

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-047

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE YUMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 240 SOUTH MADISON AVENUE AND 272 MADISON AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yuma adopted a *Strategic Plan For the City of Yuma* that envisions Yuma as a thriving, safe, and prosperous community with opportunities powered by innovation, partnerships, collaboration and robust education – a unique and welcoming place that all generations are proud to share; and,

WHEREAS, during the 2024 Legislative Session, Governor Hobbs approved SB1441, which transferred ownership of the Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens, Jack Mellon House, and the Molina Block from the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) to the City of Yuma; and,

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2024, the Yuma City Council officially accepted ownership of the properties through Ordinance O2024-018; and,

WHEREAS, the Yuma County Historical Society (YCHS) is dedicated to preserving and celebrating Yuma’s rich history through initiatives like collecting oral histories and curating exhibits at the Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens; and,

WHEREAS, YCHS has successfully managed and operated these historic properties on behalf of AHS and expressed interest in continuing to manage and operate these properties on behalf of the City; and,

WHEREAS, partnering with YCHS leverages their organizational knowledge, background, and expertise in Yuma’s history, while ensuring continuity in operations and in the preservation of these historic sites; and

WHEREAS, YCHS will operate daily, with responsibility for all operating, insurance (excluding property insurance), and maintenance costs of the Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens, the Jack Mellon House, and the Molina Block; and,

WHEREAS, this Lease and Operating Agreement ensures that Yuma’s historical sites are preserved for future generations and are accessible and engaging for both residents and visitors alike,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Yuma:

SECTION 1: The Operating and Lease Agreement attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference as a part of this resolution is approved in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 2: The City Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Lease and Operating Agreement on behalf of the City of Yuma.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicolls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney