

MINUTES
SPECIAL WORKSESSION/ROUNDTABLE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CONFERENCE ROOM 190, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
July 14, 2009
3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Shoop called the City Council meeting to order.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Shoop, Mendoza, Beeson, McClendon, and Johnson
Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Nelson
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Mark S. Watson
Deputy City Administrator, Bob Stull
Assistant City Attorney, Connie Scoggins
City Attorney, Steve Moore
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Clerk, Brigitta M. Kuiper

I. LAUREL PROJECT

Motion (Johnson/Mendoza): To recess to Executive Session. Voice vote: adopted 5-0. The meeting recessed at 3:01 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. with all members presented except Mayor Nelson.

II. LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

Scoggins: The City of Yuma will be sponsoring a Arizona League of Cities and Towns (League) resolution advocating changes to government publication requirements again this year. In addition, the City has agreed to co-sponsor League resolutions regarding the following issues:

Certificate of Necessity (CON)

- A CON would allow the City to transport patients after having provided medical assistance at the scene.
- A CON would open the door for Mutual Aid agreements with the ambulance companies.

Moore: Southwest Ambulance is actually Rural Metro. At one point, Rural Metro wanted to dedicate ambulances specifically to service inside the City limits and painted several of their new ambulances with the Southwest Ambulance logo and included "dedicated to the City of Yuma." Afterwards, Southwest Ambulance found out that it could not use these ambulances in Yuma without changing its CON. They decided not to change their CON and relocated the ambulances.

Public Records Requests

- Applies to cities/towns that receive large volumes of requests
- Allows for recuperation of additional costs

Watson: A member of the public noted at last week's Regular City Council Meeting that Yuma County has put in writing that it will respond to Requests for Public records within 3 days. However, the City of Yuma handles three times the volume of requests the County receives. State Statutes

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require that information be provided "promptly." Depending on the depth and complexity of the research necessary to fill the request, that could take several days or even months. **Scoggins:** Texas has a statute that addresses public records similarly to the proposed League resolution.

Flexibility of Annexing County Islands

- Co-sponsor: Sierra Vista
- Proposes the relaxation of statutes for a period of time
- Deals specifically with County islands – not annexations in general
- Would benefit County residents who find their property value declining due to lack of law enforcement in their area

Heritage Funds

- The City of Yuma was the original sponsor of this resolution several years ago
- Proposes to maintain Heritage funds at their present level

Public Education and Higher Education

- Co-sponsor: Oro Valley
- Proposes to maintain education funding

Scoggins clarified that the Records Publication bill was initially sponsored by Representative Russell Jones and it failed the first time it was presented to the committee. It was later amended to create a study committee; however, that, too failed to gain approval.

III. YUMA CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

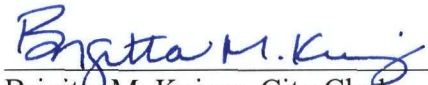
Watson: The City Council is scheduled to appoint a replacement to the vacancy on the City Council left by Ross Heib at tomorrow's Regular Council Meeting. The City Clerk will administer the official Oath of Office in private; a public swearing-in will take place at the August 5, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

IV. UPDATES

Moore: The League has prepared a list of bills that Governor Brewer has signed, vetoed or went into effect by default. Some will affect Arizona cities. He will make sure City Councilmembers receive a copy.

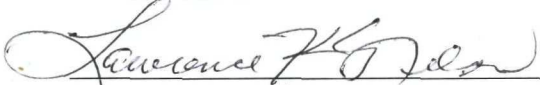
V. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Beeson/Mendoza): To adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: **adopted** 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. An Executive Session was held during this meeting; see above.



Brigitta M. Kuiper, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Lawrence K. Nelson, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:

August 19, 2009

City Clerk: 