

**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 3, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Nicholls** called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Morris, Watts, Knight, McClendon, Shoop, and Mayor Nicholls  
Councilmembers Absent: None  
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Philip A. Rodriguez  
Assistant Director of DCD, Rhonda Lee-James  
Chief of Police, Susan Smith  
Principal Planner, Jennifer Albers  
Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation, Damon Chango  
Various department heads or their representatives  
City Attorney, Richard W. Files  
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

**I. MARINE CORPS – WTI PRESENTATION**

**Colonel David Suggs** and **Colonel Steve Gillette** of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma thanked City Council for the opportunity to provide Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course (WTI) students the closest thing possible to real-world training.

**Major Gregory Horchak** presented an overview of Assault Support Tactics 3 (AST-3) which will take place on April 17, 2020, as follows:

- AST-3
  - Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) in Twentynine Palms, California
  - Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) in Yuma
- Purpose
  - Provide WTI students with realistic training that is consistent with a mission they may execute in real-world operations
- Aviation Participation
  - Over 30 aircraft will be involved, with five operating throughout Yuma
    - UH-1Y Huey and CH-53 Super Stallion
  - Flight window is 4:00 - 10:30 p.m.
- Ground Participation
  - Marine Security Forces
  - Medical Civil Action Program (MEDCAP)
  - United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
  - Nex Gen Loudspeaker
  - Refugee Role Players

- Locations
  - Kiwanis Park
  - Centennial Middle School
  - Crane Middle School
  - Yuma Regional Medical Center
  - Aux II and Aux IV (just south of the City of Yuma)
- Flight Operations
  - Strict adherence to all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations
  - Minimum of 500 feet above ground level at all times except during takeoff and landing
  - Maintain communication with Air Traffic Control
- Training Events
  - 1) Aviation insertion of security forces and MEDCAP
  - 2) Provide aid to refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
  - 3) Provide Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) support
  - 4) Provide on-call reinforcements (additional security)
  - 5) Successfully handle a Mass Casualty (MASS CAS) situation
  - 6) Extract security forces and MEDCAP
- Safety & Environment
  - At each site
    - Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) Site Commanders
      - At each site 30 minutes prior to start
      - Responsible for ensuring site is clean prior to departure
    - Marine Expeditionary Firefighting and Rescue (EFR)
    - Yuma Police and Military Police (MP)
  - Environment
    - Drip pans placed beneath forklifts at Kiwanis Park
    - Limited vehicle movement for grass preservation
  - No ordnance will be carried on any aircraft or personnel
- Spectators
  - Role players will be in civilian clothing and wearing reflective belts
  - Spectators are asked to follow instructions and directions of local authorities and exercise personnel for their own safety

#### Discussion

- The best opportunity to observe will be around Kiwanis Park; takeoffs and landings will also take place at Centennial and Crane Middle Schools but they will be intermittent over a four-and-a-half hour period (**Shelton/Horchak**)

## **II. 2020-2021 CDBG/HOME ALLOCATIONS**

**Lee-James** provided the following overview of the 2020-2021 allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME):

- Purpose of Funds
  - CDBG
    - Benefits low to moderate income individuals within the City of Yuma with a focus on the Mesa Heights neighborhood

- HOME
  - For the creation and preservation of affordable housing
  - Awarded to the Yuma County HOME Consortium for use county-wide
- Federal Allocation
  - CDBG
    - 2018-2019: \$859,052
    - 2019-2020: \$843,078
    - 2020-2021: \$859,415
  - HOME
    - 2018-2019: \$1,083,261
    - 2019-2020: \$977,984
    - 2020-2021: \$1,042,144
- Allocation Process
  - November/December 2019 – Invitation to submit funding requests
  - December 2019 – Public hearings, application workshops, technical assistance to applicants
  - January 16, 2020 – Applications due
  - January/February 2020 – CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee reviews applications, hears presentations from applicants, and offers funding recommendations; Yuma County HOME Consortium Board reviews applications and makes funding decisions

