

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
September 16, 2014
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Wright, Knight, Beeson, McClendon, Thomas, Craft and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: none
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
CIP Supervisor, Kevin Eatherly
City Engineer, Josh Scott
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Steven W. Moore
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.4.: Off-Track Betting License: Turf Paradise at The Mine Shaft

- The application is requesting betting on horse racing be allowed.
- The process is similar to obtaining a liquor license where the City Council will make a recommendation for approval or denial, then that recommendation will be forwarded to the State, who ultimately has the final decision.
- Previous off track betting locations include:
 - Famous Sam's
 - The Landing Zone
 - Rumors Bar & Grill
- Off track betting falls under the state controlled racing and is closely monitored. Any establishment will need to meet all requirements set by state law.
- The state requires viewing a copy of the contract between the race venue and the local business.
 - An employee of the race venue is located within the local establishment and will be in charge of their operations.
 - Any items associated with the betting will be designated within the establishment.
 - Children would be allowed onsite if the establishment normally allows children during normal business.
- Historically there has not been a need for enhanced security at the previous locations.

Motion Consent Agenda Item 6: Request for Qualifications (RFQ): Geotechnical and Materials Testing and Other Related Consultant Services.

Eatherly explained to Council this item is requesting authorization to negotiate the rates for the consultant contracts. Since the statute requires candidates to be selected based on qualifications and not cost bids, local preference does not apply.

Motion Consent Agenda Item 5: Bid Rejection: Madison Avenue Improvements

Eatherly explained that it is very rare the staff recommends the rejection all bids. The reasoning behind it is because the lowest bid received was close to the budgeted amount allotted for project, thus not allowing for much flexibility. The second reason, there are a couple of similar projects that also need to be completed and it will cost the City more to do all three projects separately. By combining the three separate projects into one and spanning it over two fiscal years will result in a savings and allow the project to be built in its entirety.

Motion Consent Agenda Item 10: Notice of Intention to Adjust Water and Wastewater Utility Rates and Fees

Discussion:

- The notice of intention gives the public notice that the City is considering adjusting the Water and Wastewater rates, and starts the process.
- The process for adjusting rates does not have to be completed within a certain amount of time; however there are some requirements to the process that are set by statute.
 - Public notice of intention
 - Advertising in newspaper
 - Public hearings
- There will be plenty of opportunities for the Council to meet and discuss the different options available before adjusting the water and wastewater rates and fees.
- Public input is strongly encouraged.
- A roundtable with the consultant will be scheduled in the month of October.

Resolution Consent Agenda Item B: Resolution R2014-32 Development Fee Deferral: Basera Holdings, LLC

Scott stated the deferral agreement follows the suit of previous agreements over the past year. Also noted was the fact the subdivision in the agreement was formally known as Reflections.

Adoption of Ordinance Consent Agenda Item A: Ordinance O2014-27 Declaration of Surplus and Authorization of Transfer of Land: Arizona Department of Veteran's Services

Discussion:

- The surplus is approximately 17 acres of land that is located north of the canal.
- The staff of the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services toured a few locations within the City prior to deciding on the location to be transferred in Ordinance O2014-27.

- Decision of location was based on needs and requirements of the future VA Hospital.
 - Distance from town.
 - Distance from ambulance services.
 - Proximity to stores.
- The initial transfer is of 8 acres, with additional land set aside for future expansion.
- There are no known conflicts with the location being close to the sewer plant.

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

Colonel Adams and **Major Denver**, from Marine Corps Air Station—Yuma, briefed City Council and staff on the upcoming Weapons and Tactics Instructor exercise, intended to give military students realistic training that is consistent with a mission that they may be called upon to execute.

AST (Assault Support Tactics) III Mission (Yuma)

- Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA)

WTI Training Concept

- Friday: October 10, 2014
- Air
 - Over 30 aircraft involved (6 in Yuma)
 - Operate in flights of 2-4 aircraft
 - 6.5 hour flight window (4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.)
 - Yuma landing sites:
 - Kiwanis Park
 - Trinity Christian Center
 - Crane Middle School
 - Yuma Regional Medical Center
- Ground
 - Airborne Security Force insert
 - MEDCAP personnel

Coordination

- Safety
 - Strict adherence to all FAA regulations
 - Altitudes
 - Minimum of 500' Above Ground Level (AGL) over the city except during takeoff and landing
 - De-confliction within air traffic control airspace
 - Environmental
 - Drip pans placed beneath extended boom forklifts (EBFLs) at Kiwanis
 - Limited movement for turf preservation
 - Security/Fire Fighting
 - Military Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) on site
 - Yuma Police and Military Police (MP) on site
 - Site Commander will ensure the site is clean prior to departure
 - No ordnance will be carried on any aircraft/personnel
 - Role players will be in civilian clothes and wearing reflective belts

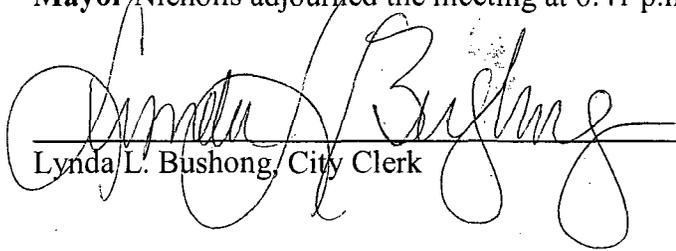
- Kiwanis Park, Trinity Christian Center, Crane Middle School
 - No public or recreational events scheduled

- YRMC
 - Coordination 2 weeks prior
- All locations: Spectators are encouraged and are asked to follow instructions and/or directions of local authorities and exercise personnel for own safety.

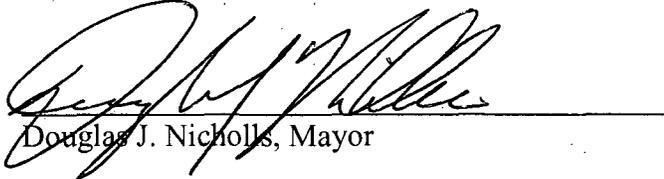
III. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION - NONE

IV. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nicholls adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. No Executive Session was held.


Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:
December 3, 2014
Deputy
City Clerk: Lynda L. Bushong