

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**March 17, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Nicholls** called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Morris, Watts, Knight, McClendon, Shoop, and Mayor Nicholls  
Councilmembers Absent: None  
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Philip A. Rodriguez  
Deputy City Administrator, John D. Simonton  
Police Chief, Susan Smith  
Various department heads or their representatives  
City Attorney, Richard W. Files  
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

**I. COVID 19 DISCUSSION**

**Diana Gomez**, Director of the Yuma County Public Health Services District (Health Department), presented an overview of the COVID-19 virus situation as follows:

- Currently there are 20 confirmed cases in Arizona
  - Confirmed cases by county
    - Maricopa County - 9
    - Pinal County - 5
    - Pima County - 4
    - Graham County - 1
    - Navajo County - 1
  - 12 cases were identified at a State lab, and eight cases were identified at a private lab
- The State Health Department has completed 221 tests,
  - 142 cases have being ruled out and
  - 66 cases are pending
  - These numbers do not include testing completed at private labs
- The public should ensure they are receiving their information from reputable sources such as:
  - Arizona Department of Health Services – [azdhs.gov](http://azdhs.gov)
  - Yuma County – [yumacountyaz.gov](http://yumacountyaz.gov)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)
- Right now there is a limited capacity for testing
  - Testing can only be ordered through a healthcare provider
  - A nasal swab is taken and sent to a lab for testing
- Presumptive vs. Confirmed Cases
  - A presumptive case is not the same as a suspected case
  - Presumptive tests have tested positive at a lab, but have not yet been confirmed by the CDC

- Recommended precautions
  - Practice social distancing
  - Stay home if you are sick
  - Avoid touching your face
  - Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue and throw it away
  - Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
  - If you cannot wash your hands, use a minimum 60% alcohol-based sanitizer
  - If you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, call your healthcare provider before going to their office
  - Likewise, notify first responders of any respiratory symptoms when you call
  - Stay informed and be prepared
- The majority of people will experience mild to moderate symptoms, though some will have a more adverse reaction
  - Be prepared to stay home for a period of time if you are symptomatic or if you test positive
  - Guidance is evolving, so stay informed and follow the advice of your healthcare provider
- It is difficult to predict how COVID-19 will respond to changes such as warmer weather because it is a novel virus
- Essential services will remain accessible
  - Grocery stores will remain open, and workers are making sure the supply chain will not be disrupted
  - The municipal water system will continue to operate
  - Day-to-day services may be modified, but they will continue

#### Discussion

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been in short supply, but a percentage will be released from the national stockpile and it is expected that Yuma may receive a supply soon to be distributed to healthcare providers and first responders (**Watts/Gomez**)
- There is no home test for COVID-19, and testing is being done only by healthcare providers including doctors' offices, clinics, and hospitals; testing is not taking place at the Health Department at this time (**Watts/Gomez**)
- Anyone who feels they should be tested should call their healthcare provider for instructions; the hospital should only be used for medical emergencies (**Watts/Gomez**)
- Those who exhibit symptoms of or test positive for COVID-19 will be asked to self-isolate; there is no vaccination or cure at this time (**Watts/Gomez**)
- Healthcare providers should follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health Services (DHS) protocols; clinical guidance and informational posters are being distributed by the Health Department to local healthcare providers (**Watts/Gomez**)
- Anyone with questions can call the Health Department main number at 928-317-4515 or the Arizona COVID-19 Hotline at 1-844-542-8201 (**Watts/Gomez**)

## **II. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF MARCH 18, 2020**

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4 – Cooperative Purchase Agreement: Cardiac Monitors (authorize the purchase of 20 Zoll X Series Manual Monitor/Defibrillators for an estimated cost of \$776,819.14) (YFD)

Discussion

- State law requires that all paramedics have a cardiac monitor with them; one is being purchased for each fire truck - including ladder trucks – and each ambulance, one will be on hand as a spare, and one will be used for training (**Knight/Simonton**)
- Life expectancy for this type of equipment is approximately 8-10 years. Typically a new model has been released after that period of time and the manufacturer ceases support of the older model, which prevents certification (**Knight/Simonton**)

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Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 – Agreement: Arizona Department of Homeland Security (reimbursement of funds expended for overtime, mileage, and equipment for activities in support of Operation Stonegarden) (YPD)

Discussion

- The City has been participating in Operation Stonegarden since 2007-2008 (**Knight/Smith**)
- In addition to the monetary benefit, the program also increases the number of police officers on the road at any given time who are able to respond to calls (**Knight/Smith**)

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Adoption of Ordinance O2020-007 – Annexation Area No. ANEX-23670-2018: Trail Estates 1, 2 and 3 (properties generally located at the northwest corner of Avenue 9E and 40<sup>th</sup> Street) (DCD)

Discussion

- Staff is not aware of any opposition to the annexation at this time; this will be verified prior to tomorrow night’s City Council Meeting (**Shelton/Rodriguez**)

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**Mayor Nicholls** stated that public comments for tomorrow night’s meeting should be submitted no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to ensure they are available to be read on the record. **Bushong** noted the specific email to receive those comments is: [publiccomment@yumaaz.gov](mailto:publiccomment@yumaaz.gov).

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. No Executive Session was held

APPROVED:

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Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

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Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor