

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
NOVEMBER 2, 2011
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krieger called the City Council meeting to order.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Paul Killingsworth, Pastor of First Assembly of God, gave the invocation. **John Lekan**, Deputy Chief of Police, led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Stuart, Mendoza, Beeson, McClendon, Brooks, Johnson and Mayor Krieger
Councilmembers Absent: none
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
City Attorney, Steven W. Moore
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

FINAL CALL

Mayor Krieger made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms from members of the audience.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Krieger read the following statement regarding the neglected repayment of travel money by Councilmember Beeson: "In July 2011, I was made aware the fact that travel reimbursement had not been made by Councilmember Beeson. I reviewed the travel documents and had questions of my own. Those documents indicated that all parties concerned were fully aware of the delinquent reimbursement, that conclusion lead me to believe that a possible deliberate attempt was being made to ignore the request for reimbursement. In retrospect, the prudent thing to do would have been to meet with the City Administrator and Councilmember Beeson and try to resolve the issue; however, I am not the council police. Each Councilmember is responsible for their own actions and I have no authority to force them to do anything, but I do have a responsibility to act in the best interest of the taxpayer. I have and will continue to pursue any claim of theft or misuse of taxpayer monies. In this case, I spoke with the County Attorney I then was referred to the State Auditor, George Graham. Mr. Graham requested the travel documents from the City for his review he then proceeded to interview involved City staff and Councilmember Beeson. That investigation revealed that no emails or other documents existed to verify that City staff requested in writing to Councilmember Beeson of the demand for repayment other than travel documents that already had been presented to him. That is the defining difference between what happened in San Luis, Arizona and what has happened in Yuma. Since June 2009 all travel documents have originated, and have been processed, by the City Administration office; a complete review of travel pay and documentation is underway by the City Finance Department. Due to that review, one of my past travel packets was found to be incorrect. As soon as that was brought to my attention, I immediately repaid the \$73.73 error. As far as I am concerned, this issue has run its course; all investigations have been completed, no law has been violated, and the necessary corrections are being made. I expect the public to continue to ask questions and demand answers about how and where their money is spent."

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Anne Harrison, P.O. Box 1976, reported the following:

- All branches of the Yuma County Library have seen increased volunteer activities this year.
- This year the Statute of Liberty celebrated 125 years in the United States; the original was a gift from the children of France, made with their pennies.
- Next week there is a special date that will not occur for another 100 years, 11-11-11.
- There is a need to bring awareness to the lack of American flags flying in the City of Yuma, which she realized on Memorial Day. Goodwill sells flags for as little as \$.50.
- The 8th Annual North End Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 24, 2011, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood (MLK) Center.
 - Volunteers come from the college, grammar schools and residents from around the community
 - As many as 600 families are served.
 - She invited those who wanted to volunteer, or enjoy the dinner to come to the MLK Center.

Jose Yopez, 440 W. Spring Street, Somerton, invited members of the City Council to attend the 5th Annual Josefina Yopez Cancer Walkathon on November 26. The event will commence at the old K-Mart building and end in Somerton. He gave a brief history of the event and stated it was decided to expand into Yuma because cancer has no boundaries. The goal is to raise funds to assist those people in the neighboring communities battling cancer. The process to apply for assistance is simple.

II. MOTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Mendoza/Brooks): To approve the Motion Consent Agenda as recommended, except for Items B.4 and B.5, which were removed by Councilmember Johnson for separate consideration. Voice vote: **approved 7-0.**

A. Approval of minutes of the following City Council meetings:

Regular City Council Meeting	September 7, 2011
Regular City Council Meeting	October 5, 2011

B. Approval of Staff Recommendations:

1. 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). (Attny)
2. Approve a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Susan Renee Dinwiddie, on behalf of the Fort Yuma Rotary, for the Mardi Gras event. The event will be held at the 100-300 blocks of Main Street on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (SP11-33) (Admin/Clerk)
3. Approve a Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Elery A Gross, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Yuma North End, for the Dr. Curall's Medicine Show. The event will be held at Desert Sun Stadium located at 1280 W. Desert Sun Drive, on Friday, November 11, 2011 from

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and, Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (SP11-34) (Admin/Clerk)

4. Removed for separate consideration; see below.
5. Removed for separate consideration; see below.

Motion Consent Agenda Items Removed for Separate Consideration

- B.4. Authorize staff to execute a one-year contract for Tree Trimming Services, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, depending on the appropriation of funds and satisfactory performance. The following contractor would provide the service on an as-needed basis, at an estimated annual cost of \$33,500.00 (excluding tax): Arbor Tech, Inc., Yuma, Arizona. (Bid #2012-20000094) (Citywide)

Johnson noted that a video was shown a few years ago of a bucket truck purchased by Parks and Recreation for the trimming of trees. What would happen to the truck if these services were contracted out?

Wilkinson stated that the truck is still in use; however, with a reduced workforce there are jobs the employees can't handle. Therefore, tree trimming services will be contracted out on an as-needed basis to assist with those jobs.

Motion (Mendoza/Beeson): To approve Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4 as recommended. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0.

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- B.5. Award to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder for the 32nd St. Reconstruction Project, Avenue A to Avenue B, at a total cost of \$3,935,690.00 to DPE Construction, Inc., Yuma, Arizona. (Bid # 2011000236) (Eng)

Johnson requested a roll call vote on item B.5.

Motion (Stuart/McClendon): To approve Motion Consent Agenda Item B.5 as recommended. Roll call vote: **approved** 6-1; Johnson voting nay.

Johnson explained his nay vote has nothing to do with the contractor, but rather it is in protest of the City spending in excess of a million dollars on a bridge across the East Main Canal, a quarter of a million dollars on roadway design, and the fact that the current plan that will only serve as a ten-year fix.

III. RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Beeson/Mendoza): To adopt the Resolution Consent Agenda as recommended.

Mayor Krieger expressed his appreciation of staff's efforts to honor Jim Gillaspie, a Yuman who contributed greatly to Yuma especially in aviation. The renaming of the street is something the family will be proud of.

Bushong displayed the following title:

Resolution R2011-32

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing the renaming of a section of 36th Street that is located between Arizona Avenue and Burch Way, to Gillaspie Place (DCD/Planning)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

IV. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Mendoza/McClendon): To adopt the Ordinance Consent Agenda with the exception of O2011-39, which was removed by Mayor Krieger for separate consideration.

Bushong displayed the following titles:

Ordinance O2011-37

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, relating to zoning regulations and specifically providing for changes to the stacking requirements for drive-thru banks and fast food/beverage facilities and providing penalties for violations thereof (Z2011-03) (DCD/Planning)

Ordinance O2011-38

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, amending Chapter 154 of the Yuma City Code, as amended, rezoning certain property located in the Light Industrial (L-I) District to Light Industrial / Public Overlay (L-I/P) District and amending the zoning map to conform thereto (Property located: 2862 S. Kyla Avenue; applicants: City of Yuma) (DCD/Planning)

Roll call vote: **adopted** 7-0.

Ordinances Consent Agenda Item Removed for Separate Consideration

- C. Ordinance O2011-38: Local Preference** An ordinance defining and establishing criteria for local preference as approved by the voters at the May 18, 2010 Special Election through Proposition 400. (Admin)

Stuart asked that members of the construction industry, if present, indicate whether their primary business office is located within City limits or the county.

Speakers

Ken Rosevear, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce, 180 W. 1st Street, stated that the Chamber of Commerce introduced the local preference concept in September 2008, which initially was not received favorably and he was told there would be challenges. The original concept drew boundaries within City limits, and stated that the business must have a City business license. Throughout the process, the nature of businesses, along with their location, was discussed due to the fact there were businesses literally across the

street from City limits that were being treated as out-of-town vendors. As a result, the provision of a "sphere of influence" was recommended. The sphere of influence implied that anybody within 10 miles of the City of Yuma could participate in local preference. However, staff indicated the concept would not be acceptable under the law, which is why the condition of being located within City limits was pressed forward. A Yuma based fuel supplier, who is 75' from City limits, consistently loses bids within a matter of dollars. The loss of the bid to supply fuel not only affects that supplier but Yuma as well because the sale of fuel generates Highway Users Revenue Fund taxes. When the sales originate in Phoenix, the taxes will be directed to Maricopa County instead of Yuma County; therefore, Yuma would not receive the revenue, or rebates, from the transaction. There are vendors adjacent to the City who are not close enough to consider annexation, but the majority of their business is conducted within City limits, their employees live in City limits and spend their money in City limits. It is not proposed to extend past the ten mile limit, but every consideration needs to be made to keep dollars local.

McClendon stated her understanding is that a secondary measure should be taken if a vendor has a Yuma address alongside a vendor in the City limits. **Rosevear** stated local preference could be contained within a specific geographical area.

Johnson stated that the fuel vendor is located adjacent to the City; however, he has made the choice not to annex into the City. Why should that business be given the same preference as a business located in the City that pays City taxes? **Rosevear** stated the businesses are located within City limits, but the main office is 75' into the County.

Mayor Krieger read "the City Council shall authorize local preference for purposes of awarding contracts for any improvements, materials, equipment, supplies, construction, and professional services defined in A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 1 and any successor statute or amendment, so long as such preferences are not inconsistent with the constitution or statutes of the state." The voters approved this language; therefore, the City has no authority to change it.

Tristan Wright, 36391 E. Antelope Drive, Wellton, stated that he works for Naquin Precision Earth Moving, a side development contractor in grading and earth moving located in Roll, Arizona. Although the office is in Roll, the owner resides in Yuma, owns property in Yuma, and does a fair amount of business within the City of Yuma. He believes in getting the most bang for the buck as far as the tax payer dollar goes and at face value local preference sounds good, but when local preference chooses winners and losers based on location it results in an adverse side effect such as the pool of bidders gets smaller which may lead to unintended consequences. If another contractor can do the job cheaper and better, it benefits the taxpayers. He requested further review on the negative impacts of local preference on local business before adopting the ordinance.

Troy Eckard, Eckard Commercial Construction, 3914 E. 41st Place, Yuma County, expressed the following concerns regarding local preference:

- His business is 1,000 feet outside City limits, but he and his employees all live and shop in Yuma.
- The payroll is approximately \$1.4 million, which is cashed in the City of Yuma.
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars are paid in sales taxes each year through the purchase of millions of dollars of goods and services within City limits.
- If Local Preference remains as it is currently written, businesses within the county will no longer be able to bid City jobs.
 - 5% is a deal killer

- In the construction industry, most bids are determined by less than 1%
- The intentions behind local preference are good, but there are industries adversely impacted by their inability to compete with larger out-of-town firms who have buying advantages.
- A one-size-fits-all local preference will not work with five different industries, if the City Council and staff do not know what profit margins are needed for each industry.
- The people in attendance tonight who are unhappy will only be a shadow of those who will be once they understand the effects of local preference.
- Local preference will result in bad government if enacted in its current form.
- Local preference will eliminate competition and drive up prices for goods and services, which is not the best use of taxpayer dollars.
- There are four major material suppliers in Yuma County in which businesses rely for supplies; however, per the ordinance, they are not local and will not be able to supply materials to a City job.
- The competitive nature of the industry will change because local bidders will know they don't have to compete with out-of-town bidders.
- A typical general contractor works under profit margins of one and two percent.
- Without local preference the bid pool is large, but once local preference is enacted it will greatly reduce the bidding pool.
 - The recently pulled fire station had a total of 16 bidders, five of which were local.

Eckard suggested the following solutions:

- Remove contracting from the ordinance or risk the elimination of competition and a rise in prices
- If contracting can't be eliminated, consider dropping the percentage to 1% for contracting
- Do not lump all the industries together because what works for one industry may not work for the other five
- Expand the boundaries to include Yuma County
- Further consideration needs to be given to this document.

Since Eckard's property is not contiguous to City Limits, **Johnson** asked if signing a preannexation development agreement would be an option for him, if it qualified him to participate in local preference. **Eckard** stated he would not sign an agreement. Why should he be coerced into annexation? Besides, an annexation would involve a lot more than just him, and he can't speak for the other business owners. **Johnson** noted there is a problem with County islands in City limits, which cause difficulty for the City to provide emergency services. Although he doesn't agree with local preference, it has been approved and the City is going to enact it, but the taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize businesses located in Yuma County. Only businesses located within City limits should get the preference. If a business were adjacent to City limits, they would have the option to annex, but if they were not a preannexation development agreement would suffice in order to qualify for local preference. **Eckard** respectfully disagreed, and asked if he wanted to live in a community where businesses were put against each other based on their addresses.

Beeson stated he was glad Eckard brought solutions forward; however, construction cannot be removed because the voters approved Proposition 400 with construction in it. What if the scales were smaller, such as 5% for City, 4% for county and 3% for Arizona, would that be more competitive for businesses? **Eckard** stated he wasn't sure, but 1% is a disadvantage in construction, for example he lost the fire training tower bid by 1%. If local preference is incorporated, he will lose the opportunity to bid City projects.

Johnson asked if Eckard is suggesting limiting local preference to Yuma County. If so, it would exclude the Quechan Tribe, a protected ethnic group, from being able to bid. The City has already tried to

implement a City limits guideline in employment; however, the Tribe objected and it was ruled a civil rights violation, but the line has to be drawn somewhere.

Douglas Nicholls, 3505 W. 19th Lane, Core Engineering Group, City of Yuma, stated he was on the committee that promoted Proposition 400 and helped to develop a proposed ordinance; however, the ordinance tonight is not the same ordinance that was presented by the committee. The committee did struggle with the same issues as the City Council; one committee member brought a unique perspective to the table as he is a City resident, pays City taxes, but his business is in an area of the county not adjacent to the City and cannot be annexed. The committee considered how to define a boundary and came to the conclusion that this is a community and the reason for having a preference is to have a return to the City in some fashion, i.e., if a project is done in the City the return is the City sales tax. Another important factor is the employee and where they spend their money; most of the grocery shopping happens in the City of Yuma in which people come from all over the county for that. Therefore, the committee felt that the entire county needed to be included in local preference. The proposed ordinance from the committee wasn't perfect, but it did have a lot of well thought out information that could be used, and is a good starting point. He encouraged City Council to look at the ordinance from a community perspective and noted that drawing a line divides the community. A selling point of defining Proposition 400 in the form of an ordinance was the ability to modify as time may change. The language, approved by the voters, in the City Charter does not specify how the different segments of the community needed to be addressed nor does it state how much the local preference has to be, leaving a lot of flexibility to be worked out [within the ordinance].

Mayor Krieger asked if Nicholls was suggesting breaking down the list of services the voters approved and have a different approach to each segment. **Nicholls** stated he is not an attorney, but doesn't see anything prohibiting doing so. **Mayor Krieger** agreed that the ordinance could address areas differently.

McClendon asked if the proposed ordinance by the committee suggested local preference be within Yuma County. **Nicholls** stated the committee's proposed ordinance suggested that businesses within the City were a 5% preference, those business located within Yuma County were 3%. **Mayor Krieger** noted the City can't go beyond their jurisdiction, but the County is currently working on a local preference ordinance.

Jay Clinger, 3032 E. 43rd Street, City of Yuma, stated that his business is located within the City limits and the local preference would help him, but after being involved in a federal local preference program he feels the program does not work and asked why should the government get involved in determining who is good and who is not in regards to local preference. He has watched as the federal government hired the wrong people and spent too much money on the wrong service; the City should not go down this road.

Mayor Krieger reminded City Council that if the ordinance is changed, it goes back to first reading, kicking out the possibility of the fire station bid coming under the umbrella of local preference.

Johnson made a motion to approve ordinance O2011-39, local preference, as presented; however, the motion died due to a lack of a second.

Discussion

McClendon requested clarification, a comment made suggested the ordinance can be amended; however, the ordinance suggests it is a proposed amendment to the Yuma City Charter. How can the ordinance be modified if it will be implemented within the City Charter? **Mayor Krieger** stated the voters basically

approved the City implementing a local preference ordinance. **McClendon** stated that the ordinance clearly spells out local preference; will that language go into the City Charter? **Mayor Krieger** stated the only language that will be in the Charter would be stating the City would have a local preference; however, the specifics will be contained within the ordinance.

