

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
March 15, 2011
5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Mendoza called the City Council meeting to order.

Councilmembers Present: Stuart, Mendoza, McClendon, and Brooks
Councilmembers Absent: Beeson, Johnson, and Mayor Krieger
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Greg Wilkinson
Various department heads or their representatives
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

Deputy Mayor Mendoza moved Agenda Item II to the beginning of the meeting.

II. MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE (MAWTS-1)

Deputy Mayor Mendoza introduced Colonel Werth, Lieutenant Colonel Schlichting, and Major Smith from the Marine Corps Air Station – Yuma (MCAS)

Major Smith, MCAS – Yuma, detailed the following:

- Upcoming Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) training exercise
 - Learning objectives for the mission
 - Conduct operations in two different cities
 - Conduct operations in a realistic urban environment.
 - Training Purpose is to conduct Non-combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO)
 - Simultaneous events in Yuma and Brawley, California
 - Offer real world training that may be used in conditions like the ones occurring in Libya and Egypt.
 - Phased simulated non-combatant evacuation
 - Security forces inserted
 - “Civilians” evacuated via helicopters
 - Security forces extracted
 - Friday, April 22, 2011
 - Between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - Using Kiwanis Park – main evacuation site; Trinity Christian Center – alternate evacuation site; and, Auxiliary II airfield – refueling and staging area
 - In the air:
 - 34 aircraft – 14 specifically in the City of Yuma
 - Flying in groups of 1-2 flying
 - No closer than 500 feet above ground level unless landing
 - On the ground:
 - Helicopterborne Security Force
 - Evacuation Control Center team with Consular Affairs Officer from the State Department

- Quick Reaction Force (QFR) convoy
- Outlined timeline of the day's activities and routing of aircraft

Major Smith displayed the route the QFR will use to go from MCAS to Trinity Christian Center and then Kiwanis Park and back to MCAS. Safety is always a primary consideration. He displayed the contact information for the MAWTS-1 Supervisor of Flight, Noise Complaint Hotline, MCAS Public Affairs Officer, and Officer of the Day.

Safety and coordination

- No ordnance carried on any aircraft/personnel
- Role players identified by reflective belts
- No public or recreational events scheduled for this time period at Kiwanis Park or Trinity Christian Center
- Military Crash Fire Rescue, Yuma Police, Military Police, and Site Commander on site throughout exercise
 - Site Commander will ensure the sites are clean prior to departure
- Strict adherence by aircraft of all Federal Aviation Administration regulations and de-conflicted with Air Traffic Control activities
- A public notice announcing the training will be run in *The Yuma Sun*.
- A press conference announcing the training will be held April 19, 2011

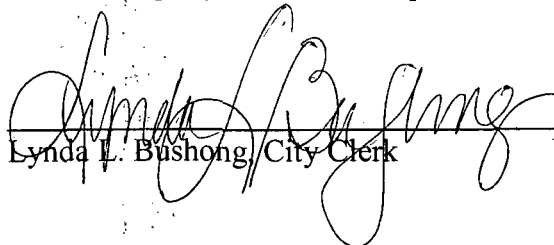
Major Smith thanked the City for its dedication and continued support in allowing MCAS to use City urban locations for combat training. **Wilkinson** added that several time Marines' efforts are immediately tied to combat scenarios but the Marines actually have pre-positioned forces all over the world. These forces are available to provide first relief when disasters occur such as the current situation in Japan. He applauded MCAS for all the work and service they provide. **Deputy Mayor Mendoza** commended MCAS for their service.

I. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF MARCH 16, 2011 – NO DISCUSSION

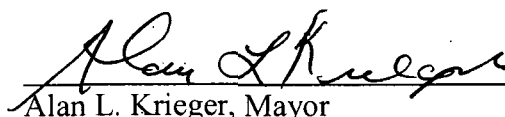
III. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION – NO DISCUSSION

IV. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. No Executive Session was held.


Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Alan L. Krieger, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of
May 18, 2011
City Clerk: 