

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**DECEMBER 18, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Deputy Mayor Knight** called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

**Pastor George Boundey**, Yuma Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church, gave the invocation. Fire Chief **Steve Irr** led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Watts, Thomas, Knight, McClendon and Miller  
Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Nichols  
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Philip Rodriguez  
Various Department Heads or their representative  
City Attorney, Richard W. Files  
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

**FINAL CALL**

**Deputy Mayor Knight** made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms for agenda related items from members of the audience.

**PRESENTATIONS**-There were no presentations scheduled at this time.

**I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion** (McClendon /Watts): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended. Voice vote: **approved 6-0.**

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

Regular Council Worksession	June 4, 2019
Regular Council Meeting	November 20, 2019
Council Citizen's Forum	December 3, 2019
Regular Council Meeting	December 4, 2019

**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 Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Emily Kelly Hayba on behalf of The Officers' Spouses' Club for A Night in Paradise. The event will take place at the

Colorado River State Historic Park, 201 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. (SP19-36) (Admin/Clk)

3. Approve a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Yanna Lea Kruse on behalf of the Yuma County Historical Society for Redondo Days Dinner & Auction. The event will take place at the Sanguinetti House Museum, 240 S. Madison Avenue, and Molina Block, 270 S. Madison Avenue with a temporary fence between the two buildings, on Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (SP19-37) (Admin/Clk)
4. Approve a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Lindsay Benacka on behalf of the City of Yuma Parks and Recreation Department for Art in the Park. The event will take place at Gateway Park, located at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Gila Street, on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 12, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (SP19-33) (Admin/Clk)
5. Pursuant to Yuma City Code § 36-36, reject the bid received for Joe Henry Optimist Center Basketball Court Rehabilitation due to the bid exceeding the allocated amount for the basketball court rehabilitation. (Purchasing/Eng-Bid#2020-20000063)
6. Authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a one-year contract with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, one period at a time, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance for subscription and implementation services of the Box Office Ticketing Software solution to: Vendini, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (P&R-RFP#2019-20000112)
7. Authorize the use of the cooperative purchase agreement initiated by the City of Tucson for the purchase and service of an upgrade to the Yuma Police Department and Municipal Court Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) control system for an estimated expenditure of \$357,000.00 to the following vendor: Trane U.S. Inc. dba Trane Tempe, Arizona (Admin./Facilities/Purchasing-Bid #2020-20000087)
8. Authorize the donation of 22 Motorola radios and chargers to volunteer fire districts in Quartzsite and McMullen Valley. (YPD/Purchasing)
9. Authorize the City Administrator to execute two agreements with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the acceptance of two separate grant awards in the combined total amount of \$45,000 to cover overtime expenses associated with the DUI/impaired driving enforcement programs, and selective traffic enforcement programs. (YPD/Patrol)
10. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a grant agreement with U.S. Department of Justice for reimbursement of funds up to \$47,883.00 expended for services in support of the Yuma Regional Communications System (YRCS) Data Interoperability and Information Sharing Project utilizing the FY18 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. (ITS/YRCS)

## II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion** (Miller/McClendon): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended.

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

### **Resolution R2019-052**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Resolution No R2019-016, creating the 2019 Charter Review Committee, to modify the number of Committee Members and set the number necessary for a quorum** (sets the number of members of the 2019 Charter Review Committee at nine members and sets the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum at no less than six members.) (Admin)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0.

## III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

There being no questions by City Council **Deputy Mayor Knight** called for the first speaker.

**Daniel Venditelli**, City resident, expressed his concern as a parent of children participating in the Boys and Girls Club aftercare program, over the lack of information regarding the future of the program and whether or not the program would continue uninterrupted. **Venditelli** asked for a concrete, written plan for what the City plans to do after the building is purchased and stated children, parents and families have to be ready for the change that is happening in just a few weeks. **Deputy Mayor Knight** replied that City Council is committed to seeing that the Boys and Girls Club continues uninterrupted until the Salvation Army is replaced. **Deputy Mayor Knight** commented that the City of Yuma's hands were tied regarding how much information they could provide due to the pending lawsuit/settlement. **Shelton** assured Venditelli that he is being heard and that City Council will not settle for anything less than success for all the children affected.

**Colleen Langewisch**, City resident, stated that when the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club misappropriated funds, the City jumped in and bought this property back and gave it to the Salvation Army to run. The City is now buying the property again for what she hears is \$680,000. **Langewisch** opined that if there are people that want to finance the program, such as Mr. Bryant and Mr. Jones, let them buy the property, create a non-profit, and run it. The City needs to get out of it, as it is taxpayer money. **Deputy Mayor Knight** corrected Langewisch stating that he nor anybody else sitting at the dais stated that the City is going to run the program.

**Danny Bryant**, City resident, speaking on behalf of a group of donors who raised a million dollars in capital funds for the Salvation Army to expand and remodel the Boys and Girls Club, stated that he came before City Council in November 2018 when the Salvation Army had announced that they were not going to retain their affiliation with the Boys and Girls Club of America. **Bryant**, on behalf of the donor group, asked the City of Yuma to take the lead in protecting the donor's intent, as well as the rich 50+ year history of the Boys and Girls Club in Yuma. He reiterated the million dollars was raised for the Boys and Girls Club of America program which the Salvation Army was a trustee. **Bryant** thanked the City of Yuma for the "political courage to step up and do the right thing" and stated that the group is already working to retire the City debt that will be incurred to buy back the property. **Bryant**, on behalf of the donors, echoed the

concerns about making sure that the program is uninterrupted and stated there are non-profits very interested in taking over the Boys and Girls Club programs and he expects a smooth transition. **Deputy Mayor Knight** thanked Bryant for being the liaison between the donors and the City of Yuma, and for all the efforts put forth to make this happen.

There being no further discussion **Deputy Mayor Knight** called for the motion.

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

**Bushong** displayed the following title(s):

**Ordinance O2019-041**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing that a certain parcel of real property, hereafter described, be acquired by the City of Yuma, and authorizing payment and costs for the acquisition thereof** (for property located at 1100 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue used for the operation of a local Boys and Girls Club since 1972) (Atty)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0.

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**-There were no ordinances scheduled for introduction at this time.

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ITEMS**-There were no public hearings scheduled at this time.

**FINAL CALL**

**Deputy Mayor Knight** 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.

**VI. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**

Appointments

There were no appointments scheduled at this time.

Announcements

**Shelton, Watts, McClendon** and **Deputy Mayor Knight** reported on events and meetings they have attended during the last two weeks and upcoming events of note. **Miller** and **Thomas** made their final goodbyes as this was the last Council meeting for them both.

Scheduling

**Watts** stated she would like to see Judge Reeves, Juvenile Court Judge, present an update regarding the opioid crisis and juveniles as well as an update by Yuma County Area Transit on what is going on, what to expect and how they are doing.

## VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

**Rodriguez** reported the following events:

- December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- December 27<sup>th</sup> – Regularly scheduled dark Friday for City Hall
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – City Hall will be closed for New Year's Day
- There will be no changes to the City of Yuma solid waste recycling schedule
- Beginning December 30<sup>th</sup> -- Natural cut Christmas Tree drop off begins
- Major construction work – 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue B and Avenue C

## VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

**Wesley Lore**, 3653 West 13<sup>th</sup> Place, wanted to introduce the community and also the City Council to the Yuma Community Suicide Prevention Coalition. The coalition meets every second Wednesday of the month at 2285 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite F, and the phone number is 928-421-0184; 1-866-495-6735. The service is available 24/7 and is completely free no matter whether you have insurance or not. A Veteran crises hotline is also available.

## IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Deputy Mayor Knight** adjourned the meeting at 6:07 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