

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-073

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, ADOPTING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF YUMA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 (TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026), WHICH INCORPORATES THE BUDGETS FOR EACH OF THE THIRTEEN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS; AND DECLARING THAT SUCH SHALL CONSTITUTE THE ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE CITY OF YUMA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; ADOPTING A THREE PERCENT INCREASE IN BOTH THE RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE FEE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLID WASTE FEE; DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Title 42, Ch. 17, Art. 1-5 Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.), the City Council did, on May 21, 2025, make and tentatively adopt an estimate (proposed Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026) of the different amounts required to meet the public expenditures/expenses for the ensuing year, also an estimate of revenues from sources other than direct taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation upon real and personal property of the City of Yuma; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with such state statutes, and following due public notice, the City Council met on June 18, 2025, at which meeting any taxpayer was privileged to appear and be heard in favor of or against any of the proposed expenditures/expenses or tax levies including the Improvement Districts shown on Schedule B; and,

WHEREAS, publication has been duly made as required by law, of the estimated Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, together with a notice that the City Council would meet on June 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm at One City Plaza for the purpose of hearing taxpayers and making tax levies as set forth in said estimates; and,

WHEREAS, the sums to be raised by taxation, as specified in the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, do not in the aggregate exceed that amount as computed in A.R.S. § 42-17051(A); and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R2018-002 of the City of Yuma provides for the adoption of an increase in solid waste fees by the lesser of 3% or the current year Consumer Price Index (CPI), the City of Yuma provided the required 60 day posting on the City of Yuma website, and the City of Yuma provided for public comment on June 18, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Yuma City Charter Article VII, Section 6(g)(6) requires action to “establish, alter or abolish any City department, or office” be by City Council Ordinance which is introduced separately as a stand-alone ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Yuma City Charter requires that the City Council annually review all current Boards and Commissions and determine whether such are necessary; and,

WHEREAS, under the Yuma City Charter the City Council shall have control of all litigation of the City and may employ other attorneys to take charge of any litigation or to assist the City Attorney therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council has determined the final estimates of expenditures, which will be required of the City for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 2: The purposes of expenditure and the amount finally established for each purpose as set forth in the estimates of revenues and expenditures/expenses shown on the attached and incorporated Schedules A through G, as now increased, reduced, or changed, are hereby adopted as the official and final adopted budget of the City of Yuma, the Main Street Mall and Off-Street Parking Maintenance District No. 1, and Maintenance Improvement Districts Nos. 100, 102, 104, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 120 and 124 for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, as subject to State law.

SECTION 3: Money from any fund may be used for any of the purposes set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, except money specifically restricted by State law or the City Charter, Ordinance or Resolutions.

SECTION 4: A residential solid waste fee increase, and environmental solid waste fee increase of 3% for Fiscal Year 2026 is approved.

SECTION 5: Schedules A through G provide the outline for the following department restructuring via City Ordinance O2025-022:

- a) Reconstituting the Department of Community Development by combining the Building Safety and Planning and Neighborhood Services Departments;
- b) Moving the Economic Development Division from City Administration to the Department of Community Development; and
- c) Separating the Facilities Management Divisions from the Building Safety Division to be a stand-alone Facilities Management Department.

SECTION 6: All current City Boards and Commissions are necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City and will be continued.

SECTION 7: The City Attorney is authorized to employ outside legal counsel to take charge of any litigation or to assist the City Attorney.

Adopted this _____ day of June, 2025.

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lynda L. Bushong
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files
City Attorney