2020 HOME Funding Recommendation		
Program Year 20/21 Allocation \$1,042,144 (9.4% Increase)	Funding Requests	Consortium Recommendation
<b>Submitted Applications</b>		
City of Yuma – Housing Rehab	\$350,000	\$427,930
Comite de Bienestar – Down Payment, Closing Costs	\$210,000	\$270,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$560,000</b>	<b>\$697,930</b>
<b>CHDO Required 15% \$156,322</b>		
Housing America – Housing Development	\$150,000	\$240,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>
<b>HOME Planning &amp; Administration (10% Cap - \$104,214)</b>		
HOME Planning & Administration	\$97,798	\$104,214
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$807,798</b>	<b>\$1,042,144</b>

2020 CDBG Funding Recommendation		
Program Year 20/21 Allocation \$859,415 (9.8% Increase)	Funding Requests	Advisory Committee Recommendation
<b>Public Services (15% Cap - \$128,912)</b>		
Catholic Community Services – Walk-In Freezer	\$49,993	\$50,000
Crossroads Mission – Nutrition Program	\$40,000	\$40,000
COY-Mesa Heights Revitalization Outreach/Cleanup	\$14,400	\$14,400
Healing Journey - Women's Resilience Program	\$50,040	\$0
WACOG Housing Counseling/Fair Housing	\$0	\$13,062
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$154,433</b>	<b>\$117,462</b>
<b>Housing &amp; Public Facilities</b>		
Achieve Orange Avenue Apartments	\$145,000	\$145,000

Mesa Heights Revitalization	\$528,500	\$425,070
<i>Code Enforcement/Rental Inspection*</i>	<i>\$73,500</i>	<i>\$73,500</i>
<i>Demolition*</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>
<i>Housing Rehab*</i>	<i>\$264,000</i>	<i>\$185,570</i>
<i>JHOC Basketball (Cost Overrun)</i>	<i>\$65,000</i>	<i>\$65,000</i>
<i>Streetlights (Cost Overrun)</i>	<i>\$61,000</i>	<i>\$61,000</i>
<i>Façade Improvement</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$673,500</b>	<b>\$570,070</b>
<i>*These activities can also take place in other neighborhoods, but priority will be for Mesa Heights</i>		
<b>CDBG Planning &amp; Administration (20% Cap - \$171,883)</b>		
CDBG Planning & Administration	\$148,615	\$151,883
Southwest Fair Housing Council	\$20,000	\$20,000
WACOG Fair Housing Program	\$21,700	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$190,315</b>	<b>\$171,883</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,018,248</b>	<b>\$859,415</b>

#### Discussion

- The Healing Journey was not selected to receive funding because the data provided along with their application was not sufficient to support their request. (Shelton/Lee-James)
- Organizations that are not selected to receive funding are encouraged to reapply during a future funding cycle and the City will work with them and provide guidance (Shelton/Lee-James)

Lee-James concluded her presentation by addressing the next steps:

- Next Steps
  - Publish the Draft Plan in newspapers – March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 30-day public comment period
  - Public Hearing – April 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Council consideration of 2020 Annual Action Plan – May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Submit Plan to HUD – May 15<sup>th</sup>

### III. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF MARCH 4, 2020

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.10 – Agreement: Arizona Department of Homeland Security Grant (for reimbursement of funds expended for equipment in support of the State Homeland Security Grant Program) (Police)

#### Discussion

- Clarification of how the body armor, mentioned in the Budget Detail Worksheet, for patrol officers is worn in an active shooter situation. (Knight/Smith)

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.7 – Special Event Liquor License: Yuma Visitors Bureau – Rio de Cerveza Brew Fest (March 28, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Colorado River State Historic Park) (Clerk)

**McClendon** declared a conflict of interest with regard to Motion Consent Agenda Item B.7, due to her employment with Yuma Visitors Bureau.

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Resolution Consent Agenda R2020-006 – Preannexation Development Agreement: Reyes (for property located at 961 S. Avenue C) (DCD)

Discussion

- The existing house on the subject property may be connected to City sewer or it may be on a septic system; **Albers** will confirm at tomorrow night's City Council Meeting (**Knight/Albers**)
- Some sites in the North Yuma Valley are connected to wells; in this case the lot will be split and a second home will be built, which will require a new connection to City water (**Knight/Albers**)

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Resolution Consent Agenda R2020-009 – Grant Application: 2020 Arizona Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program (approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$500,000) (Parks & Rec)

Discussion

- The in-kind contribution required by this grant is already included within the current Parks and Recreation Department budget (**Mayor Nicholls/Chango**)

**IV. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. No Executive Session was held

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Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor