

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
JUNE 26, 2024
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Pastor Joe Avila, Community Christian Church, gave the invocation. **Richard Files**, City Attorney, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Morales, Smith, Morris, Shoop, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: McClendon, Shelton
Staffmembers Present: Acting City Administrator, John D. Simonton
Director of Finance, Douglas Allen
Chief of Police, Thomas Garrity
Neighborhood Services Manager – Grants, Nikki Hoogendoorn
Director of Parks and Recreation, Eric Urfer
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Attorney, Richard W. Files
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

FINAL CALL

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

Government Finance Officers Association Triple Crown Award

Allen announced that the City of Yuma was amongst 12 Arizona municipalities to receive the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown Award. This award is bestowed to municipalities who receive all three GFOA awards – the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award – in a single year. **Mayor Nicholls** commended the Finance Department for the positive changes made to the budget presentations, which has made the budget more tangible and increased transparency.

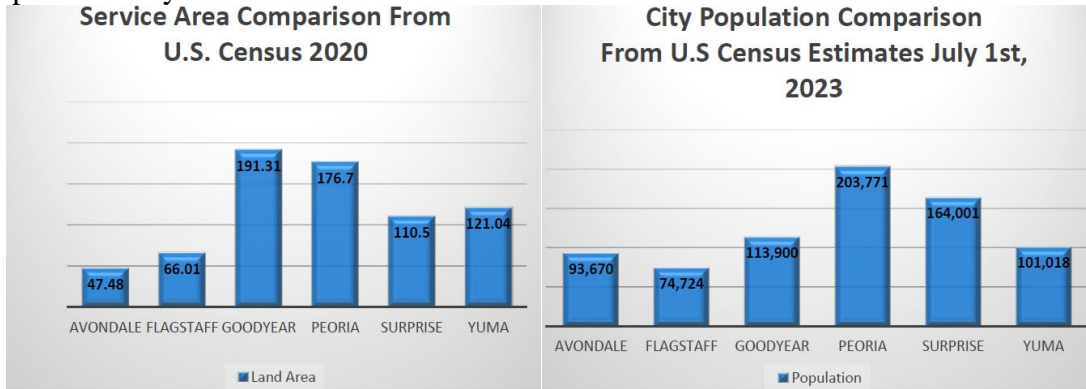
Yuma Police Department Annual Report

Chief Garrity presented the Yuma Police Department (YPD) Annual Report as follows:

- Quick Facts
 - YPD’s officers receive over 100 hours of training every year, significantly higher than the 12 hours of training that is required for police officers in Arizona
 - Current Staffing Levels
 - Sworn authorized - 167
 - Civilian authorized - 124
 - General Information
 - FY 2022-2023 Adjusted Budget - \$36,137,095

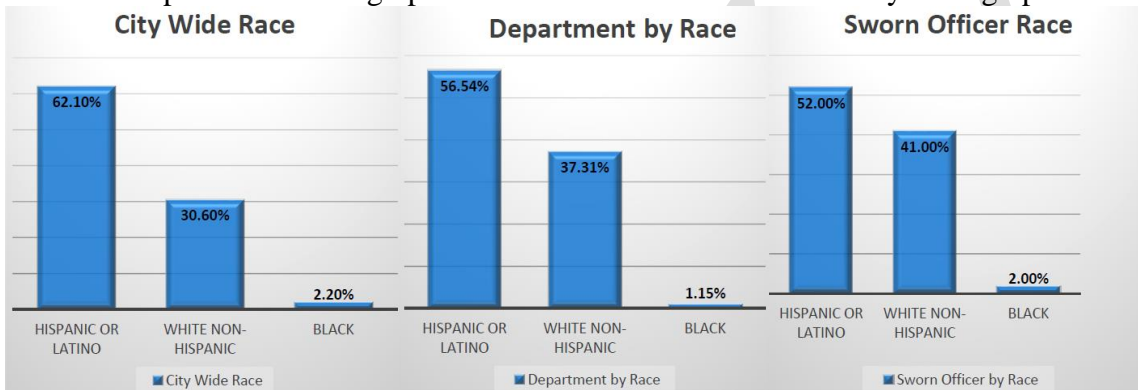
- FY 2023-2024 Adjusted Budget - \$38,098,632
 - City square miles - 121
 - Population - 101,018 full time residents
 - 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents
 - This ratio varies seasonally as it does not factor in the increase in population due to winter visitors
- 2023 Grants
 - Operation Stonegarden
 - Received \$152,052.00 in Operation Stonegarden funding
 - Purchased two 4x4 pickup trucks
 - Purchased 54 first aid kits
 - State Homeland Security Grant
 - Awarded \$44,654.00 for Intelligent Analyst Software, Digital Forensics Software, Mobile Data Computers, and training
 - Governor's Office of Highway Safety
 - Awarded \$40,000 in overtime funding to target driving under the influence (DUI) and traffic enforcement
 - U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - Received \$32,279.68 from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to continue to provide bullet resistant vests to all sworn officers
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
 - Awarded \$53,100.00 to cover the cost of mobile data services, increasing successful prosecutions, improving response, and field operations, enhancing real-time information sharing, and reducing violent crimes through increased productivity, resource utilization, and capabilities
 - Department of Emergency and Military Affairs – Border Security Fund
 - Awarded \$9,286,332.00 for the administration and maintenance of border security technologies, including cameras, drones, software, and other equipment:
 - Patrol Vehicles (25) - \$2,125,000
 - Tethered Drone - \$73,000
 - Portable Radios - \$420,000
 - Night Vision Headsets - \$400,000
 - Regional P25 System (IT) - \$3,357,140
 - Four-Wheel Drive All-Terrain Vehicles (2) - \$120,000
 - Investigations Vehicles (5) - \$325,000
 - Forensic Technology SafeGuard Support \$123,094
 - Department of Emergency and Military Affairs – Anti-Human Trafficking
 - Awarded \$499,998 to enhance services and programs that reduce human trafficking by providing resources for personnel, equipment, and training:
 - Anti-Human Trafficking Billboard, Pamphlets, Radio and TV Commercials - \$86,400
 - Anti-Human Trafficking Outreach and Promotional Items - \$19,800
 - Patrol Level Anti-Human Trafficking 101 Training - \$216,768
 - Out-Of-State Conference/Training - \$61,500
 - Anti-Human Trafficking Conference/Training - \$67,650
 - Forensic Computer Services Software Training - \$47,880

- Comparative City Data



- Sworn Personnel Demographics

- Sworn personnel demographics are similar to overall community demographics

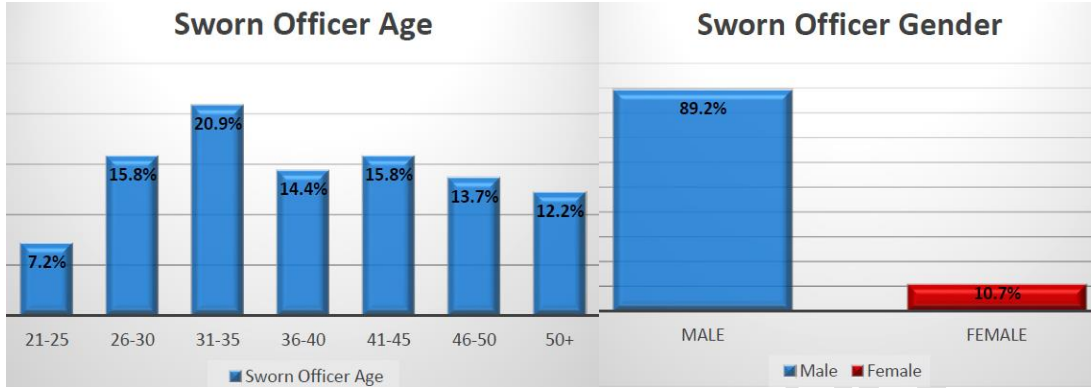


- Department-Wide Demographics



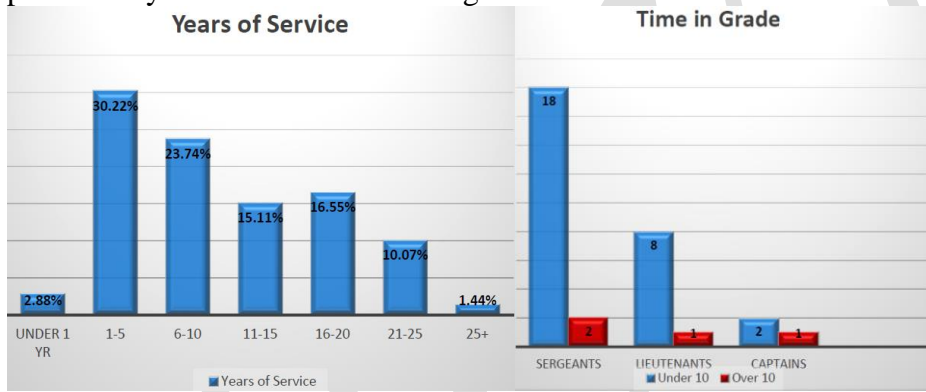
- Sworn Personnel Demographic

- Efforts are being made to recruit more women; studies have shown that more female officers reduce use of force as women think differently and tend to be less confrontational than men



- Sworn Personnel Overview

- 30% of YPD's officers have fewer than five years of experience; this is why there is a strong emphasis on training more than the minimum required hours
- Approximately one-third of YPD is eligible for retirement

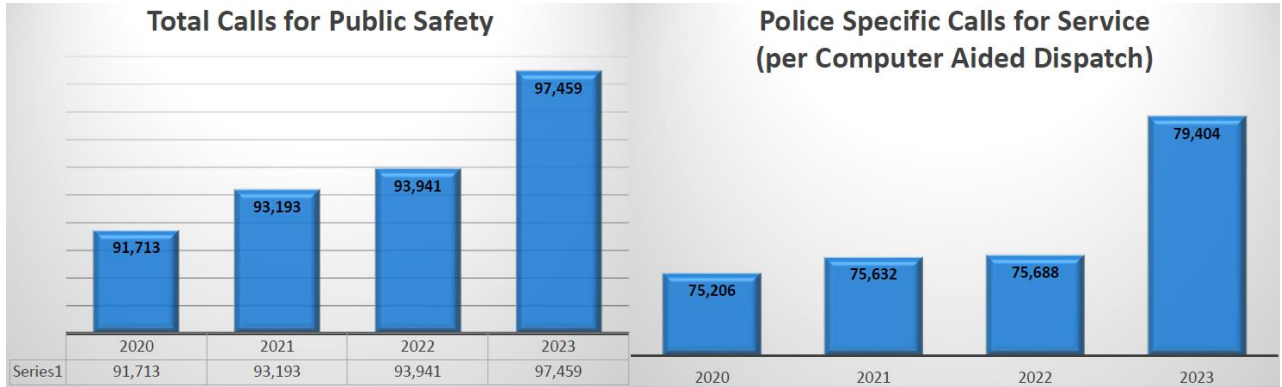


- Personnel

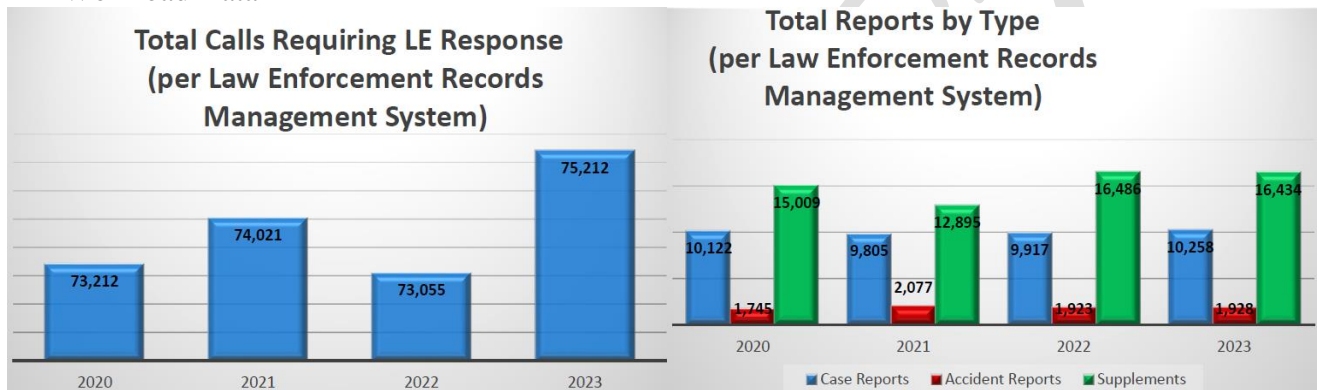
- The main reason for such a large difference between applications received and officers hired is due to the use of marijuana. Although marijuana is legal in Arizona, the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) requires that marijuana not be used for a minimum of two years prior to application.



- Statistical Data – Calls for Service



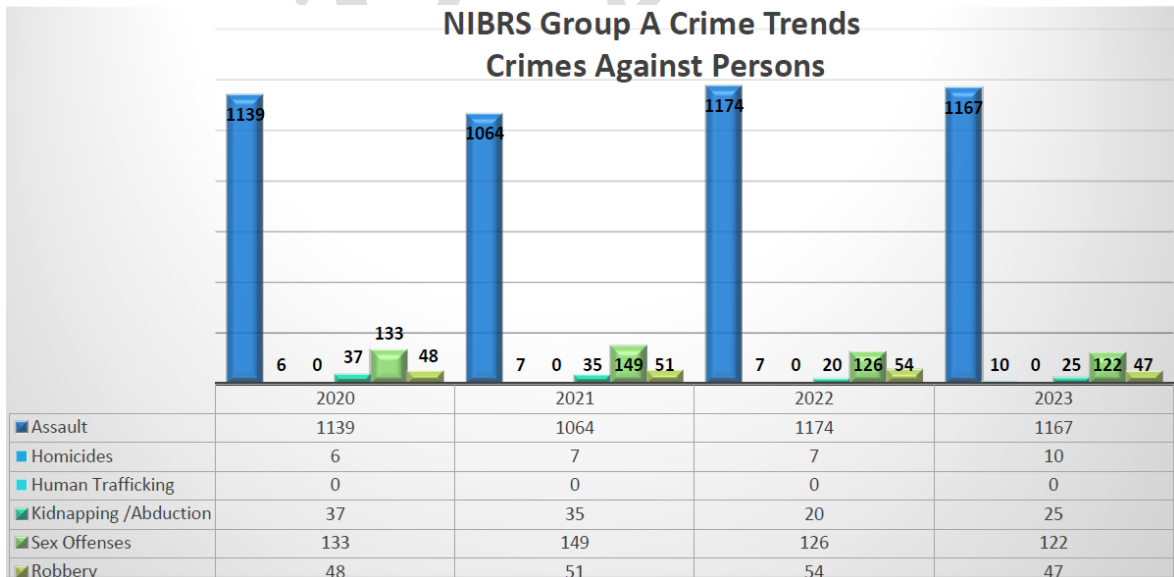
- Workload Data



- Crime Overview

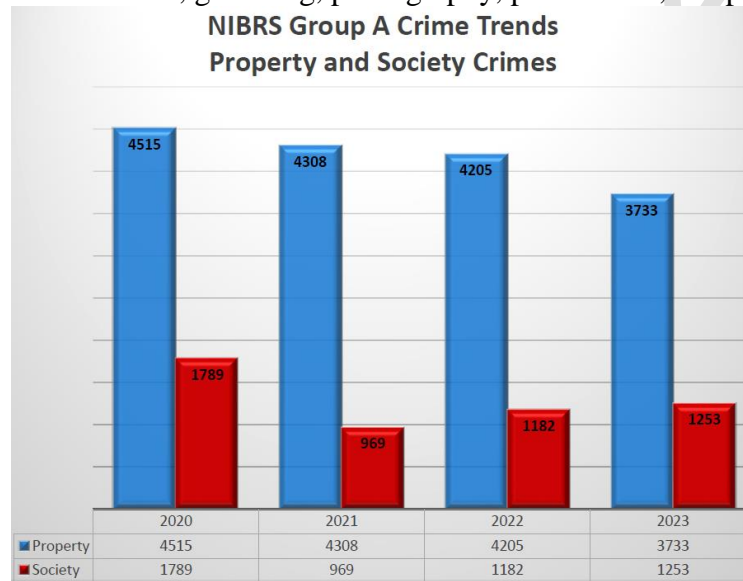
- Crimes Against Persons

- Three of the 10 homicide cases were double homicides



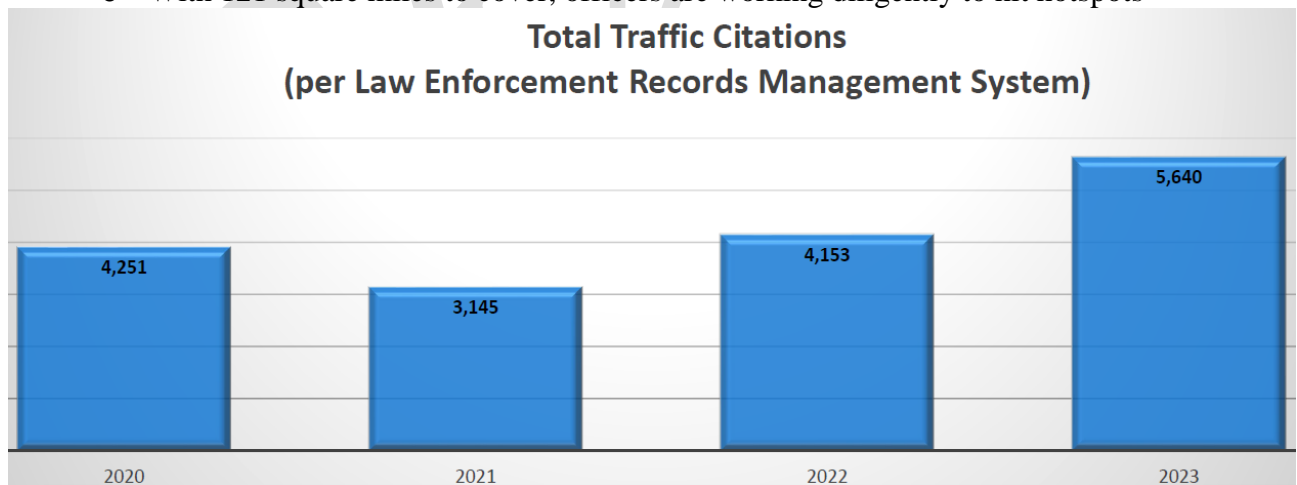
○ Property and Society Crimes

- Property crimes are on a downward trend, while society crimes have increased slightly, in part because when one type of crime decreases it gives officers more time to be proactive in another area
 - Property crimes – arson, bribery, burglary, forgery and fraud, damaged property, embezzlement, extortion, larceny, motor vehicle theft, robbery, stolen property
 - Society crimes – animal cruelty, narcotics offenses, espionage, fugitive offenses, gambling, pornography, prostitution, weapon law violations



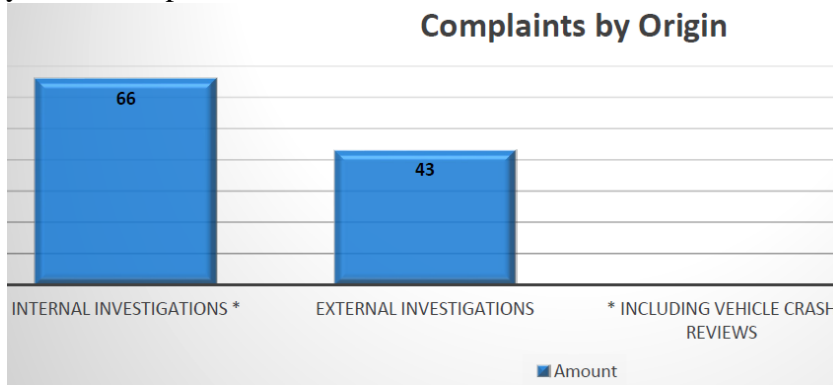
• Statistical Data – Traffic Citations

- Officers issued 1,500 more citations in 2023 compared to 2022
- With 121 square miles to cover, officers are working diligently to hit hotspots



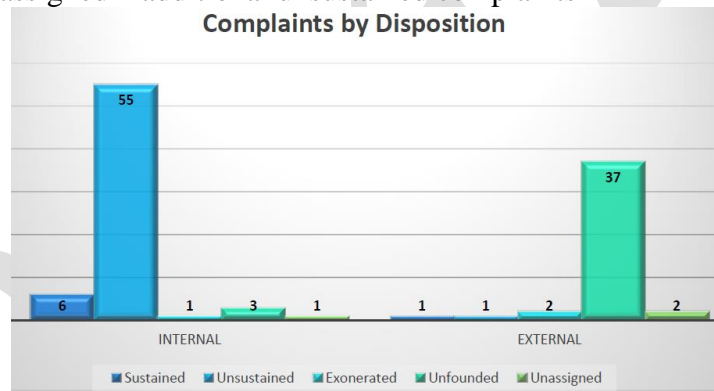
- Professional Standards

- Every complaint is investigated either by a Sergeant or Internal Affairs, depending on the severity of the complaint



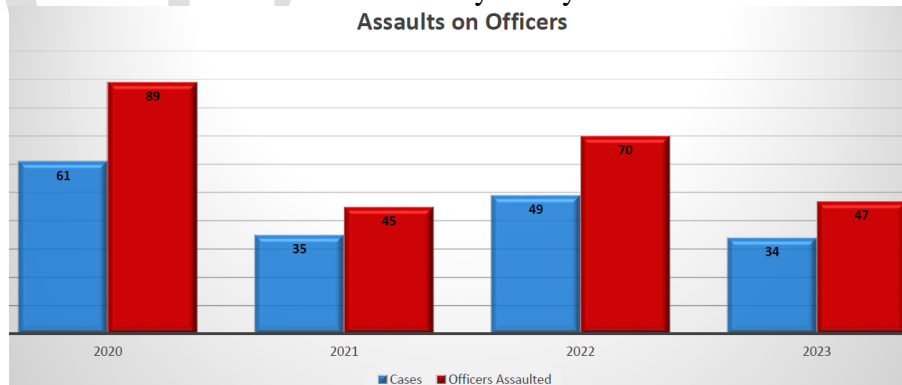
- Complaint Dispositions

- Sustained – the allegation is found to have happened and the officer was wrong
 - Unsustained – no conclusive findings; guidance or counseling is provided to do better in the future
 - Exonerated – the allegation is found to have happened, but the officer had a legal right to do what they did
 - Unfounded – there is no evidence the allegations occurred.
 - Unassigned – additional unsustained complaints

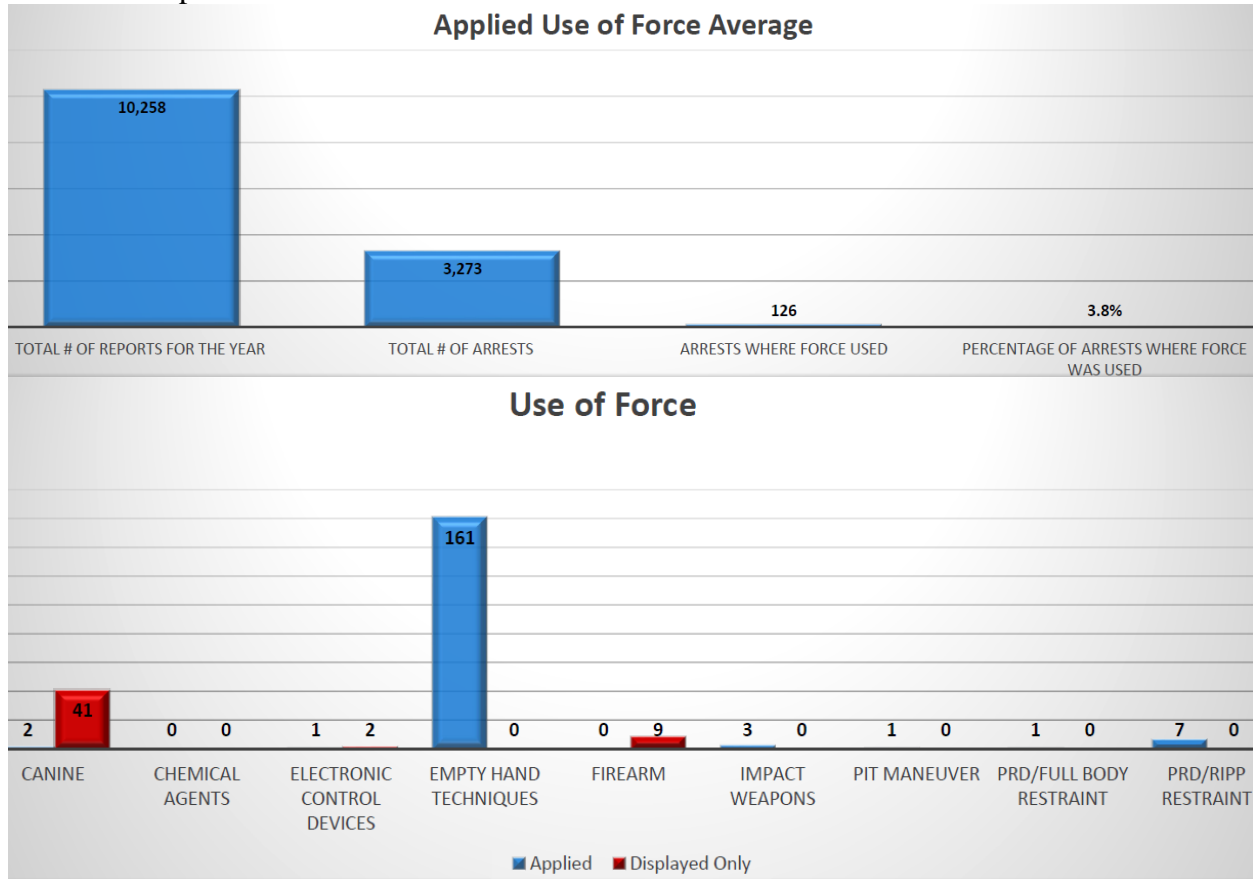


- Assaults on Officers

- Assaults on officers in 2023 decreased by nearly 30 from 2022



- Professional Standards
 - The most frequently used Use of Force technique is empty hands, meaning no tools or weapons are utilized



- 2023 Department Goals
 - Respected and Responsible
 - Ensure Officer and Professional Staff Health and Wellness
 - Connected and Engaged
 - Continue Hiring and Recruitment through Community Engagement
 - Increase Community Engagement throughout the Police Department
 - Arranged and Completed two Citizens' Police Academies
 - Unique and Creative
 - Host a Teen Academy
 - Create PSA videos with employees to keep our community informed and engaged
 - Safe and Prosperous
 - Ensure contemporary and necessary officer training while protecting the community through creative Patrol scheduling
 - Reduce crime
- Community Engagement
 - Citizens Police Academy
 - Teen Academy
 - Scary and Safe Halloween Event
 - Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.)
 - Law Enforcement Torch Run

- Looking Forward
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Expand the Teen Academy
 - Will be adding an Explorer Program once the policy is approved
 - Officer and Professional Staff Health and Wellness
 - Develop a wellness unit
 - Will address physical, mental, and financial wellness
 - Reduction in Crime
 - Intelligence led policing
 - Intel Unit was added this year
 - Technology to enhance solvability
 - Hot spot policing
 - Current focus is gun violence
 - Re-establish Bike Patrol
 - Training
 - Develop scenario-based training
 - 25 virtual reality headsets were purchased to allow for immersive scenario-based training
 - Community Engagement
 - Facebook Live events

Discussion

- The ideal officer-to-resident ratio varies depending on the environment – urban, suburban, etc. – as well as each community’s specific needs (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)
- YPD does not have a designated staff member to handle grants; it is a collaborative effort that involves staff from multiple areas (**Smith/Garrity**)
- In addition to the marijuana restriction, which eliminated an estimated 15-20 otherwise eligible applicants in 2023, the physical fitness aptitude test also eliminates a number of applicants (**Morris/Garrity**)
- The national average for female officers is around 12-15%, and YPD is aiming for 30% of officers to be female; stereotypical gender roles still play a part in the struggle to hire more female officers (**Morris/Garrity**)
- Officers are currently able to take their patrol vehicle home during the week that they work, leaving it at YPD on their last workday; the goal is to allow all officers to take their vehicle home full-time within three years, as more vehicles are purchased (**Morales/Garrity**)
- Allowing officers to take their patrol vehicle home not only gives them more time with their families because they do not need to pick up and drop off the vehicle for every shift, but it actually lengthens the life of the car because they tend to drive and care for the car more carefully (**Morales/Garrity**)
- Police officers are required to be 21 years of age or older at the time they are sworn in; the academy is about six months long, so YPD can hire recruits at 20.5 years of age (**Morales/Garrity**)
- YPD is exploring the possibility of offering physical fitness training to those who are interested in applying to ensure a larger pool of qualified candidates, but potential liability issues need to be worked out first (**Mayor Nicholls/Garrity**)

I. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Consent Agenda Item C.11 – 2024 Annual Action Plan – Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (approval of an Annual Action Plan is required under federal guidelines for recipients of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Discussion

- While the Arizona Western College Small Business Development Center (AWC-SBDC) is a good organization and is needed in our community, something like housing rehabilitation that can immediately assist a homeowner would be a more appropriate use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding (**Morris/Morales**)
- While the funding cannot be immediately moved to another activity due to publication and public comment requirements, it could be left unprogrammed which would allow the City to go through an amendment process once an suitable program is identified (**Smith/Hoogendoorn**)
- Housing is probably the most pressing need in the Yuma community and statewide; it make sense to move this funding to a program that more directly impacts housing (**Mayor Nicholls**)

Motion (Morris/Smith): To amend the City of Yuma 2024 CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Annual Action Plan to move \$50,000 from the AWC-SBDC Micro-Enterprise Assistance Program to Unprogrammed Funds, which will be programmed into one of the approved activities at a later date. Voice vote: **approved 5-0.**

Motion (Morales/Morris): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as amended. Voice vote: **approved 5-0.**

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes	May 1, 2024
Regular Council Worksession Minutes	May 14, 2024
Regular Council Meeting Minutes	May 15, 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. 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)
2. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract for construction services at Riley Avenue and 17th Street, Sidewalk and Street Project, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in

the amount \$123,349.50 for the base bid and \$26,303.00 for the alternate bids for a total of \$149,652.50 to Gutierrez Canales Engineering PC, Yuma, Arizona. (RFB-24-199) (Eng/Purch)

3. 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)
4. Authorize the purchase of three 2025 Peterbilt Model 520/McNeilus 31-Yard Side-loaders and the purchase of one 2026 Peterbilt Model 520/McNeilus Rear-loader utilizing the cooperative purchase agreement originated by Houston-Galveston Area Council, for an estimated expenditure of \$1,941,981.00 to : Rush Truck Centers of Yuma. (CPA-24-345) (Pub Wks/Purch)
5. Authorize the purchase, delivery and installation of lighting fixtures at the Kennedy Hockey Rink to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, utilizing Sourcewell cooperative purchase agreement for an expenditure of \$122,450.00. (CPA-25-005) (Pks & Rec/Eng/Purch)
6. Authorize the purchase of Information Technology Products and Services utilizing vendors awarded from the 15 cooperative purchasing agencies noted below, at an estimated amount of \$7,062,175.00. (CPA-25-001) (IT/Purch)
7. Authorize the purchase of Cisco Network devices, equipment, and licensing utilizing a Cooperative Purchase Agreement through the State of Arizona for an estimated total amount of \$340,00.00 (CPA-25-004) (IT/Purch)
8. Authorize the purchase of laptops, monitors, and docks utilizing a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Dell Technologies in the estimated amount of \$475,000.00. (CPA-25-003) (IT/Purch)
9. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the required documents with Arizona Department of Administration 9-1-1 Program Office (ADOA) to disperse awarded grant funds from the Emergency Telecommunication Services Revolving Fund to pay for authorized contractual costs related to equipment and services used in the operation of 9-1-1 services in the Yuma County region. (IT/YRCS)
10. Authorize the renewal of a Software Subscription from Governmentjobs.com, dba NeoGov, El Segundo, CA, at a one-year estimated expenditure of \$125,000.00. (IT/HR-25-002) (IT/HR/Purch)
11. 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/Cmtty Plng)
12. 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/Cmtty Plng)
13. Authorize settlement of a Notice of Claim submitted on behalf of Christian Heebink. (Atty)

14. Authorize binding of insurance coverage for Property, Public Liability (including Employee Benefits, Public Officials, Employment Practices, Liquor, Law Enforcement and Auto), Excess Liability, Crime/Dishonesty, Excess Workers Compensation, Cyber Liability, Automobile Damage, Drone, and Deadly Weapon coverage for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 for the total amount of \$1,982,334.86 to: Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., of Phoenix, AZ (RFB-23-110) (Atty/Purch)

II. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution R2024-035 – City Council Meeting procedures and Call to the Public Guidelines (adopt a resolution establishing updated rules and procedures for City Council Meetings) (City Admin)

Motion (Morales/Smith): To amend the first paragraph of Exhibit A of Resolution R2024-035 to strike the third sentence and replace it to read:

The City Council follows democratic processes in the proceedings of its Meetings.

Voice vote: **approved 5-0.**

Motion (Morris/Morales): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as amended.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

Resolution R2024-026

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, appointing election boards (poll workers) to serve at the City Primary and General Elections to be held on July 30, 2024 and November 5, 2024, respectively, and further approve voting centers as adopted by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to state statute, and the current Intergovernmental Agreement with Yuma County Election Services and The Yuma County Recorder (adopt voting centers for the convenience of the City's citizens and appoint an election board pursuant to the Yuma City Charter, Article IX, Section 1(a), and Arizona Revised Statutes § 9-825) (Admin/Clerk)

Resolution R2024-027

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Expenditure Limitation report to the Arizona Auditor General (pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 41-1279.07(E)) (Fin)

Resolution R2024-028

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, adopting the annual Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) funding policy for the Fiscal Year 2025 (pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-863.01) (Fin)

Resolution R2024-029

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yuma, and Unites States Customs and Border Protection, to assign Yuma Sector Border Patrol personnel to the Yuma Police Department's Special Operations Group (to facilitate proactive enforcement and criminal investigations relative to street gangs, narcotics and dangerous drug trafficking and associated violent crimes, which often have border and international ties) (YPD)

Resolution R2024-030

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving the execution of a Preannexation Development Agreement with the owner of real properties located at 3731 W. 5th Street and 3731 ½ W. 5th Street (property owners intend to tie and split the lots into three, for the development of three single-family homes) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Resolution R2024-031

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and approving the execution of a Preannexation Development Agreement with Vereit Real Estate, L.P. for the real property located at 3320 E. Gila Ridge Road (United Rentals currently occupies part of the existing building with no plans on expanding at this time but would like to connect to City water) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Resolution R2024-032

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, declaring its intention to create Municipal Improvement District No. 126, serving Barkley Ranch Units 8-10, 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 Barkley Ranch Units 8-10 (will provide a dedicated stream of funding for the maintenance of the improvements) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Resolution R2024-033

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, ordering improvements for Municipal Improvement District No. 125 serving Saguaro Units 5 & 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 Saguaro Units 5 & 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. 125; improvements shall be performed under Arizona revised statutes (A.R.S) Title 48, Chapter 4, Article 2 (finalize the formation and order improvements for MID No. 125 serving Saguaro Units 5 & 6) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Resolution R2024-035

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, establishing a policy for City Council Meeting procedures and Call to the Public guidelines (update City Council Meeting Procedures and Call to the Public Guidelines to facilitate a transparent, orderly, and efficient process for receiving public input and conducting City Council meetings in compliance with the Arizona Open Meeting Law, A.R.S. §§ 38-431 to 431.09 and the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution) (City Admin)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 5-0.

III. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Smith/Morris): To adopt the Ordinances Consent Agenda as recommended.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

Ordinance O2024-020

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing the granting of a utility easement for the installation of new electrical facilities at City-owned property near the southeast corner of Maiden Lane and 2nd Street (to serve the new Yuma County Administration Services Building at 197 S. Main St., and the future development of Downtown Yuma) (City Admin)

Ordinance O2024-022

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, fixing, levying, and assessing primary property taxes upon property within the City of Yuma subject to taxation, each in a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars of valuation, sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required in the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 less the amounts estimated to be received from other sources of revenue and the unencumbered balances from the previous Fiscal Year, providing a General Fund; and fixing, levying, and assessing upon property subject to taxation within the boundaries of each of the respective Maintenance Improvement Districts numbered 100, 102, 104, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 120, and also upon property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Main Street Mall and Off Street Parking Maintenance District No. 1, each in a certain sum upon each one hundred dollars of valuation, sufficient to raise the amount estimated to be required for the operation, maintenance, repair and improvement of the facilities of said district, all for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 (the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Annual Budget is based in part upon an estimated primary property tax levy that is anticipated to raise \$16,601,516 in tax revenue) (Fin)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 5-0.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance O2024-021 – Rezoning of Property: Northwest Corner of 28th Street and Avenue B (rezone approximately 0.51 acres of property located on the northwest corner of 28th Street and Avenue B from the Agriculture (AG) District to the Limited Commercial (B-1) District) (ZONE-42395-2024) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmty Plng)

Motion (Morales/Smith): To continue Ordinance O2024-021 to the regular City Council Meeting of July 17th at the request of the applicant Voice vote: **approved** 5-0.

Ordinance O2024-024 – Amend Yuma City Code: Regulating Parks Within the City (update current park regulations to allow for easier enforcement of violations and provide the Director of Parks and Recreation the authority and flexibility to adopt or modify rules necessary for the daily operations and maintenance of City parks) (Pks & Rec)

Urfer explained that the most significant proposed change to City park regulations are the hours of operation. The default closing time for some parks, mostly neighborhood and pocket parks, will be 9:00 p.m., while larger parks will remain open until 11:00 p.m. These times are not listed in the ordinance to allow for the hours to be modified administratively, if needed. Parks with ramadas will still be open until 11:00 p.m., and exceptions can be made for special events at smaller parks through a permitting process. **Mayor Nicholls** added that the parks that will be closing at 9:00 p.m. generally do not have lighting for nighttime, and this is a proactive way to protect those parks from destruction and illegal activities.

Speakers

The following spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to City park regulations:

- **Ricardo Gil**, City resident
- **John Ortega**, City resident
- **Charlene Young**, City resident
- **Cynthia Tovar**, City resident
- **Alea Hassin**, City resident

Ordinance O2024-025 – City of Yuma 2024 Special Election (call for a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the General Election scheduled on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of determining whether to amend the Yuma City Charter relating to City Council Compensation) (Admn/Clk)

Speaker

Gary Wright, City resident, asked what the proposed salaries are for the Mayor and Council positions. **Mayor Nicholls** noted that the proposed salaries, \$45,000 per year for Mayor and \$25,000 per year for Council, are listed on the City Council Report in the meeting packet, as well as in section two of the ordinance. **Wright** asked how those figures were determine. **Mayor Nicholls** responded that the proposed charter amendment was brought forward by a group of citizens. **Wright** asked if Mayor and Council receive insurance benefits. **Simonton** stated that Mayor and Council are eligible to receive medical insurance, if they so choose. **Wright** asked when the ballot language would be approved. **Mayor Nicholls** replied that the ballot language within this ordinance will be brough back for adoption at the next City Council Meeting.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

Ordinance O2024-024

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Title 17, Chapter 170 of the Yuma City Code regulating parks within the City (update current park operations and address ongoing issues in the parks) (Pks & Rec)

Ordinance O2024-025

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, ordering a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the 2024 General Election; designating the purpose, election date, voter registration deadline and providing for publicity pamphlets (for the purpose of determining whether to amend the Yuma City Charter, Article VI, Section 14a, relating to City Council Compensation) (Admn/Clk)

Ordinance O2024-026

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 Light Industrial/Infill Overlay (L-I/IO) District to the Low Density Residential/Infill Overlay (R-1-6/IO) District, and amending the zoning map to conform with the rezoning (approximately 6,690 square feet of property located at 1712 S. Maple Avenue) (ZONE-42472-2024) (Plng & Nbhd Svcs/Cmtly Plng)

FINAL CALL

Mayor Nicholls made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms from members of the audience interested in speaking at the Call to the Public.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Announcements

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

- Grand Opening of Fire Station #7
- Yuma and La Paz Pitch Competition
- Childcare Crisis Task Force
- Housing Authority of the City of Yuma (HACY) Affordable Housing Meeting
- Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation (GYEDC) Board Meeting
- Sunset Heath Clinic Groundbreaking at Parkview Commerce Center in Somerton
- Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission Meeting
- Clean and Beautiful Commission Meeting
- Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (YCNHA) Board of Directors Meeting
- Visit Mexicali Expo at the Yuma Civic Center
- Juneteenth Celebration at Carver Park
- Attainable Housing Committee Meeting
- Meeting with new 4FrontED Executive Director, Remy Martinez

Smith asked if an annual report would be presented by the Yuma Fire Department (YFD). **Simonton** stated that annual reports will be coming forward from all City departments, including YFD, as requested by City Council.

Scheduling – No meetings were scheduled at this time.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Simonton reported the following events:

- July 1 – Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline
- July 4 – 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at Desert Sun Stadium
- July 17 – Dive-In Movie Nights: Finding Nemo at Marcus Pool

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Delsa Dixon, City resident, recited a poem she wrote titled “My Dear, ‘Young’ Military Veteran!”

Roxanne Barley, non-resident, expressed concern regarding a dangerous intersection at County 14th Street and Avenue C and requested assistance in taking action to make the intersection safer. **Mayor Nicholls** asked **Simonton** to speak with **Barley** regarding the appropriate channels to address the issue.

Elenor Lopez, City resident, spoke regarding the importance of providing safe working conditions for those who work outdoors, especially during times of excessive heat, and holding companies responsible for their employees’ safety.

The following people requested the City of Yuma adopt a Resolution calling for the release of hostages and ceasefire in Gaza:

- **Marie Gonzalez**, City resident
- **Charlene Young**, City resident
- **Cynthia Tovar**, City resident

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Mayor Nicholls** adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. No Executive Session was held.

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

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