

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**JUNE 2, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Nicholls** called the City Council meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

**Pastor Fred Daniels**, Seventh Day Adventist Church, gave the invocation. **Lieutenant Robert Wright**, Yuma Police Department, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present:	Shelton, Morris, McClendon, Knight, Watts, Shoop, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Philip A. Rodriguez Facilities Manager, Justin Lewis 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 for agenda related items from members of the audience.

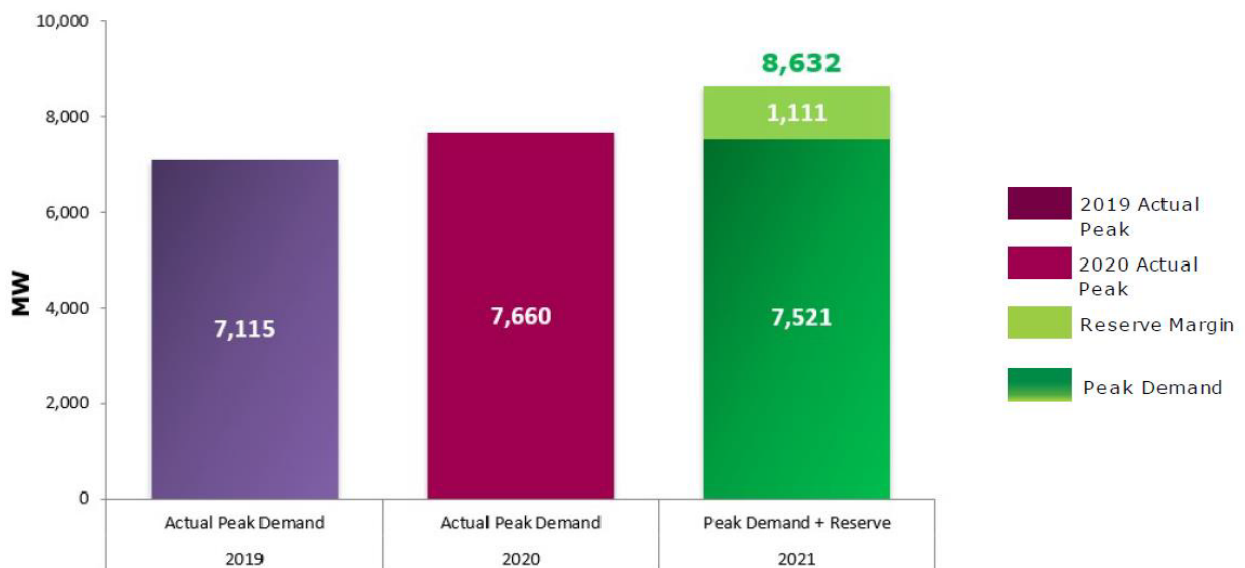
**PRESENTATION**

Arizona Public Service Summer Preparedness

**Regina Twomey**, Public Affairs Manager with Arizona Public Service (APS), presented the following information regarding APS' summer preparedness efforts:

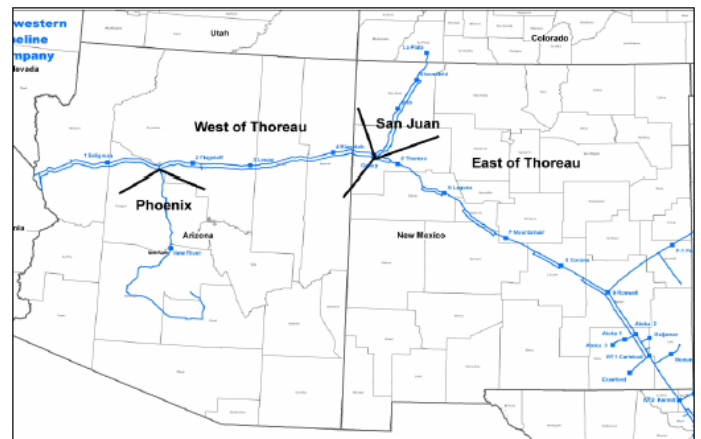
- APS Service Territory
  - Serves 11 out of Arizona's 15 rural counties with nearly 34,646 square miles of service territory
  - Nearly 500 substations, roughly 300,000 transformers, and more than 550,000 poles and structures
- Clean Energy Commitment
  - In January 2020, APS set a Clean Energy Commitment with a goal to provide 100% clean, carbon free electricity to customers by 2050
  - 2030 target – 65% clean energy with 45% renewable energy
  - End coal-fired generation by 2031, which is seven years sooner than originally anticipated
- Project Update
  - Orchard Substation – South Avenue 5½ E & East County 14<sup>th</sup> Street – scheduled in service 12/2021
  - Pacific Substation – near the Yuma Palms Mall – scheduled in service 12/2022
    - Will replace a temporary substation currently in use
  - Battery Storage – Foothills, Hyder I & II – scheduled in service 4/2022

- Will increase reliability and allow APS to better serve Yuma County customers
- Summer Preparedness
  - Generation resources and transmission capacity in place to meet customer load and reserve requirements
  - Infrastructure improvements on schedule to meet summer 2021 power needs
  - Maintenance efforts are on track for completion
  - Coordination with external emergency management agencies
  - Internal emergency preparedness plans & training
  - Customer focused – updates to website (aps.com) outage map, 24/7 Customer Care Center, increased efforts to shorten planned outages, etc.
- 2020 Recap
  - Arizona experienced the hottest summer on record
    - 53 days above 110 degrees
    - 14 days above 115 degrees
  - APS set an all-time peak of 7861 megawatts on July 30 at 5:34 p.m.; the high temperature was 118 degrees
  - Customer response and partnerships were essential
  - Focus on resource planning, sufficient reserve margins, fire mitigation, and overall preparedness were key to maintaining reliability
- 2021 Peak Resource and Demand



- Fuel Supply for Generating Facilities
  - Palo Verde
    - Nation's largest source of clean-air energy
    - Supplies 70% of Arizona's clean-air energy
    - 100% of fuel requirements are contracted through 2026
    - Overall station capacity factor was 91.24% in 2020

- which means that it should be used in California, and Oregon. It may ask customers to turn their thermostats up and turn



- exercises and tabletop emergency preparedness events  
and coordination with neighboring utilities  
emergency management coordination with various  
Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Emergency and Disaster Recovery Plans  
Planning & Response  
Map and apps.com resources  
navigation and weather overlay  
information for up to four hours after an event  
increased communications  
efforts to make them easier to read

- The APS Promise
  - We do what is right for the people and prosperity of our state
  - We will create a sustainable energy future for Arizona
  - We will serve clean, reliable and affordable electricity to our customers and communities
  - We value our strong partnership with the many Arizona cities & towns served by APS
  - We will keep stakeholders informed regarding our progress

#### Discussion

- If there is an extended outage – classified as anything over four hours – and a customer need to purchase ice to keep food or medication cold, they can submit their receipts to APS Customer Service for reimbursement (**Shelton/Twomey**)
- APS does not disconnect electricity when weather is above a certain temperature, or below a certain temperature in northern Arizona. (**Nicholls/ Twomey**)
- The program that halted disconnections during the COVID-19 pandemic has ended (**Nicholls/ Twomey**)
- The Pacific Substation project will replace a temporary substation, moving it to be contained within the walls built several years ago and upgrading the two transformers from two 120 Mega Volt Amp (MVA) transformers to two 220 MVA transformers (**Knight/Twomey**)

#### **I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 – Contract Award: Architectural & Engineering Services for Fire Station 7 (execute a contract with Perlman Architects of Arizona) (Eng)

**Mayor Nicholls** declared a potential conflict of interest on Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5, turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor McClendon, and left the dais.

#### Discussion

- The type of building materials used will be determined during the programming portion of the project (**Knight/Rodriguez**)

**Motion** (Knight/Watts): To approve Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0-1, Mayor Nicholls abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Mayor Nicholls** returned to the dais.

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Motion Consent Agenda Item B.3 – Bid Award: Electrical Services (award a one-year contract for an estimated combined expenditure of \$78,000.00 annually to O&M Electric, Inc. and Westmoor Electric, Inc.) (Building Safety)

#### Discussion

- For quick, low-cost projects the City will call in whichever contractor is most immediately available; for projects that require more planning, the City will get a quote from both contractors and go with the one that provides the lowest bid (**Morris/Lewis**)

**Motion** (Knight/McClendon): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended with the exception of Item B.5. [that was voted on separately] Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

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

Regular Council Meeting      May 5, 2021

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 a request submitted by David Johnson, Vice President of Turf Paradise, for renewal of a Teletrack Wagering (formerly known as Off-Track Betting) License at Showcase Sports Bar, located at 2703 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with a term to expire on May 31, 2024, to coincide with the term of Turf Paradise's State license. The owners of Showcase Sports Bar have expressed their support for the Teletrack Wagering operation. (OTB21-01) (City Clerk)
3. Award to the lowest responsive/responsible bidders, a one-year contract for electrical services with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance, for an estimated combined expenditure of \$78,000.00 annually to the following vendors: O&M Electrical, Inc. Yuma, Arizona and Westmoor Electric, Inc. Yuma, Arizona. (RFB-21-165 Building Safety)
4. Award to the lowest responsive/responsible bidders, a one-year contract for street light components and accessories with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance, for an estimated expenditure of \$25,000.00 annually, to the following vendors: Border States, Tucson, Arizona; Yuma Winlectric, Yuma, Arizona. (RFB-21-116 - Public Works)
5. Pulled for separate consideration; see above.
6. Designation of an Acting City Administrator during the absence or disability of the City Administrator, pursuant to the Yuma City Charter, Article VII, Section 3. (City Admin)
7. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a one-year agreement with the Humane Society of Yuma (HSOY) to provide animal services to residents of the City of Yuma. (Police/Admin)
8. Ratify the acceptance of Arizona Department of Homeland Security Grant 20-AZDOHS-HSGP-200140-01 in the amount of \$13,500.00. (IT/YRCS)

## II. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

**Mayor Nicholls** declared a potential conflict of interest on the adoption of Ordinance O2021-010 as well as on Resolution R2021-011, turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor McClendon, and left the dais.

Adoption of Ordinance O2021-010 – Utility Easement: Southwest Gas Corporation (grant an easement from Madison Avenue to Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) (Eng)

**Motion** (Knight/Watts): To adopt the Ordinances Consent Agenda as recommended.

There being no speakers, **Bushong** displayed the following title:

**Ordinance O2021-010**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing the grant of a utility easement on City-owned real property, hereafter described, to Southwest Gas Corporation, for the reason that such easement is required for the continued operation and maintenance of an existing natural gas line located in Block 14, City of Yuma** (replaces an existing undefined easement with a new easement located from Madison Avenue to Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets) (Eng)

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

**III. BUDGET AND RELATED ITEMS**

There being no speakers, **Bushong** displayed the following title:

**Resolution R2021-011**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 through Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program** (in accordance with the Yuma City Charter, Article XII, Section 11) (Eng)

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

Speaker

- **Gary Wright**, City resident, commented on the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget, noting that he would like to see an increase to the salaries of the City's public safety personnel and elimination of the entrance fee at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex.

**Motion** (Morris/Watts): To approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget for the Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$158,300,018. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0-1, Mayor Nicholls abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Mayor Nicholls** returned to the dais.

**Deputy Mayor McClendon** declared a conflict of interest with regard to the portion of the budget pertaining to Visit Yuma and left the dais.

**Motion** (Knight/Morris): To approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget for Visit Yuma in the amount of \$600,000. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0-1, Deputy Mayor McClendon abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Deputy Mayor McClendon** returned to the dais.

**Motion** (Knight/Watts): To approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed budget for an amount of \$363,577,284 which excludes the Visit Yuma and Capital Improvement Program that were approved through the prior motions. Voice vote: **approved 7-0.**

#### 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.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

##### Announcements

**Knight, Shelton, Deputy Mayor McClendon, Shoop, and Mayor Nicholls** reported on events and meetings they have attended during the last two weeks and upcoming events of note.

##### Scheduling

**Motion** (Knight/McClendon): To schedule a Special Worksession/Joint Council with the Design and Historic Review Commission for June 23, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m., with an agenda to be posted in accordance with Arizona Open Meeting Law. Voice vote: **approved 7-0.**

**Motion** (Shoop/Watts): To schedule a Special Worksession/Joint Council with the Planning and Zoning Commission for July 19, 2021 beginning at 5:00 p.m., with an agenda to be posted in accordance with Arizona Open Meeting Law. Voice vote: **approved 7-0.**

#### V. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

**Rodriguez** reported the following events:

- The Valley Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1-6 pm starting Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Pool season passes will be available for purchase starting Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in person at the Parks and Recreation Department located in City Hall
- Youth sports clinics and other youth activities will be available this summer; continue to check in with the City's website and social media for emerging details
- The first General Plan Listening Session will take place on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> where citizens will have the opportunity to provide input on the growth and development of the community; a second Listening Session will take place on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- The Yuma Art Center Summer Mural Program will start on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Construction activity for the new Main Street fountain will begin next week
- The City received the Healthy Arizona Worksite Program Platinum Award for its wellness program; **Rodriguez** thanked the Wellness Ambassadors for developing the program and ensuring that Team Yuma is well taken care of
- Yuma Regional Medical Center's state supported vaccine clinic will close on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>; the last date to receive the first dose of the two-shot series is Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – No speakers were scheduled at this time.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** (Knight/McClendon): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:

City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_