Wilkinson placed a document on the overhead exhibiting what the Charter will look like with the language approved by the voters, which did not indicate percentages just the fact the City will have a local preference. **Mayor Krieger** read "The City Council shall authorize local preferences" and asked what does "authorize" mean? **Moore** stated the City Charter is similar to a constitution for the City, which is a document that authorizes the City Council to create legislation. The word "authorize" means City Council shall be enabled to move forward with an ordinance defining local preference. **Mayor Krieger** noted that the language approved by the voters does not mandate local preference, but enables City Council to create guidelines for local preference. **Moore** clarified the language approved by the voters' mandates that the City Council will take action to authorize local preference. **Mayor Krieger** noted that if action were to be taken tonight, for instance changing 5% to .5%, it would still be abiding by the voters wishes and at some point in the future the values can change. **Moore** stated a material change to the ordinance would require it to go back to first reading; however, depending on the change, the ordinance may need further legal review.

Mendoza asked if a motion and vote had to be made today, or if the ordinance could be tabled to possibly incorporate the appropriate changes. **Mayor Krieger** stated the item could be tabled. **Moore** stated it would be best if the item is to be continued to a specific date, versus tabling it. **Mendoza** stated that adding exceptions to local preference is going to be extremely confusing, but maybe City Council should consider letting the free market prevail, or consider a lower .25% local preference. The speakers provided good arguments and maybe some changes are in order, but more time is needed before approving the ordinance.

Stuart stated he would like to determine what the intent of the voters are, those taxpayers who will be paying for City projects, because the City may be drifting away from what the intent actually was. The City already supports the Chamber's program that encourages citizens to shop locally. The ordinance needs more deliberation and tweaking before it is passed.

Johnson stated the subject is and always has been complex, but a line will have to be drawn somewhere. The likelihood of pleasing everyone is slim, but the item needs to be continued to the first meeting in February 2012 in order to find a reasonable solution. In conversations with business owners in the County, they indicated they would be willing to sign a preannexation development agreement to qualify for local preference, but others who are not willing to annex. Local preference isn't something that can be adjusted and fine tuned over night; it will take a minimum of three months.

Motion (Johnson/Beeson): To continue O2011-39 to the February 1, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting.

McClendon stated that although she agrees more time is needed, she expressed her concern that the voters may perceive the City Council as pushing the ordinance off if it is continued. Will the first meeting in February suffice or is quicker action warranted? **Moore** stated that although the City Charter mandates action, it does not specify a date in which action must be taken. It has been a considerable amount of time since the voters approved local preference; however, the Governor just approved it; therefore, there is still time to adopt an ordinance. **McClendon** explained that the election was May 18, 2010, the Governor accepted the changes September 28, 2011, but the City Clerk's Office did not receive that information until

October 11, 2011. She agrees that the ordinance should wait until February for adoption in order to work out the details.

Mendoza asked if adding 90 days for adoption is reasonable. **Mayor Krieger** stated it is reasonable, and it gives the City Council time to receive feedback from the community.

Roll call vote: **approved 7-0.**

Mayor Krieger expressed his appreciation of the community's input; local preference needs to be worked out properly for everyone involved.

V. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bushong displayed the following title:

Ordinance O2011-40

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing that a certain parcel of real property, hereinafter described, be acquired by the City of Yuma, by gift, easement, purchase or under the power of eminent domain, for the reason that such property is required to improve the public roadway and utility infrastructure and other public purposes as may be related thereto, and authorizing payment therefor, together with costs necessary for the acquisition of said parcel of real property
(Right-of-way acquisition 8th Avenue between Oak Drive and Park Lane) (Eng)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS & RELATED ITEMS

- A. Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvement Plans** - Hear public comments on the proposed Land Use Assumptions and the Infrastructure Improvements Plan for preparation of updated Citywide Development Fees. (Eng)

Motion (Mendoza/Stuart): To continue the public hearing on the Land Use Assumptions and Infrastructure Improvements Plan to the Regular City Council Meeting of November 16, 2011. Voice vote: **approved 7-0.**

VII. APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHEDULING

Motion (Beeson/Mendoza): To appoint Ron Hayes to replace Raul Pino on the Design and Historic Review Commission to an unexpired term of June 30, 2014. Voice vote: **approved 6-0-1**; Stuart declaring a conflict of interest as Mr. Hayes is his tenant.

Motion (Mendoza/Brooks): To appoint James Sheldahl to replace Tony Brockington on the Design and Historic Review Commission to an unexpired term of August 17, 2013. Voice vote: **approved 7-0.**

VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Johnson reported attending a Rural Transportation Advocacy Council Meeting on Monday, October 31 and updated the City Council on issues regarding state transportation funds.

Stuart reported attending the following:

- October 4 -5 – County Supervisors Association of Arizona Legislative Summit
- October 8 - Redondo Reunion at the Main Library conference room, as part of the preparatory of the Centennial
- October 10 - Blue Ribbon Selection Committee for the Heart of Yuma awards
- October 15 - Hospice of Yuma Annual Gala
- October 18 - The Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
- October 20 - Grand Opening for the Habitat Humanity Restore and the Tribute of the Muses Awards Ceremony
- October 21 - 10th Anniversary Celebration of Amberly's Place
- October 25 - The Heart of Yuma Awards Ceremony
- October 26 - The Chamber of Commerce "Spooktacular" and the Yuma Library Foundation Executive Committee meeting
- October 29 - Street dedication at the Public Safety Training Facility

Mendoza reported attending the same events as reported by Councilmember Stuart. In addition, he also attended a Domestic Violence Vigil at the Wetland Parks on October 20, and the Young Marines Ball on October 22.

McClendon stated she, too, attended many of the events previously mentioned. In addition to those events, she attended the Catfish Rodeo on October 22, which was well attended and very exciting.

In addition to attending the other events mentioned, **Brooks** reported the Amberly's Place banquet was an emotional evening.

Mayor Krieger reported attending the following:

- October 20 - Yuma Solar Community Day at the International Airport, it was a well attended event that will help promote solar in Yuma
- October 24 – A Press Conference announcing an application fair for the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) pass in San Luis
 - Over 150 applications were received.
 - The goal is to get people to use the SENTRI lane to shorten the wait times on the border.
 - SENTRI card holders receive a thorough background check, which is good information for employers
- October 25 – Presenter at the Heart of Yuma Awards Ceremony
- October 26 – Meeting with the City Administrator and the State Treasurer regarding collections and issues within the State Treasurer's office
- October 29 - Street dedication at the Public Safety Training Facility
- October 30 - Independent Redistricting Commission meeting
- November 1 - Desert View Academy tour of City Hall, 70 students participated
- November 4 – The Arizona League of Cities and Towns Executive Committee in Phoenix
- November 9 through 12 – The National League of Cities Congress of Cities and Exposition in Phoenix, along with Councilmembers Mendoza and McClendon

Wilkinson reminded the public that the General Election is Tuesday, November 8 and urged those with early ballots to return them now, so they can be counted early.

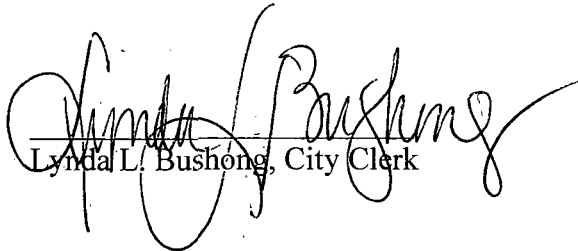
Stuart requested two items to be placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action:

- The possibility renaming of the Yuma Cemetery to "The Yuma Pioneer Cemetery"
- Follow up and discussion on the placement of the City of Yuma airplane in the lobby of City Hall

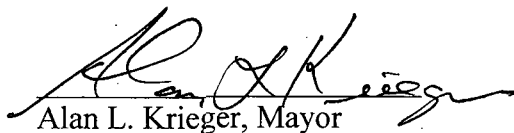
Wilkinson stated he has received no update on the relocation of the City of Yuma airplane, but the City is ready and awaiting the plans.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Beeson/McClendon): To adjourn to Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Alan L. Krieger, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:
December 21, 2011
City Clerk: 