

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
June 25, 2024
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 5:36 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Morales, Smith, McClendon (via telephone), Morris, Shoop, Shelton, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staffmembers Present: Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton
Director of Parks & Recreation, Eric Urfer
Director of Planning & Neighborhood Svc., Alyssa Linville
Procurement Manager, Robin Wilson
Neighborhood Svc. Manager, Nikki Hoogendoorn
Police Chief, Thomas Garrity
Finance Director, Doug Allen
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

I. GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY

Buna George, Executive Director of the Greater Yuma Port Authority (GYPA), presented updates of current GYPA activities as follows:

- Mission Statement
 - The Greater Yuma Port Authority will develop a gateway for global trade and facilitate, promote and support multi-modal transportation and trade opportunities to enhance economic development in the Greater Yuma area
- Leadership Changes
 - Board members, Frank Rascon and Wayne Gale retired from the GYPA Board
 - Port Director, John Schwalm retired from Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
 - Mayor of San Luis, Nieves Reidel joins the GYPA Board
 - RL Jones Custom House Broker, Russell Jones joins the GYPA Board
 - Mayor of the City of Yuma, Douglas Nicholls joins the GYPA Board to serve the remainder of Councilmember Gary Knight's term.
- New Drivers and Refined Vision
 - Board Retreat – March 7, 2024
 - Self-sustaining financial model
 - Partner with City of San Luis on feasibility study for Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) at San Luis II
 - Elevated engagement with private sectors and ex-officios

- Enhanced engagement with municipal economic development agencies
- Joint promotional efforts with Mexican governmental entities
- A trade organization is in the works
 - Will be a means for those involved in the trade community – from drivers to distributors, brokers and workers – from both sides of the border to come together to voice their needs
 - GYPA stands for a strong front in international commerce and will provide an organization to bring forth more efficiencies within the trade community
- Magrino Industrial Park
 - Phase 4 (86 acres) Groundbreaking in October 2022
 - Yuma County oversaw the development
 - Partial funding from Yuma County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund
 - Remainder on a loan with Yuma County (\$2.28 million)
 - Completed in July 2023
 - Sold in July 2023 for approximately \$7 million
- Promoting Economic Development
 - GYPA played a key role in promoting economic development and job opportunities throughout the Yuma community
 - With land development, GYPA was able to attract investment, support business expansion, and facilitate international trade partnerships to stimulate economic growth and prosperity
- Outside Engagement
 - Joint resolution with GYPA, Nogales Port Authority, and Douglas Port Authority signed in September 2023 to advocate as a unified voice for the needs of the international ports of Arizona such as the need for adequate border patrol staffing, infrastructure and modifications, and joint communication efforts between state, federal and international partners
 - Nogales port remodel and relocation is anticipated to be one of the most expensive port remodels due to the scope of work
- Fostering International Relations
 - GYPA's primary mission is to enhance port efficiency, promote international economic development, and strengthen bi-national relationships within the Arizona/Sonora region
 - None of those tasks are one sided; key collaborators and partnerships are integral for this region to remain competitive
- Border Crossing Statistics
 - Private vehicles through San Luis I port of entry has seen an increase in traffic from 2019 to 2023
 - San Luis I port goal is to improve wait times; Juan Ciscomani's House Bill to improve screenings procedures for CBP staff will aid in efficiency.

George concluded that GYPA is in a healthy financial position because of the land sale and that no cash call was required this year from the City of Yuma; GYPA is going in a great direction with feedback from the retreat and phenomenal leadership on the board.

Discussion

- The finality of the development of the Industrial Park is one great success in the five and half years George has been employed with GYPA, along with paying the project loan in full, with no interest payments and a positive bank balance at the end of five and a half years is a huge metric. (**Morales/**

George)

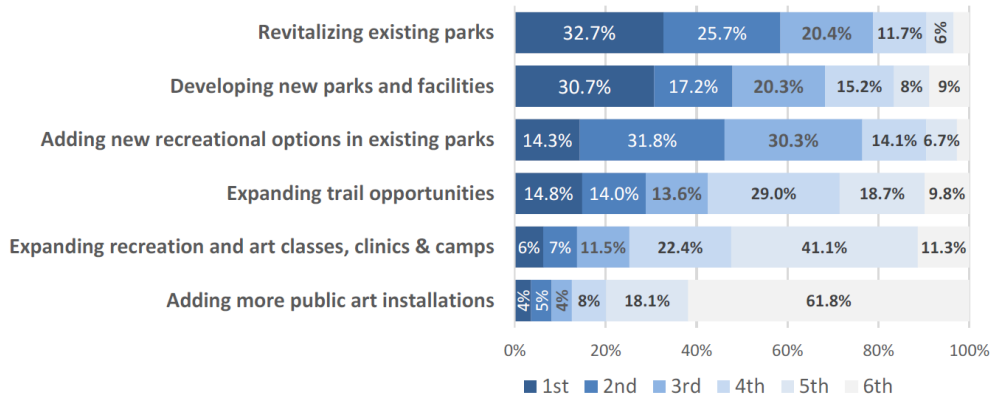
- Trade with Mexico is absolutely crucial. Because of the geographical location, the United States and Mexico must have a strategic partnership. Their economies are very much intertwined, like with agricultural for example. The shared labor pool helps keep the cost down in the United States. **(Morales/Gorge)**
- The document presented here tonight was in fact presented at the Congressional Briefing held in Tucson, AZ where 10 of the 11 offices were present. **(Shelton/George)**

II. PARKS MASTER PLAN

Eric Urfer, Director of Parks and Recreation explained the ten-year vision of the Parks Master Plan as creating a vision for an innovative, inclusive and interconnected system of parks, trails, and open space that promotes recreation, health, environmental conservation, and fiscal responsibility. **Urfer** introduced **Steven Duh**, Principal at Conservation Technix, Inc. who presented the results of the Parks, Arts, Recreation, & Trails Master Plan:

- Project Overview
 - The Parks, Arts, Recreation and Trails (PART) Plan is a 10-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing parks, open space, trails, and recreation opportunities for the Yuma community
 - The PART Plan will guide improvements to the park and recreation system and help the City focus future investments
- Community Outreach – Over 3,000 participants provided input
 - Community Survey #1: Usage and Interests
 - Community Survey #2: Priorities
 - Open House Series
 - Tabling and Pop-Up Events
 - Stakeholder Discussions
 - Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission
 - City Council Touch Points
- Community Feedback
 - Survey #1: 1,540 responses
 - Mail Survey – 256 (6.4% response rate)
 - Online Only – 1,265
 - Spanish – 29 (10 mail, 19 online)
 - Survey #2: 1,106 responses
 - Mail Survey – 254 (6.4% response rate)
 - Online Only – 852
 - Spanish – 20 (14 mail, 6 online)

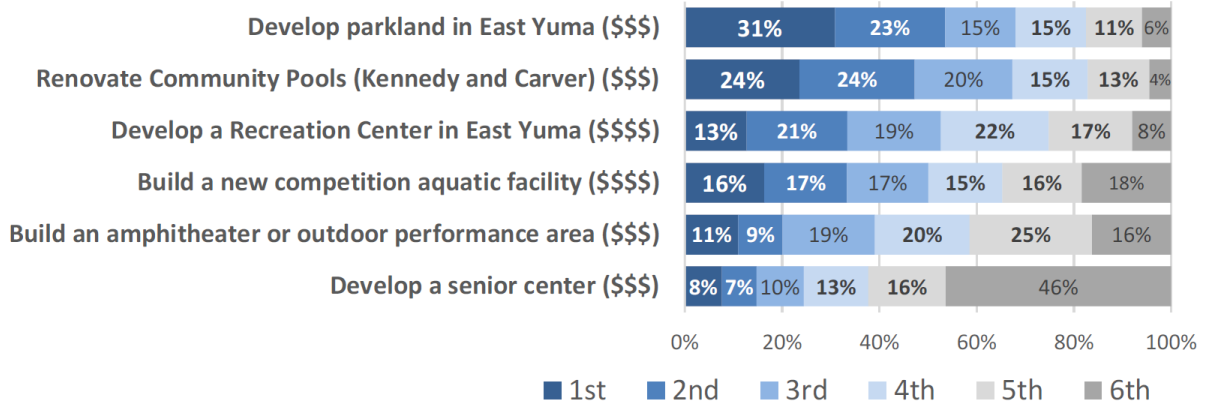
○ Forced Rank Priorities



○ Top Priority Investments (**top and high priority**, top priority)

- Restroom facilities in parks (**80%**, 36%)
- Renovate Community Pools (Kennedy and Carver) (**69%**, 38%)
- Upgrade or renovate existing playgrounds (**67%**, 22%)
- Install outdoor splash pads / water spray parks (**64%**, 28%)
- Develop additional walking trails (**59%**, 25%)
- Develop parkland in Yuma’s East Side (**58%**, 28%)
- Install additional playgrounds (**54%**, 22%)
- Develop a Recreation Center in East Yuma (**53%**, 26%)

○ Forced Rank Investments



○ Dollar Value Investments

	Total Dollar Value	Average	Percentage of Total \$	Median \$
Build an indoor recreation center including a gym, walking track, and program/classroom space	\$21,091	\$29.09	24.8%	\$20
Renovate park playgrounds and add shade structures	\$14,481	\$20.28	17.0%	\$15
Renovate Community Pools (Kennedy and Carver) (as is, same size)	\$14,436	\$20.22	17.0%	\$10
Build an aquatic center with competition pool	\$13,321	\$19.22	15.7%	\$6
Renovate park restrooms and ramadas	\$12,750	\$17.63	15.0%	\$10
Build additional soccer fields with lights	\$9,021	\$13.48	10.6%	\$5

○ Core Themes

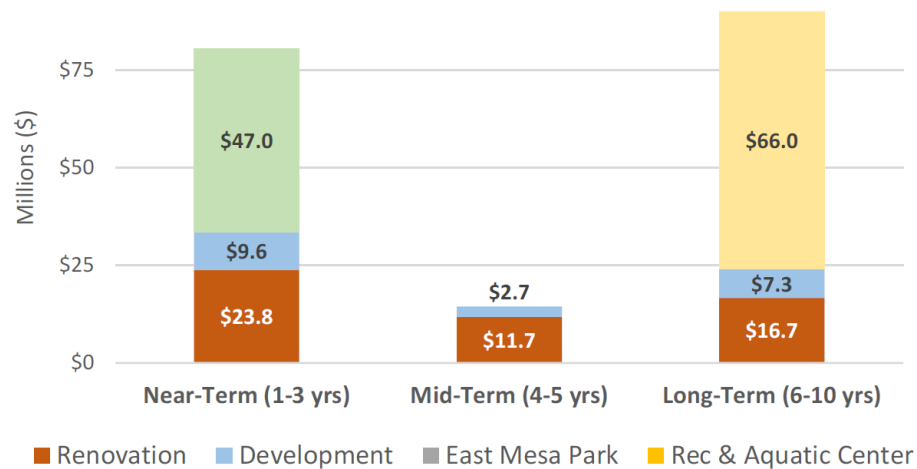
- Take Care of What You Have
 - Renovate and upgrade existing parks
 - Renovate community pools
 - Upgrade playgrounds, restrooms and ramadas
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance – barrier removal
 - Upkeep and maintenance
- Expand Recreational Opportunities
 - Develop parks in east Yuma
 - Water play: spraygrounds, splash pads, community pools
 - Indoor recreation space
 - Playground shade structures
 - Youth sports, outdoor recreation and teen activities
 - Trail connections

• Plan Structure

- Context, Process and Inventory
 - Chapter 1: Overview and Introduction
 - Chapter 2: Community Profile
 - Chapter 3: Community Engagement
 - Chapter 4: Classifications and Inventory
- Needs Assessments
 - Chapter 5: Parks and Open Space
 - Chapter 6: Recreation Programs and Facilities
 - Chapter 7: Arts and Culture
 - Chapter 8: Recreational Trails
 - Chapter 9: Operations and Maintenance
 - Community feedback, trends, local needs, and potential improvements
- Goals and Recommendations
 - Chapter 10: Goals and Policies
 - Policy framework grouped by guiding principle and major program area
 - Chapter 11: Capital Planning and Implementation
 - 10-year Park Improvement Plan

- Strategies to consider for implementation
- Guiding Principles and Goals
 - Guiding Principle 1: Maintain and Invest in the Existing Park and Recreation System
 - Goal 1 – Provide the Yuma community with safe, well-maintained, and proactively managed parks and recreation facilities
 - Goal 2 – Design and develop high-quality parks, trails, and recreation facilities throughout Yuma
 - Goal 3 – Conserve, enhance, and provide access to natural resource lands for habitat conservation, recreation, and environmental education
 - Guiding Principle 2: Expand Access to Recreation for All
 - Goal 4 – Ensure that the parks and recreation system is available, accessible, and varied to best serve the needs of Yuma’s diverse population
 - Goal 5 – Offer and improve healthy lifestyle choices and opportunities through park and recreation facilities and programs
 - Goal 6 – Improve connectivity between parks, neighborhoods and public amenities to achieve a walkable, interconnected park and recreation system to serve the entire community
 - Guiding Principle 3: Respond to Growth and Development
 - Goal 7 – Expand the City’s park and recreation system through targeted investments to meet the needs of current and future residents and ensure a more equitable distribution and availability of park and outdoor recreation opportunities
 - Guiding Principle 4: Celebrate History, Art and Culture
 - Goal 8 – Support the development and preservation of unique facilities which reflect and celebrate the cultural, artistic, and historic integrity of Yuma
 - Guiding Principle 5: Lead for the Future
 - Goal 9 – Pursue sustainable funding mechanisms and continue to foster partnerships to improve and broaden the parks and recreation system
 - Goal 10 – Encourage and support community engagement and pursue collaborative partnerships to strengthen and grow parks and recreation programs and services
- Capital Planning
 - Overview
 - Ten-year planning tool
 - Not an official budget
 - Guides planning, acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities
 - Planning level cost estimates
 - Proposed time frames
- Capital Investments
 - Near-Term (1-3 Years) Project Recommendations - \$80.5 million
 - Develop East Mesa Community Park
 - represents a substantial portion of the \$80.5 million
 - Renovate Kennedy Skate Park
 - Develop Kennedy Aquatic Center (large sprayground, neighborhood pool)
 - Yuma Civic Center Audio-Visual (AV), Heating Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC), and mechanical repairs
 - Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study
 - Indoor Recreation Center Feasibility Study
 - Renovate and replace playgrounds, ramadas and restrooms

- Mid-Term (4-5 Years) Project Recommendations - \$14.4 million
 - Renovate and replace playgrounds, ramadas and restrooms
 - Upgrade athletic field lighting, irrigation and fencing
 - Install additional sport courts and park walking paths
 - North End Community Center HVAC replacement
- Long-Term (6-10 Years) Project Recommendations - \$89.9 million
 - Develop east Yuma recreation center with aquatics
 - Plan and develop additional parks in east Yuma
 - Install additional sport courts & dog parks
 - Upgrade athletic field lighting, irrigation & fencing
 - Additional Art, Civic and Community Center renovations
- Capital Plan Estimate by Time Frame



Discussion

- The entire document outlining the Parks Master Plan will be available upon request and a modified version with recommendations will be put together for brevity. **(Nicholls/Urfer)**
- In the document you will see several tables and charts that identify the variety of amenities provided by the City and also a comparison between Yuma and other national statistics to get a sense of how Yuma is comparing. That data is critical in making future decisions with partnerships or things of that sort. **(Nicholls/Duh)**
- Ideally this item will be revisited in late July, but there is no rush. If needed, the item can be revisited at the August City Council Meeting. **(Simonton)**
- There have been discussions with Finance to begin working on a cash flow analysis for the 2% fund to figure out where we are right now as far as revenue, and show what the anticipated revenues will be and what the anticipated ongoing expenditures will be for each project over the next 10 years. The data collected within the first five years will help give a snapshot of the cost of future projects and give an opportunity to possibly substitute smaller projects for larger projects down the line. **(Morris/Urfer)**
- The ambiguity of how the questions were termed in the survey may have contributed to the discrepancy between the community prioritizing the top investments. **(Smith/Duh)**
- In a Sprayground play area there are different zones that are developed based on the target audience. Families with small children would be in a zone with bubblers and smaller water features. In a separate zone there would be large dump buckets of water and larger water features for older

children. There are also teen areas with more of a hangout space and an adult shaded area for parents to sit and watch their children play. The different zones make the Spraygrounds suitable for all ages. A FlowRider water feature is also something that is being explored to add to the Parks Master Plan project. **(Shelton/Urfer)**

- In an aquatic feasibility study, the overall demand for aquatic amenities would be studied first. Next, research and community outreach would determine if the chosen amenity is warranted, and the specifications of the project would be reviewed. It is written in the Parks Master Plan that an aquatic facility study should also be done in conjunction with a recreation center to try and economize cost by building one facility with shared space. **(Shelton/Urfer)**
- The Parks Master Plan is not currently available for the community to view; however, it can be made available online. The Master Plan will also be available to the Parks, Arts, & Recreation Commission to review considering they make a lot of decisions on what goes on at the parks around the community. **(Morales/Urfer)**
- The project list includes long standing needs for areas like the Historic Theater, Arts Center, and the Civic Center in terms of the mechanical, electrical and HVAC needs. There is also a list of opportunities for expansion for space to be better utilized, but the Master Plan does not specify what to focus on now, rather than later, in order to not pay more in the long run. The East Mesa Park project is a project with a lot of big-ticket items that would benefit from swapping projects around to try and save money. **(Morales/Duh/Urfer)**
- The splashpads in the Master Plan are not comparable to Waylon's Water World. The splashpads will be smaller in scale, but larger than anything the City currently has. The splashpads will be placed in larger parks and will typically be open to the public unless the area is gated or monitored by guards. For example, if the park has a surfing water amenity that area would require a guard. **(Shelton/Urfer)**
- A chapter specific to arts and culture is included in the Parks Master Plan. Within that chapter it references the community's input through surveys and other community conversations. It also references the existing facilities, the demands on those facilities, and the shortcomings of those facilities as well as performance and exhibit areas. There are recommendations within the chapter on ways to enhance or improve the facilities and performance spaces. **(Mayor Nicholls/Duh)**
- A new performing arts center was noted in the community survey primarily through write in comments when answering open-ended questions. As the City plans through the ten-year project window, a performing arts center might need to be evaluated a little closer. **(Mayor Nicholls/Duh)**
- Goal six, connectivity, is something to keep in mind when planning for the future. The younger generations are focusing on walking and hiking trails, and we have a river park that is not a part of the City parks; there needs to be some connectivity. **(Shoop)**
- Carver Park needs a lot of work, and the master plan calls for a complete renovation of Carver Park. The plan also calls for a splashpad similar to what will be installed at Kennedy Park. Specific to the pool, there are two options: 1) if the pools come to fruition as planned, Carver Pool can potentially be phased out; 2) if the pools do not come to fruition, Carver Pool will be renovated as it is still a good space for aquatic programs. **(Shelton/Urfer)**
- A developed 10 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is available for review. The CIP lists all the City parks and facilities with its available amenities and gives a scheduled time of replacement or a scheduled time in which construction of a new facility would take place. **(McClendon/Urfer)**

III. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF JUNE 26, 2024

MC 2024-085 - Final Plat: Downtown Heights Subdivision (Approve the final plat of the Downtown Heights Subdivision. The property is located on the northwest corner of Giss Pkwy and 3rd Avenue) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Discussion

- The Design and Historic Review Commission uses guidelines approved by City Council to review property development applications within the Old Town District. Moving forward the applications can be provided to City Council for review. **(Smith/Linville)**

MC 2024-073 – Bid Award: Concert Production Services (Award to the most responsive and responsible bidder a one-year contract for concert production services with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods. The option to renew depends on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance. The estimated annual expenditure of \$44,948.10 is awarded to Showboss LLC, Mesa, Arizona) (RFB-24-323) (Admn/Purch)

Discussion

- There were only two bids submitted for concert services, Showboss LLC and Tronix Sound. Tronix Sound was \$20,000 higher in price than Showboss, LLC. **(Mayor Nicholls/Wilson)**

MC 2024-075 – Cooperative Purchase Agreement: Amazon Business (Authorize the purchase of various products offered from Amazon Business utilizing Omnia Partners cooperative purchase agreement at an estimated annual amount of \$500,000.00) (CPA-25-006) (Fin/Purch)

Discussion

- Department cardholders can order what is needed for their department up to \$5,000 without having to do a solicitation. The Purchasing Department encourages the card holders to use merchants who currently have contracts with the City first. However, there are instances when items may be needed sooner than later, and items are ordered through the Amazon website. A policy can be developed for cardholders to shop locally before purchasing items from outside vendors. **(Mayor Nicholls/Wilson/ Simonton)**

MC 2024-084 – 2024 Annual Action Plan – Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (Approve the City of Yuma 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan and authorize the City Administrator to execute funding agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Nbhd Svcs)

Discussion

- CDBG money does not have to be used for housing only; it can also be used for community development. This is the first year Arizona Western College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) applied for CDBG funds. Funds are not automatically disbursed to grant recipients annually. Applications need to be submitted each year to compete for CDBG funds. **(Morris/Hoogendoorn)**
- The funds will be used for one-on-one counseling services for eligible small businesses. The small business owner requesting services from SBDC must meet income qualifications in that CDBG

funds are to be used to benefit low to moderate income people. A meeting was held with SBDC to discuss the guidelines and be certain they wanted to move forward with the project as outlined, and they accepted. **(Morris/Hoogendoorn)**

- Compared to last year CDBG funding increased by almost \$60,000 and HOME funding, which is used for housing expenses only, decreased over \$100,000. **(Morris/Hoogendoorn)**
- SBDC initially applied for close to \$100,000 in funds. The CDBG citizen committee reviewed their application and made the funding decision to award them \$50,000. Crossroads Mission applied for \$40,000 and they received the full amount they requested; entities that applied for funding received the full funding they requested. If SBDC did not receive \$50,000 in funding, that money would have most likely been used for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. **(Morales/Hoogendoorn)**
- Quarterly reports are examined to see how the CDBG fund recipients are performing. If there are signs of trouble, the company is offered help and guidance to get them on the right track. At the end of the year, if the program did not perform well and funds are left over, those funds are rolled over to the next year and are now “unprogrammed” funds. These funds get put into a pot and are added to the total of funds received by the City from CDBG the following year. **(Mayor Nicholls/Hoogendoorn)**

Resolution R2024-029 – Memorandum of Understanding: Special Operations Group (Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between United States Customs and Border Protection and the Yuma Police Department to assign federal personnel to the Police Department’s Special Operations Group) (YPD)

Discussion

- The Memorandum of Understanding is a formal agreement between the United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) and the City of Yuma Police Department where the CBP will be assigning their agents to the Yuma Police Department to work in cooperation on operations, seeing that a lot of crime is cross-border. The agreement outlines the rules and regulations on how to operate and work together. **(Morris/Garrity)**
- Although the City and CBP already work closely together, it is great to have a formal expectation of operations. CBP is a key element in our community, and this is a great program. **(Mayor Nicholls)**

Resolution R2024-026 – Election Consolidation, Voting Center Locations, and the Election Board (Adopt the voting center locations and consolidation of the precincts, and appoint an election board for the 2024 City of Yuma Primary and General Elections to be held July 30, 2024, and November 5, 2024, respectively) (Admn/Clk)

Discussion

- Election consolidation is a budget item placed in the budget every year. A fiscal amount is not included as we do not know how many other entities will be participating in the election. In previous years the election expenditures were approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000. **(Mayor Nicholls/Bushong)**

Resolution R2024-028 – Annual Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Funding Policy for Fiscal Year 2025 (Adopt the annual Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) funding policy for Fiscal Year 2025, as required under Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-863.01) (Fin)

Discussion

- We are monitoring the PSPRS report closely to be able to take quick action and bring it to City Council’s attention if needed. Right now, the PSPRS fund is at a good number, and we do not want to over fund the account and lose money. **(Mayor Nicholls/Allen)**

Ordinance O2024-024 – Amend Yuma City Code: Regulating Parks Within the City (Adopt a City ordinance to update current park operations and address ongoing issues in the parks) (Pks & Rec)

Urfer presented the following:

- The proposed ordinance has not been updated in some 30 years.
- Changes are being made to better reflect current operations and to help address some of the issues that are happening after hours:
 - Eliminating swimming in ponds intended for fishing
 - Driving of unauthorized vehicles onto park grounds
- The language in the ordinance indicates 9:00 p.m. as the default closing time for parks, but gives the City the flexibility to set other closing times when appropriate:
 - Smaller parks and neighborhood parks will close at 9:00 p.m. unless the park has an amenity designed for night use or a event permit has been approved
 - Larger parks with or without amenities designed for night use will remain open until 11 p.m.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Park Hours</u>
ARMED FORCES PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
BARKLEY RANCH PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
CENTENNIAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
CLYMER BUILDING & CLYMER PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
DESERT HILLS GC	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
DESERT HILLS PAR3 GC	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
DESERT RIDGE PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
HACIENDA PARK 1	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
HACIENDA PARK 2	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
HACIENDA PARK 3	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
HACIENDA PARK 4	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
HERITAGE LIBRARY PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
JENNIFER WILSON PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
KIWANIS PARK & KIWANIS FIELD	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
LAS CASITAS PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
MARCUS PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
NETWEST PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
OCOTILLO PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
PARKWAY PLACE PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
PONDEROSA PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
ROXABOXEN PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
SAGUARO NEIGHBOR PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
SAGUINETTI MEMORIAL PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
SHAW FIELD	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
TERRACES PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm
VICTORIA MEADOWS PARK	5:00 am - 9:00 pm

<u>Location</u>	<u>Park Hours</u>
BARK PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
CABALLERO PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
CARVER PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
CIBOLA ATHLETIC FIELD	5:00 am - 11:00pm
DESERT SUN STADIUM / RAY KROC	5:00 am - 11:00pm
EAST MESA COMMUNITY PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
ELENA ORENDAIN CURTIS ATHLETIC COMPLEX	5:00 am - 11:00pm
FRIENDSHIP PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
GATEWAY PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
JOE HENRY ATHLETIC FIELD	5:00 am - 11:00pm
JOE HENRY MEMORIAL PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
JOE HENRY OPTIMIST CTR	5:00 am - 11:00pm
KEEGAN ATHLETIC FIELD	5:00 am - 11:00pm
KENNEDY ATHLETIC COMPLEX	5:00 am - 11:00pm
KENNEDY MEMORIAL PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
PACIFIC AVENUE ATHLETIC COMPLEX (PAAC)	5:00 am - 11:00pm
RIVERSIDE PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
SANGUINETTI ATHLETIC FIELD	5:00 am - 11:00pm
SMUCKER PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
SUNRISE OPTIMIST PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
WEST WETLANDS PARK /CENTENNIAL BEACH	5:00 am - 11:00pm
WINSOR ROTARY PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm
WOODARD ATHLETIC COMPLEX	5:00 am - 11:00pm
YUMA VALLEY PARK	5:00 am - 11:00pm

- Parks listed on the left side of the page are generally smaller neighborhood parks with inadequate lighting for nighttime use, and would close at 9:00 p.m.
- Parks listed on the right side of the page are parks that have amenities for nighttime use and

would stay open until 11:00 p.m.

- Parks closing at 9:00 p.m. will give park employees the opportunity to check and secure those parks first and then focus on the larger, more active parks that close at 11:00 p.m.

Discussion

- The change in park operating hours was recommended to try to curb the vandalism and illegal activities taking place at the unlit parks. **(Mayor Nicholls/Urfer)**
- The list of park names and proposed closing times will not be included in the ordinance; this is so the City can adjust times if the need arises. **(Mayor Nicholls/Urfer)**
- The penalty for violation of the parks City Code will remain the same as it has been since the 1990’s. The penalty, a class two misdemeanor, is not a newly added penalty as many citizens tend to believe. **(Morales/Urfer)**
- New signs will be made and posted to inform the community of the changes once the ordinance is approved. The Parks & Recreation Department will also look into possibly adding a quick-response code (QR) for the Yuma Click & Fix application and a QR code for the Yuma Police Department application to the signs to make it easier for the community to submit their concerns. **(Morales/Urfer)**
- Taking into consideration the City curfew for minors, the newly proposed park hours will give kids a well-lit and safe place to go. **(Smith)**
- The parks within the potential 9:00 p.m. closing times do not have facilities. There might be one park with a basketball court, but that court is not lit for nighttime use. Each park activity used at night has a certain amount of lumen levels that need to be reached to provide a safe play space, the small parks are not equipped with adequate lighting because they are not designed for nighttime use. **(Shelton/Urfer)**
- For extra clarification, if someone is holding an event like a birthday party at a ramada inside a park that closes at 9:00 p.m., a special permit can be issued by the Parks & Recreation Department to stay in the park until 11:00 p.m. **(Morris/Urfer)**
- Once the Ordinance is adopted and the 30-day referendum has passed, the new hours will be posted to the City website, and new signage will be posted around the parks. **(Morris/Urfer)**
- The Park Patrol and Police Officers will educate people on the new hours and give them a chance to comply before any enforcement action takes effect. **(Mayor Nicholls/Garrity)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Morales/Morris): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of: _____ City Clerk: _____
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