Tunes
- October 11 – Yuma Police Department Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) Event
- October 25 – 9th Mayors' International Bike Ride
- October 31 – Yuma Police Department Scary and Safe Trick or Treat
- November 1 & 2 – YumaCon 2025

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no speakers at this time.

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VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

APPROVED:

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:

City Clerk: _____