

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
APRIL 15, 2020
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Mayor Nicholls gave the invocation. **Alyssa Linville**, Assistant Director of the Department of Community Development, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Shelton, Morris, Watts, Knight, McClendon, Shoop, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Philip A. Rodriguez Director of Engineering, Jeff Kramer Assistant Director of DCD, Rhonda Lee-James 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 comments for agenda related items from the public, noting that comments should be emailed to the City Clerk's Office at publiccomment@yumaaz.gov in order to be read at the appropriate time during the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS - There were no presentations scheduled at this time.

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4 – Job Order Authorization: Fire Station No. 2 (execute a Job Order not to exceed \$266,141.83 for capital improvements to Fire Station No. 2) (Eng)

Discussion

- The parking lot being replaced needs to be constructed of concrete rather than asphalt due to the weight of the fire apparatus that will be maneuvered on the paved surface (**Knight/Kramer**)
- Additionally, the paved surface will be frequently exposed to water due to the washing of the equipment, which would cause damage to asphalt (**Knight/Kramer**)
- Fiber mesh and roller compacted concrete will be used in place of the more traditional rebar to reinforce the concrete, leading to greater strength and a longer life expectancy (**Knight/Kramer**)
- About 10% of the budget will be used for the demolition and removal of the existing concrete, while the remaining funds will be for production and placement of the new concrete (**Shelton/Kramer**)

- The existing six-inch rebar reinforced slab of concrete will be replaced by an eight-inch fiber mesh reinforced slab that is rated at 4,000 to 4,500 PSI (**Morris/Kramer**)
 - Roughly 60% of the existing concrete slab has failed, and about 85% of it would fail an inspection in terms of safety and trip hazard conditions (**Morris/Kramer**)
 - The price estimate from the contractor for a partial removal and replacement of the damaged portions of the concrete was more expensive than a total replacement (**Morris/Kramer**)
 - A Job Order Contract is being utilized rather than putting the project out to bid as this is a high priority project has already been delayed over a year (**Morris/Kramer**)
 - The contractor for this project, Cemex Construction Materials South, is a local contractor (**Mayor Nicholls/Kramer**)
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Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 – Special Allocation of CDBG Funds for COVID-19 Emergency Response (authorize the use of \$505,565 of CDBG funds from the CARES Act for Emergency Rental Assistance and public services addressing critical community needs) (DCD)

Discussion

- Western Area Council of Governments (WACOG) will administer the program and the City will maintain oversight as required for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (**Knight/Lee-James**)
 - The suggested fund allocation is \$370,000 for rental assistance, \$85,000 for nonprofit services, and 10% or about \$50,000 for planning and administration (**Knight/Lee-James**)
 - Nonprofit organizations will also be receive funding through the CARES Act, however funds will not be received immediately and there are urgent needs in the community (**Knight/Lee-James**)
 - \$85,000 would not provide a significant impact to most nonprofit programs and may be better used for emergency rental assistance (**Shelton**)
 - At \$1,200 per month per family, somewhere between 120 and 150 families could be helped with the \$370,000 (**Shelton/Lee-James**)
 - If the City were to loan the \$85,000 to a nonprofit, they would most likely be unable to pay it back with any federal money they receive through the CARES Act (**Knight/Lee-James**)
 - Some people may be able to make their rent payment but may still have trouble putting food on the table, which would be a good use of the \$85,000 (**Knight**)
 - In addition to the health and economic effects of the pandemic, mental health is being impacted due to the resulting stress and isolation (**Mayor Nicholls**)
 - \$85,000 could help an additional 70 families with rent, and financial problems such as the inability to pay rent can have an impact on a person's mental health (**Morris**)
 - The \$85,000 that is being suggested for nonprofit services is not earmarked for any particular area, with the idea being that the nonprofit partner could let the City know how the money would be best spent (**Shelton/Lee-James**)
 - Many in the community who are in need of relief due to the pandemic are homeless; \$85,000 could feed a lot of families or those living in shelters (**Watts**)
 - Once City Council provides direction as to how the fund should be allocated, the City will request proposals from nonprofits as to how the \$85,000 would be best used (**McClendon/Lee-James**)
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Motion (Knight/Watts): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

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

Regular Council Worksession October 15, 2019
Regular Council Worksession February 18, 2020
Council Citizen's Forum March 17, 2020
Regular Council Worksession March 17, 2020
Regular Council Meeting March 18, 2020

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 new Series #12 Restaurant Liquor License application submitted by Danielle Louise Sundwall, agent for Holy Smokes located at 251 S. Main Street. (LL20-03) (Admin/Clk)
3. Approve a new Series #12 Restaurant Liquor License application submitted by Torrey Julia Dempsey, agent for Da Boyz Express located at 2431 S. 4th Avenue. (LL20-04) (Admin/Clk)
4. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a Job Order with Cemex Construction Materials South, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$266,141.83, for capital improvements to Fire Station No. 2. (Eng)
5. Authorize the use of CDBG funds from the CARES Act for an Emergency Rental Assistance Programs for households economically impacted by COVID-19-related job losses and for public services addressing critical community needs. (DCD)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution R2020-016 – Municipal Improvement District No. 111: Villa Serena Unit No. 1 Subdivision – Order Improvements (landscape improvements for property located near the northwest corner of Avenue 6E and 48th Street) (DCD)

Motion (Knight/Watts): That the report section of the Request for City Council Action for Resolution R2020-016, Municipal Improvement District No. 111: Villa Serena Unit No. 1 Subdivision – Order Improvements, be amended in the fifth paragraph to reflect Resolution R2019-026, which notes the correct resolution that was adopted by City Council to create MID No. 111. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Shoop/Knight): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as amended.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

Resolution R2020-015

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving the execution of a Preannexation Development Agreement with the owner of real property located at 310 South 44th Avenue (the property owner intends to clear the lot and construct a new single family home) (DCD)

Resolution R2020-016

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, ordering improvements for Municipal Improvement District No. 111, serving Villa Serena Unit 1 Subdivision, to operate, maintain and repair landscaping improvements included within, near and adjacent to the retention and detention basins and parkings and parkways and related facilities together with appurtenant structures of Villa Serena Unit 1 Subdivision, as more particularly described in this resolution, and declaring the landscape improvements to be of more than local or ordinary public benefit, and the cost of the landscape improvements shall be assessed upon Municipal Improvement District No. 111; improvements shall be performed under Arizona Revised Statutes Title 48, Chapter 4, Article 2 (MID No. 111 created by the adoption of Resolution R2019-026) (DCD)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

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

Bushong displayed the following title:

Ordinance O2020-010

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 70 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, relating to business regulations, providing for changes to the Tax Schedule as it relates to Swap Meets and updating the definition of Swap Meets within the City of Yuma thereof (to update licensing requirements for swap meets and correct a discrepancy between licensing and zoning regulations) (DCD)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bushong displayed the following title:

Ordinance O2020-011

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, rezoning certain properties located in the Agriculture (AG) District to the Light Industrial (L-I) District and amending the Zoning Map to conform with the rezoning (approximately 18.34 acres of property located at the northwest corner of Arizona Avenue and 34th Street) (DCD)

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Appointments - There were no appointments scheduled at this time.

Announcements

Knight, Watts, Morris, and Mayor Nicholls reported on events and meetings they have attended during the last two weeks and upcoming events of note.

Scheduling - No meetings were scheduled at this time.

VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Rodriguez stated that during this time the City's services are largely operating similar to how they were prior to the COVID-19 crisis, with a strong consistency across every department. **Rodriguez** noted that April 12th -18th is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and thanked the City's dispatchers for their professionalism and dedication to the City.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - Cancelled

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Knight/McClendon): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor