

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**MAY 7, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

**Pastor Efrain Zavala**, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. **Thomas Garrity**, Chief of Police, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FINAL CALL**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present:	Martinez, Morris, McClendon, Smith, Morales, Watts, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staffmembers Present:	Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton Chief of Police, Thomas Garrity Principal Planner, Amelia Domby Director of Engineering, Dave Wostenberg Various Department Heads or their representative City Attorney, Richard W. Files City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

**Presentations:**

- National/International Water Safety Month  
**Mayor Nicholls** read a proclamation for National/International Water Safety Month proclaiming the month of May 2025 as Water Safety Month in the City of Yuma, and urged all residents, schools, caregivers and community organizations to join in the effort to make water safety a shared responsibility.
- Tourism Week  
**Mayor Nicholls** read a proclamation proclaiming May 4 through May 10, 2025, National Travel and Tourism Week in Yuma, Arizona and encouraged the citizens of Yuma to recognize the critical role Travel and Tourism play in the community's economic prosperity and cultural diversity.
- Motorcycle Awareness Month  
**Mayor Nicholls** read a proclamation proclaiming the Month of May 2025 as Motorcycle Awareness Month, informing the community how important it is for citizens of Yuma to be aware and observant of motorcycles on the roadways, and urged citizens to commend its observance.

**I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Consent Item C.4 – Request for Qualifications Award: Architect and Engineering Services for Safe Streets for All (Authorize the City Administrator to execute a professional services contract for Architect and Engineering Services for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) at a total cost of \$600,000, to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Mesa, Arizona) (RFQ-25-156) (Eng/Purch)

**Mayor Nicholls** declared a conflict of interest on Motion Consent Agenda Item C.4 due to his firm's involvement, turned the meeting over to **Deputy Mayor Smith**, and left the dais.

**Motion** (Morris/Morales): To approve Motion Consent Item C.4 as recommended. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0-1, **Mayor Nicholls** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Mayor Nicholls** returned to the dais.

**Motion** (Morales/Smith): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended, with the exception of Item C.4, which was approved through a previous vote. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes	February 19, 2025
Special Worksession/Council Retreat Minutes	March 24, 2025
Special Worksession/Council Retreat Minutes	March 25, 2025
Regular Council Meeting Minutes	April 2, 2025

**B. Executive Session**

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)

**C. Approval of Staff Recommendations**

1. Approve a Series #09: Liquor Store Liquor License application submitted by Marven Rahim, agent for EZ Shop Market located at 1334 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (LL25-05) (Admn/Clk)
2. Approve a Series #07: Beer and Wine Bar/Location Transfer Liquor License application submitted by Paul Varela, agent for The First Round located at 333 S. Main Street. (LL25-06) (Admn/Clk)
3. Approve a Series #09S: Liquor Store with Sampling Privileges Liquor License application submitted by Faris Makou, agent for FFranco, LLC DBA Sunshine Market & Liquor located at 1997 S. Ave B. (LL25-01S) (Admn/Clk)
4. Pulled for separate consideration; see above.

5. Award a one-year contract to the lowest qualified bidder for Hazardous Waste Transport and Disposal 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 an estimated annual expenditure of \$110,000.00, to the following firm: Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., Norwell, Massachusetts. (RFB-25-295) (Pub Wrks/Purch)

## II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution R2025-046 – Memorandum of Understanding: Federal Bureau of Investigation (Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to allow participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force) (YPD)

### Discussion

- The Joint Terrorism Task Force is a collaboration between YPD and the FBI to be prepared for any potential threats coming to the community, regardless of whether they are foreign or domestic. A Task Force Officer will work part time and will use FBI technology to receive early warnings of threats coming to Yuma. Being that Yuma is a border town, there are people crossing the border from all over the world every day, including individuals on the terrorist watch list. Early indicators of threats will not only help with National Security but will also help with school threats by early detection of where the threats started. YPD will be aware and be able to better prepare if needed. The collaboration also helps YPD learn how to respond and prevent terrorist attacks in the community. **(Watts/Garrity)**
- Yuma Police Officers will not participate in FBI duties. In the event a YPD Officer does assist in FBI duties, the City will be reimbursed for the officers time by the FBI. **(Watts/Garrity)**
- This is the first time that YPD will be joining the Joint Terrorism Task Force. The intelligence gained to be better prepared as a Police Department and a community is invaluable. **(Mayor Nicholls/Garrity)**

### Speakers

**Charlene Young**, City resident, spoke in opposition of Resolution R2025-046, stating that the MOU between YPD and the FBI threatens civil liberties and local control, risking unchecked surveillance, racial profiling and the targeting of activists under vague national security justifications.

**Henry Mak**, City resident, spoke in opposition of Resolution R2025-046. If approved, **Mak** believes the MOU could lead to unchecked surveillance, racial profiling and the targeting of any opposing force.

**Cody Pease**, City resident, spoke in opposition of Resolution R2025-046. **Pease** expressed concerns about civil liberties, local control, and the potential for unchecked surveillance and racial profiling if the resolution is passed.

**Darlene Erwin**, City resident, spoke in opposition of Resolution R2025-046 and called for a Councilmember to remove the resolution from the agenda. **Erwin** is concerned the City of Yuma will be paying their officers to do the FBI's job of fighting terrorism, including border security and deportation raids with the guise of keeping the community safe. **Erwin** suggests a thorough reading and expert guidance before YPD asks its officers to join the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

**Jillian Verdugo**, City resident, voiced her opposition of Resolution R2025-046 and asked for critical reforms to protect her rights. **Verdugo** believes the joint partnership gives the FBI significant influence over local police and may lead to racial profiling, surveillance of activists and a lack of accountability by the FBI.

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Resolution R2025-047 – Economic and Historic Downtown Redevelopment Agreement: Hotel San Carlos of Yuma L.L.C (Approve the Economic and Historic Downtown Redevelopment Agreement (development Agreement) for the sale of the historic San Carlos Hotel and payment of \$300,000 to the City of Yuma) (Atty)

Speaker

**Phil Clark**, non-resident, raised concerns about the financial implications of the Hotel San Carlos property transaction, questioning the accuracy of the reported cash amount. **Clark** suggested full disclosure of the fact that the City will be coming up short more than three million dollars and stated that the seller should not have any proceeds at the close of escrow.

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**Motion** (McClendon/Morales): To recess to Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0. The meeting recessed at 6:09 p.m. City Council left the dais to convene Executive Session in the conference room.

**Mayor Nicholls** reconvened the City Council meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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Continuing Discussion on Resolution R2025-046

- The MOU states that YPD officers and the Task Force officers will wear YPD body worn cameras and YPD will retain all body worn camera footage, including the footage from the Task Force officer's body worn camera. There is a requirement to provide a copy of the footage to the FBI, but the original footage will remain with YPD. (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)
- If body worn camera footage needs to be released, the Special Agent in charge needs to be notified 72 hours beforehand to ensure redactions are done within FBI policy. YPD Officers will always wear YPD body worn cameras only; FBI cameras will never be worn by YPD officers. (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)
- Staffing plans are to have two officers or two detectives that will be deputized for the Joint Terrorism Task Force and will work approximately eight hours a month with the FBI, except in the event of a major incident where the Task Force will respond to assist. (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)
- An MOU is not required for YPD to assist the FBI with major incidents. However, not having an MOU makes it difficult to obtain information from the FBI. Officers assigned to the Task Force will have top secret clearance, making it easier to get information without any deterrents. (**Mayor Nicholls/ Garrity**)
- It was a management decision to assign two officers to the Task Force, having one to back up the other in case one officer is out. If for any reason the Task Force officers work overtime, the FBI will reimburse YPD for that time. (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)
- YPD officers employed by the City of Yuma will follow YPD rules, including Use of Force policies. YPD does not tolerate any racial profiling or First Amendment violations. Officers found in breach of these policies are subject to dismissal. (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)

Continuing Discussion on Resolution R2025-047

- It is difficult to adjust a project when looking at the option of remaining stagnant on a certain property or adjusting the balance sheet to be able to benefit the community. The City is looking to work with a non-profit organization, and just like banks, when working with non-profit organizations the City should tread lightly and show their support. Yuma will be better for it. (Morales)

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Resolution R2025-041 – Intent to Create Municipal Improvement District No. 132: Butler Estates Unit 2 Subdivision (approve the creation of Municipal Improvement District (MID) No. 132 to serve Butler Estates Unit 2 Subdivision located at the southwest corner of E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street and S. Avenue 10E) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Resolution R2025-043 - Intent to Create Municipal Improvement District No. 134: Butler Estates Unit 1 Subdivision (approve the creation of Municipal Improvement District (MID) No. 134 to serve Butler Estates Unit 1 Subdivision located at the southwest corner of E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street and S. Avenue 10E) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

**Mayor Nicholls** declared a conflict of interest on Resolutions R2025-041 and R2025-043 due to his firm's involvement, turned the meeting over to **Deputy Mayor Smith**, and left the dais.

**Motion** (Morales/Watts): To adopt Resolutions R2025-041 and R2025-043 as recommended.

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

**Resolution R2025-041**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, declaring its intention to create Municipal Improvement District No. 132, serving Butler Estates Unit 2, 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 Butler Estates Unit 2** (formation of an MID to provide the operation, maintenance and repair of landscape improvements for Butler Estates 2) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

**Resolution R2025-043**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, declaring its intention to create Municipal Improvement District No. 134, servicing Butler Estates Unit 1, 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 Butler Estates Unit 1** (formation of an MID to provide the operation, maintenance and repair of landscape improvements for Butler Estates 1) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 6-0-1, **Mayor Nicholls** abstaining due to conflict of interest.

**Mayor Nicholls** returned to the dais.

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**Motion** (Morris/Smith): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended, with the exception of Resolutions R2025-041 and R2025-043 which were adopted through a previous vote.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

**Resolution R2025-033**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Joint Operation and use of a Regional Schools Safety System and Program between the City of Yuma and Somerton School District No. 11 (to provide terms and conditions for the joint use and operation of the School Safety Interoperability System) (IT)**

**Resolution R2025-034**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation for the scoping of South Frontage Rd and Avenue 10E project (to install a traffic signal and right turn lane at the intersection of South Frontage Road and Avenue 10E) (Eng)**

**Resolution R2025-035**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, approving and authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for the scoping services to install three pedestrian hybrid beacon crossing (16<sup>th</sup> Street at Arcadia Lane, 8<sup>th</sup> Street at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Clifford Way) (Eng)**

**Resolution R2025-036**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation for the scoping of Avenue B and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street traffic signal project (to install a traffic signal in the intersection) (Eng)**

**Resolution R2025-037**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Transportation for the scoping of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Cielo Verde Drive project (to improve safety at the intersection) (Eng)**

**Resolution R2025-038**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation to scope a safety countermeasure (project) to realign the curves on Redondo Center Drive between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Interstate 8 (I-8) ramps (flattening of 3 horizontal curves on Redondo Center Drive) (Eng)**

**Resolution R2025-039**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, ordering improvements for Municipal Improvement District No. 128 serving Desert Sands Units 4-6, 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 Desert Sands Units 4-6 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 assessed upon Municipal Improvement District No. 128; improvements shall be performed under Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) Title 48, Chapter 4, Article 2 (intended to provide long-term maintenance for subdivision landscaping) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

**Resolution R2025-040**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, ordering improvements for Municipal Improvements District No. 131, serving Villa Serena Unit No. 2 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 No. 2 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. 131; improvements shall be performed under Arizona Revised Statutes Title 48, Chapter 4, Article 2 (intended to provide long-term maintenance for subdivision landscaping) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

**Resolution R2025-042**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona declaring its intention to create Municipal Improvement District No. 133, serving Kahuna Estates, 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 Kahuna Estates (formation of an MID to provide the operation, maintenance and repair of landscape improvements for Kahuna Estates) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

**Resolution R2025-044**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving the execution of a Preannexation Development Agreement with Kenneth Halverson for Assessor Parcel Number 699-54-001 located at 9485 E. Stetson Street (to connect to City Services, the well servicing the residence is exceeding the recommended contaminant levels) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

**Resolution R2025-045**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving a lease agreement between the City of Yuma and Tal PHX Holdings, LLC of City-Owned property located at 1610 South Maple Avenue (a three-year lease for retail sale of cellular telephones) (Admn/Atty)**

**Resolution R2025-046**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing the City of Yuma to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of City participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force (to formalize and maximize the cooperation and cohesiveness between the FBI and the City Yuma Police Department) (YPD)**

**Resolution R2025-047**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving an Economic and Historic Downtown Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Yuma and Hotel San Carlos of Yuma, LLC (to redevelop the property as market rate residences, or into a hotel with national branding) (Atty)**

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

### III. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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

**Ordinance O2025-013**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, granting a setback and parking easement to the abutting property owner** (7<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way is approximately 20,928 square feet) (Eng)

**Ordinance O2025-014**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, vacating the real property hereafter described and authorizing execution of all necessary documents for transfer thereof** (vacate 28<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way to Top Quality Products, LLC) (Eng)

### IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED ITEMS

Ordinance O2025-015 – Rezoning of Property: Near the Southeast Corner of Avenue 9E and 24<sup>th</sup> Street (The planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of this rezone request by a vote of 4-2) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

**Mayor Nicholls** opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

**Amelia Domby** presented the following information:

- Request to rezone the property from the Agriculture (AG) District to the low Density Residential (R-1-6)
- The subject property is located near the southeast corner of Avenue 9E and 24<sup>th</sup> Street
- Approximately 33.38 acres in size
- The property was annexed and rezoned from Agriculture (AG) to Low Density Residential (R-1-40) in 2019; however, that rezone request expired in 2021
- Applicant is requesting to rezone the property to the Low Density Residential (R-1-6) District
- The applicant is proposing a single-family residential subdivision with approximately 85 lots
- Land use designation for this property is Low Density Residential District, this request is in conformance with the General Plan
- Staff notifies neighbors within 300 feet of the subject Property
- A neighborhood meeting was held on February 12, 2025, on site, with eight neighbors in attendance
  - During the meeting neighbors residing in the Patagonia Development, north of the subject property, expressed their concern with traffic congestion, subdivision landscaping, open space, and property values
  - Neighbors mentioned Yuma County was recently awarded a grant through the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant program
  - Neighbors suggested providing more open space and providing four larger lots to mirror the existing four lots within the Patagonia subdivision, to alleviate some of the concerns
- Developer has been working with City Engineering staff to address the traffic concerns
- Developer has provided an interim solution and will continue to work with staff through the subdivision design plat process
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Number 0441-ROAD2 is a capacity increase project on Avenue 9E from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to North Frontage Road for a new four-lane roadway and bridge widening, this project is currently in the design phase



- After neighbors addressed concerns about the railroad and school traffic backing up along Avenue 9E, the applicant proposed interim improvements that will allow the residents additional access in/out of the subdivision
- For the rezone process, a conceptual site plan was completed identifying the 85 lots, showing several easements running through the property, and the lot sizes ranging from 6,000 square feet to about 19,000 square feet
- On March 24, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing where neighboring property owners expressed their concern with the rezone request
- Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission were concerned about the proposed density and traffic along Avenue 9E
- The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the rezone request to rezone the property to the Low Density Residential (R-1-6) District

### Speakers

The following people spoke about the proposed rezoning of property near Avenue 9E and 24<sup>th</sup> Street to add 85 residential lots. They expressed their concerns about traffic congestion, lack of common areas, and the impact on property values.

- Quincy Smith
- Kyla Smith
- Sheldon Scheffer
- Kristina Scheffer
- Paul Rios

**Motion** (Smith/Morales): To close the Public Hearing. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0. The Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

### Discussion

- CIP project 0441-ROAD2 was moved to the 2026 CIP to expedite the project. This is an expense the City was already going to incur and although it does not immediately solve the issue, the City has a plan in place to increase lanes in the future. **(Morales)**
- The developer provided some additional right-of-way for residents to enjoy outdoor activities safely and away from traffic. **(Morales)**
- East of the properties is an Arizona Public Service (APS) station and Martha's Gardens that is currently accessed through Blaisdell Road. Conflicting information has been reported that Blaisdell Road might close, and traffic will be directed elsewhere. City planners need to monitor this matter on how it will impact the neighborhood. **(Morales)**
- If it is within the developers means, complementary aesthetics that coordinate with what has already been done by owners of the neighboring lots is supported. New neighborhoods should have a common area for families, but also understand that costs have increased, and adjustments need to be made to what was planned ten years ago. **(Morales)**
- The developers have agreed to include a walking path in the neighborhood even before bringing it to a City Council meeting agenda. **(Mayor Nicholls)**
- This property is not an easy property to design, as it is filled with easements in different directions making it challenging to come up with something feasible. The City should reconsider requiring the new owner to meet the same standards as the previous owner when it didn't work out in the past. **(Morris)**

- In the proposal the developer offered to dedicate 12½ feet to the City right-of-away for the entire west side of the property and pay for the improvements for the entire length of the property. That is a major obligation by the developer to help with the traffic issue. **(Morris)**
- The neighborhood west of the property is R-1-6 District and the new neighborhood will fit in well if rezoned to R-1-6. These are not low income or starter homes. These homes have a market value in the \$350,000 range. While these homes may not be affordable to many, the homes do have a positive impact on affordable homes by being available to current owners of affordable homes to level up and purchase a next level of home. **(Morris)**
- Additional conditions placed on the developer regarding the rezoning is not supported. **(Morris)**
- After speaking with homeowners, traffic continued to be a major issue. However, when speaking with the City Planners, the CIP project of the road widening and the double track for the railroad will help with the traffic issue tremendously. Hopefully after the homes are planned, developed, and plotted out, the widening of the road will be completed. **(Watts)**
- Five homes in front of the existing homes are reasonable. The aesthetic should match the already built homes and the low-density district will work in that aspect. **(Watts)**
- It is unfortunate the property was sold to a developer with different ideas than what the original developer brought to the table, which is why some homes on those properties were initially bought. It is encouraged that the new developer takes the existing homeowners concerns into consideration and honor them the best they can. **(Martinez)**
- Without raising false hopes, current homeowners and future homeowners should have a good relationship and good communication with the developer, ultimately coming to a compromise and hopefully find a resolution and come to an agreement about the development of the property. **(Morales)**
- It will take approximately a year and a half to complete the designs for CIP Project 0441-Road2. Consideration also needs to be given to: utilities that may need to be relocated, finalizing the right-of-way acquisition, and identifying funding of about \$10 million for the project. The project is anticipated to be completed by 2028 or 2029. **(Smith/Wostenberg)**
- Regarding Blaisdell and Araby Road, one side of the road has been abandoned and will be closed off when the road widening project is complete. The City has been working closely with consultants, developers and engineers on how to move some of the traffic through the neighborhood, but at the same time keep the APS easement open. **(Wostenberg)**
- Even if there were no Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR) in place, homeowners would still have to follow minimum development standards for R-1-6 which include setbacks, lot coverage and height restrictions. **(Smith/Domby)**

**Bushong** displayed the following title:

**Ordinance O2025-015**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, rezoning certain property located in the Agriculture (AG) District to the Low Density Residential (R-1-6) District, and amending the zoning map to conform with the rezoning (site is currently undeveloped and is approximately 33.38 acres in size) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)**

**V. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

**Morales** requests a presentation on two items to have an open discussion:

- The first item requested was a status update of the combination of Space Port and Elevate Southwest as they will be working together on the Space Port project. The update should include where the funding is coming from, what agencies the City is working with for this project, and a status on Mexico joining the project.
- The Second item pertains to the Outside Agency Summary Report. An updated summary is requested of the agencies that the City is supporting and the relationship the City has with each agency. The presentations should be done before the June 18, 2025, City Council meeting.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING**Announcements

**Smith, Morales, Watts, McClendon, Morris, Martinez, and Mayor Nicholls** reported on the following meetings attended and upcoming events:

- Children's Festival of the Arts
- Community Roundtable on Water in Yuma
- 2025 Yuma County Nurses Gala
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Etiquette Luncheon at Arizona Western College (AWC)
- Yuma Click & Fix Promotion Video
- Republican Monthly Meeting
- Council Budget Meeting
- Arbor Day Celebration
- AWC Xi Zeta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Donation Presentation
- Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, Arizona Department of Transportation Presentation
- Tour of the City of Yuma Municipal Court
- Vistara Apartment Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- AWC Culinary Class
- Yuma Harvest Preparatory Academy for the National Day of Prayer
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Commission Meeting
- Cristina's Closet Gala
- Joint Land Usage Plan (JLUP) Committee Meeting
- Affordable Housing Workshop
- Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) Orientation
- National Fraternal Order of Police Meeting
- Bring Your Child to Work Day Event
- National Water Resources Association Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
- Yuma Truck Driving School 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 4FrontEd Board Meeting

Scheduling

**Motion** (Morales/Watts): To resume the scheduling of Regular City Council Worksessions on each Tuesday prior to regular scheduled City Council Meetings, beginning June 3, 2025, with an agenda to be posted in accordance with state law. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

**VII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Simonton** reported the following events:

- Simonton informed the community of free swimming lessons for children six months to five years of age. Thanks to partnerships with the Yuma County Health Services District, Prison Hill Liquid Foundation and funding through the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Pool Safety Grant Program, the City was awarded 250 scholarships for swim lessons available to all Yuma County residents. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

**VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**Mike Shelton**, City resident, suggested bringing a ten-foot water slide to the City as an appealing attraction. **Shelton** recommended the waterslide be a part of the Kennedy Pool complex since those discussions and plans are still in progress.

**Anthony Felix**, City resident, voiced his concerns about the management of a past case involving the Yuma Police Department.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** (Smith/Morales): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:

City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_