

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
OCTOBER 21, 2019
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Watts, Thomas, Knight, McClendon, Miller, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staffmembers Present: Interim City Administrator, Jay Simonton
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

Mayor Nicholls introduced representatives from the Yuma Young Marines who presented City Council with red ribbons for Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is recognized October 23rd through October 31st and represents a year-round drug free lifestyle.

I. AGREEMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Nicholls stated that the selection for the City Administrator has been a long and thorough process which included many hours spent reviewing resumes, conducting interviews and attending public forums which were critical to providing guidance to City Council. With the professional and efficient help of Jen Reichelt, Novak Consulting, City Council reviewed the resumes of 16 high quality applicants and selected Philip Rodriguez as the next City Administrator.

Mayor Nicholls expressed deep gratitude on behalf of himself and City Council and stated none of this would have been possible without the tireless effort and skill as well as the leadership of the Interim City Administrator, Jay Simonton, over the last 6-months. Rodriguez will be working closely with Simonton as he steps back into the Deputy City Administrator roll. The combination of Rodriguez and Simonton will provide the strongest team of leaders to meet the future challenges of the City of Yuma.

With no further discussion **Mayor Nicholls** called for a motion.

Motion (Miller/McClendon): To authorize execution of the agreement for the terms of employment for Philip Rodriguez as City Administrator for the City of Yuma. Roll call vote: **approved 7-0.**

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

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