

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
March 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:03 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Watts, Thomas, Knight, McClendon, Miller, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
City Engineer, Jeff Kramer
Principal Planner, Alyssa Linville
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE (MAWTS-1) EXERCISE

Colonel David Suggs, Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma, presented a video of the upcoming MAWTS-1 exercise. Twice a year 5,000 Marines as well as Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel descend on Yuma for real-world training that would not be possible without the support of the City and the community. He expressed his gratitude and prefaced the video by stating the training that takes place in Yuma illustrates only the tip of the iceberg for the students.

Colonel Kelvin Gallam, MAWTS-1 Commanding Officer, echoed Colonel Suggs' gratitude for the City and community support and expressed appreciation for everything that has been done for the students that come from all over the world to attend this training.

Captain Gregory Horchak, Evolution Coordinator for Assault Support Tactics 3 (AST-3), provided an overview of the upcoming exercise as follows:

- On April 19, 2019, students will conduct:
 - Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations in Twentynine Palms, CA
 - Foreign Humanitarian Assistance in Yuma
- The purpose is to provide students with realistic training that is consistent with a mission they may execute in real-world operations when they deploy
- Aircraft involved will include UH-1Y Hueys and CH-53 Super Stallions
 - Flight window of 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., although based on mission planning they will likely be landing closer to 9:15-9:30 p.m.
- There will also be several components to the ground participation, including refugee role players and Marine security forces
- Activities will be taking place at the following locations:
 - MCAS Yuma
 - Kiwanis Park

- Relevant Life Church
- Centennial Middle School
- Crane Middle School
- Yuma Regional Medical Center
- Flight operations in Yuma will be in accordance with all FAA regulations, including:
 - Remain a minimum of 500' above ground level, except during takeoff and landing
 - Maintain communication with air traffic control at all times during the exercise
- Training events will consist of:
 - Insert security forces and Medical Civil Action Program (MEDCAP)
 - Provide aid to refugees and internally displaced persons
 - Provide casualty evacuation support
 - Provide on-call reinforcements
 - Successfully handle a mass casualty situation
 - Extract security forces and MEDCAP
- The following safety and environmental protection measures will be in place at each site:
 - MAWTS-1 Site Commanders will arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the exercise and are responsible for ensuring the site is clean prior to departing
 - Yuma Police and Military Police
 - Limited vehicle movement for grass preservation
 - No ordnance will be carried on any aircraft or personnel

Captain Horchak invited anyone who would like to observe the evolution to do so, noting that it adds an element of realism to the exercise. Spectators are asked to please follow the instructions of the Site Commanders, the Yuma Police Department, and Military Police for their own safety.

Mayor Nicholls stated it is good to know that the Yuma community is contributing a little to helping train men and women who have stepped forward to defend our country and thanked all those who serve, stating that we owe them all a debt of gratitude.

II. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF MARCH 6, 2019

Resolution Consent Agenda R2019-006 – Authorize Inclusion of Yuma County Parcel APN 633-44-147 into the Main Street Mall and Off Street Parking Maintenance District No. 1 (property located on the northeast corner of South Maiden Lane and Harold C. Giss Parkway) (City Attorney)

Mayor Nicholls declared a conflict of interest regarding Resolution R2019-006 as the owner is a client of his firm, turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Knight, and left the dais.

There being no discussion, **Mayor Nicholls** returned to the dais.

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4 – Change Order: Figueroa Water Pollution Control Facility Annual Overhaul Project (amount not to exceed \$230,000 for additional work required to complete the project) (Engineering)

Shelton asked what the Change Order entails. **Kramer** explained that once the clarifier – the round tank where the solids are separated from the liquids at the beginning of the water treatment process – was emptied and the initial cleaning and repairs had taken place, additional repair work was identified that could not have been identified while the clarifier was in operation.

Adoption of Ordinances Consent Agenda O2019-014 – Rezoning of Property: Southwest corner of E. 44th Street and S. Avenue 8E (rezone approximately 142.5 acres of property from the Agriculture (AG) District to Low Density Single-Family Residential (R-1-5) District) (Community Development)

Mayor Nicholls asked if the 35% lot coverage restriction is for living space only or if it includes the garage. **Linville** replied that there is a credit of up to 400 square feet for a garage. **Mayor Nicholls** stated that in that case on a 5,000 square-foot lot there could be a 1,700 square-foot building plus a 400 square-foot garage. **Linville** confirmed this is correct.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Thomas/Knight): To adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor