

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
JANUARY 15, 2025
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Pastor Tom Renard, Zion Church, gave the invocation. **Isaiah Kirk**, Chief Information Officer, 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: Morales, Smith, McClendon, Morris, Watts, Martinez, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staffmembers Present: Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Morris/Morales): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes	November 20, 2024
Regular Council Worksession Minutes	December 17, 2024

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. Authorize the City Administrator to amend the Design-Build construction contract with Willmeng Construction and add American Ramp Company to the extended warranty and bonding requirements for Kennedy Skate Park. (Eng/Pks & Rec)

2. Approve a Series #10: Beer and Wine Store Liquor License application submitted by Andrea Lewkowicz, agent for Pilot Travel Center #1208 located at 3075 Gila Ridge Road. (LL24-18) (Admn/Clk)
3. Authorize the use of the cooperative purchase agreement initiated by the City of Tempe for the purchase of commercial pool and aquatics equipment and repair services with Landmark Aquatic LLC of Denver, Colorado, a one-year term with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, for an estimated annual expenditure of \$105,217.00. (CPA-25-220) (FacI Mgmt/Purch)
4. Authorize the continued purchase of Proofpoint Email Security and Protection licensing utilizing a Cooperative Purchase Agreement through the State of Arizona for a one-year term with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods for an estimated annual expenditure of \$140,000.00 to SHI, Somerset, New Jersey. (CPA-24-001) (IT/Purch)
5. Authorize the purchase of equipment and services supporting the regional public safety software system utilizing Cooperative Purchase Agreements to Code 3 Technology, Mesa, Arizona for a total amount of \$148,749.20. (YRCS-GNT-25-224) (IT/Purch)

II. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance O2025-001 – Rezoning of Property: 4454 E. 40th Street (Rezone approximately .85 acres from the Agriculture (AG) District to the Light Industrial (L-I) District located at 4454 E. 40th Street, Yuma, AZ) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Morales declared a potential conflict of interest on Ordinance O2025-001. Being that there were no questions or speakers for Ordinance O2025-001, **Mayor Nicholls** allowed Morales to stay on the dais for the introduction of the Ordinance.

Bushong displayed the following title(s):

Ordinance O2025-001

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 Light Industrial (L-I) District, and amending the zoning map to conform with the rezoning (.85 acres located at 4454 E. 40th Street) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs)

Ordinance O2025-002

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 General Commercial /Aesthetic Overlay (B-2/AO) District to the Medium Density Residential/Planned Unit Development (R-2/PUD) District, and amending the zoning map to conform with the rezoning (9.74 acres located at the northwest corner of 34th Street and DeVane Drive) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs)

III. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Appointments

Suggested Council appointed positions/committees:

Motion (Morris/Morales): to nominate Councilmember Smith to serve as the Deputy Mayor for the year 2025. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Smith/McClendon): to appoint Mayor Nicholls to the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Executive Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Morales/Watts): to appoint Councilmember Morris to the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Watts/Smith): to appoint Councilmember Morris to the Greater Yuma Port Authority. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Morris/Smith): to appoint Councilmember McClendon to the Western Arizona Council of Governments, Executive Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Morales/McClendon): to appoint Councilmember Martinez to the Western Arizona Council of Governments Council on Aging. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Watts/Smith): to nominate Councilmember Morales to the Western Arizona Council of Governments Yuma County Advisory Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Smith/McClendon): to appoint Mayor Nicholls and Councilmember Morris to the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (McClendon/Morris): to appoint Councilmember Morales, and Councilmember Watts, and Deputy Mayor Smith to the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization, Executive Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Morales/Smith): to appoint Councilmember McClendon to the Yuma Fire Public Safety Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Motion (Morris/Watts): to appoint Councilmember McClendon to the Yuma Public Safety Police Board. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Board and Commission appointments:

Motion (Smith/Morales): to appoint Jorge Alejandro Gonzales to the Planning and Zoning Commission, with a term expiring December 31, 2025. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

Announcements

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

- Yuma Skate Park Ribbon Cutting
- Yuma Ag Fest
- Inauguration Ceremony for City Councilmembers Martinez and Watts
- Arizona Western College Etiquette Committee Luncheon
- East Mesa Community Park Groundbreaking
- Clean and Beautiful Commission Cleanup of 16th Street Corridor
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns – Municipal Grant Seeking and Writing Training via Zoom
- Christmas at the Crossing – Yuma Christmas Event
- Crossroads Mission Christmas Ball
- City of Yuma Employee Star Awards
- Arizona League of Cities and Towns – 2025 Legislature Opening Day via Zoom
- Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
- Quechan Tribal Council Swearing In Ceremony
- Arizona State Veteran Home – Vietnam Veterans Day
- 2025 Somerton Tamale Festival
- Yuma County Board of Supervisors and Judges Swearing In Ceremony
- Elevate Southwest Board Meeting
- Meeting with Anna M. Chavez – President & CEO, Arizona Community Foundation

Mayor Nicholls thanked new Councilmembers Watts and Martinez for joining the City Council and is excited for a great year.

Scheduling – **McClendon** requested a presentation at a future Worksession regarding the Click and Fix application and requested a QR code be added to the application to make it easier for the community to report non-emergency service requests and concerns. **McClendon** would also like an update on graffiti clean-up and a demonstration on how to report graffiti to the City.

IV. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Simonton reported the following events:

- January 27, 2025 - Neighborhood Cleanup begins
- January 30, 31 & February 1, 2025 - Camp Inferno

Simonton reminded the community that City Hall will be closed January 20, 2025, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The closure will affect the refuse pickup schedule by one day.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Eugene Johnson Jr, City resident, and representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) thanked **Mayor Nicholls** and City Council for their support and attendance of NAACP events within the City of Yuma. **Johnson** invited Mayor Nicholls and City Council to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walk and Celebration on January 20, 2025. **Johnson** reported that the NAACP is growing and getting stronger in the City of Yuma.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Morales/McClendon): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved 7-0**. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:

City Clerk: _____