



# City of Yuma City Council Meeting Summary

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Wednesday, January 6, 2021

5:30 PM

Yuma City Hall Council Chambers  
One City Plaza, Yuma

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Resolution R2015-047 that one or more members of the Yuma City Council may participate in person or by telephonic, video or internet conferencing. Voting procedures will remain as required by the Yuma City Charter and other applicable laws.

Consistent with the March 13, 2020 Arizona Attorney General opinion relating to Arizona's Open Meeting Law and COVID-19, in order to protect the public and reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, the January 6, 2021 Regular City Council meeting will be conducted remotely through technological means along with limited public, in-person access, consistent with social distancing requirements.

## **City Council Chambers will be open with limited public access in addition to participation through Zoom.**

**Those wishing to speak on any applicable agenda item or at Call to the Public and choose to participate via Zoom, must submit an email request to [publiccomment@yumaaz.gov](mailto:publiccomment@yumaaz.gov) no later than 60 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled meeting. Further instructions will be given at that time.**

Members of the public are encouraged to view the meeting through either of the following two venues:

- 1) Zoom: Residents will need to connect through the following website:  
<https://cityofyuma.zoom.us/>. Click on "Calendar" then select the City meeting and click "Join".
- 2) City of Yuma live stream: Use the Video and TV Stream quick link at [www.yumaaz.gov](http://www.yumaaz.gov) and search for Yuma Live Playlist 73. Watch live on TV cable channel 73.

A recording of the meeting will be available on the City's website after the meeting.

The Worksession and Citizen's Forum previously scheduled for January 5, 2021 are cancelled.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**5:30 PM**

## **INVOCATION**

**FATHER TIMOTHY IMBYA, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**JENN REICHELT, DEPUTY CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Douglas J. Nicholls, Deputy Mayor Karen Watts, Councilmember Gary Knight , Councilmember Leslie L. McClendon , Councilmember Chris Morris and Councilmember Michael Shelton

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Ema Lea Shoop

**FINAL CALL**

*Final call for submission of Speaker Request Forms for agenda related items.*

**PRESENTATIONS****PRESENTATIONS MADE**

- U.S. Census Bureau presentation
- Fireworks in Arizona - a presentation by City staff regarding Arizona laws, safety, and being a good neighbor with discussion by City Council

**I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed on the Motion Consent Agenda will be considered and enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Motion Consent Agenda and the vote or action will be taken separately.*

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember McClendon, to APPROVE the Motion Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Nicholls, Deputy Mayor Watts, Councilmember Knight, Councilmember McClendon, Councilmember Morris, and Councilmember Shelton

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Shoop

1. [MC 2021-003](#) **Special Council Meeting Draft Minutes December 7, 2020**

**Attachments:** [2020 12 07 SCM Minutes](#)

**APPROVED**

2. [MC 2021-004](#) **Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes December 16, 2020**

**Attachments:** [2020 12 16 RCM Minutes](#)

**APPROVED**

**B. Approval of staff recommendations:****1. [MC 2015-000](#) Executive Sessions**

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 Attorney)

**APPROVED**

**2. [MC 2021-002](#) Reallocation of HOME Funds for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**

Approve amendments to the 2018, 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plans to reallocate \$680,146 in HOME Funds for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program and authorize an agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Yuma to administer the program. (Community Development/Neighborhood Services) (Rhonda Lee-James)

**Attachments:**

[1. RFCCA Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program](#)

[2. AGMT Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program](#)

**APPROVED**

**II. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items listed on the Ordinances Consent Agenda will be considered and enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Councilmember so requests or a Speaker Request Form has been submitted. In which event, the item will be removed from the Ordinance Consent Agenda and the vote or action will be taken separately.*

**1. [O2021-001](#) Budget Amendment**

Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget to authorize a transfer of appropriations in certain Funds with a corresponding increase in revenue and expenditure capacity in certain other Funds and declaring an emergency without exceeding the overall Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget. (City Administration) (Philip Rodriguez)

- Attachments:**
- [1. RFCCA Budget Amendment](#)
  - [2. ORD Budget Amendment](#)
  - [3. EXH A PAGE 1 Budget Amendment](#)
  - [4. EXH A PAGE 2 Budget Amendment](#)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Knight, seconded by Councilmember Morris, that this ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Nicholls, Deputy Mayor Watts, Councilmember Knight, Councilmember McClendon, Councilmember Morris, and Councilmember Shelton

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Shoop

## FINAL CALL

*Final call for submission of Speaker Request Forms for Call to the Public.*

## III. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

*Discussion and possible action on the following items:*

### 1. Appointments:

#### CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED POSITIONS/COMMITTEES:

- Deputy Mayor
- Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Executive Board
- Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors
- Greater Yuma Port Authority
- Greater Yuma Port Authority, Citizen
- Western Arizona Council of Governments, Executive Board and Council on Aging
- Western Arizona Council of Governments, Yuma County Advisory Board
- Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, Executive Board (three appointments)
- Yuma Fire Public Safety Board and Yuma Public Safety Police Board

**\*Motion (Watts/Knight): To nominate Leslie McClendon to serve as the Deputy Mayor for the year 2021. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Knight/McClendon): To appoint Mayor Nicholls to the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Executive Board. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Shelton/Watts): To appoint Chris Morris to the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Watts/McClendon): To appoint Gary Knight to the Greater Yuma Port Authority. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Watts/McClendon): To appoint Mike Shelton to the Western Arizona Council of Governments, Executive Board and Council on Aging. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Shelton/Watts): To appoint Ema Lea Shoop to the Western Arizona Council of Governments, Yuma County Advisory Board. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Knight/Watts): To appoint Gary Knight, Karen Watts and Leslie McClendon as members to the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, Executive Board. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Morris/McClendon): To appoint Mike Shelton to the Yuma Fire Public Safety Board and the Yuma Public Safety Police Board. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

#### BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

- Design and Historic Review Commission - one reappointment
- Merit System Board - one reappointment
- Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY) - three reappointments
- Building Advisory Board - one reappointment
- Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) - one reappointment
- Residential Advisory and Appeals Board - two reappointments

**\*Motion (Knight/Watts): To reappoint Juan Leal Rubio to the Design and Historic Review Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2025. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Morris/Watts): To reappoint Sharon Kramer to the Merit System Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2025. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Shelton/Watts): To reappoint Liz Laster, J. Glendon Moss and James Allen to the Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY) with a term expiration of December 31, 2025. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Watts/McClendon): To reappoint Sandra Anthony to the Building Advisory Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2025. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Knight/McClendon): To reappoint Michael Christensen to the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) with a term expiration of December 31, 2025. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

**\*Motion (Morris/Watts): To reappoint Sharon Merz and Sandra Nevels to the Residential Advisory and Appeals Board with a term expiration of December 31, 2025. Voice Vote: approved (6-0)**

#### 2. Announcements:

##### **REPORTED**

City Council report on meetings/events attended – City Council report on issues discussed in meetings/events attended by a City Council representative in their official capacity as the City's representative during the period of December 17, 2020 through January 6, 2021. City Council questions regarding the update must be limited solely for clarification purposes. If further discussion is warranted, the issue will be added to a future agenda for a detailed briefing.

City Council report of upcoming meetings.

City Council request for agenda items to be placed on future agendas.

### 3. Scheduling:

Motion to schedule future City Council meetings pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.02 and the Yuma City Code, Chapter 30.

## IV. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

### REPORTED

*This is the City Administrator's opportunity to give notice to the City Council of current events impacting the City. Comments are intended to be informational only and no discussion, deliberation or decision will occur on this item.*

## V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

### NO LEGAL ACTION PERMITTED

*Members of the public may address the City Council on matters that are not listed on the City Council agenda. The City Council cannot discuss or take legal action on any matter raised unless it is properly noticed for discussion and legal action. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual members of the City Council may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the City Council, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. All City Council meetings are recorded and videotaped.*

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion (Morris/Knight): To adjourn to Executive Session. Voice Vote: approved (6-0).**

*An Executive Session may be called during the public meeting for the purpose of receiving legal advice for items on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 A (1, 3, 4 and/or 7) and the following items:*

A. Discussion, consultation with and/or instruction to legal counsel, regarding the City agreement with Spectrum. (ARS 38-431.03 A3 & A4)

B. Discussion, consultation with and/or instruction to legal counsel regarding potential purchase of utility. (A.R.S. 38-431.03 A3, A4 & A7)

## ADJOURNMENT

**7:09 PM**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the City of Yuma does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services. For information regarding rights and provisions of the ADA or Section 504, or to request reasonable accommodations for participation in City programs, activities, or services contact: ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, City of Yuma Human Resources Department, One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364-1436; (928) 373-5125 or TTY (928) 373-5149.