

MINUTES
REGULAR WORKSESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
October 14, 2014
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the Regular City Council Worksession to order at 6:01 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Wright, Knight, McClendon, Thomas, Craft and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Beeson
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
Parks & Recreation Director, Debbie Wendt
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Steven W. Moore
City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

I. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

Introduction of Ordinances Item A: Ordinance O2014-30 Rezoning of Property: Southwest corner of Maple Avenue and 16th Street, Yuma, AZ.

Wilkinson explained the City is responsible for the cosmetic cleanup of the site. However, the previous owner would be responsible for any cleanup needed resulting from fuel leaks or related issues that might arise.

Motion Consent Agenda Item B.6.: Outside Agency Agreement Amendment: Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation

Wilkinson stated the City's prorated share of the \$28,121 to bring on a part-time, Spanish and English speaking, Cultural Coordinator for one year will be \$13,029.00. This amount is based on population and will be in addition to the outside agency agreement funding.

II. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Mark Hoffman, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division, introduced Senior Project Engineer Amy Moran, consultant from Wilson and Company retained by ADOT to conduct and provide updates on the City of Yuma Transportation Master Plan Study.

Amy Moran presented the following information:

Study Background

- Study is federally funded through the ADOT Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) Program
- Wilson and Company is conducting the study in partnership with City staff and local agencies

- The 2005 Major Roadways Plan and 2009 Bicycle Facilities Master Plan are outdated
- Planning efforts are needed to address pedestrian facilities, transit service enhancements, and airport coordination
- Study Area includes the entire municipal planning boundaries

Primary Objectives

- Develop a Multimodal Transportation System Master plan that addresses the needs of the City of Yuma within its regional context for 5-year, 10-year and buildout horizons
- Identify potential multimodal improvements to meet the growing population and changing land uses
- Actively solicit input from stakeholders and the public and incorporate their priorities into the plan and program form improvements

Improvement Strategies

- Alleviate congestion on existing study area roadways
- Provide additional roadway connectivity in the study area
- Provide additional roadway connectivity between the study area and regional destinations
- Identify needed traffic signal improvements
- Improve connectivity and safety of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Incorporate short-term transit needs and identify potential service routes based on buildout conditions

Recommended Networks

- Roadway Network
 - Additional travel lanes on I-8
 - Improved capacity and connectivity for east-west travel.
 - Additional capacity surrounding MCAS
 - Respects constraints to roadway widening in areas of established development.
 - New roadways to serve future developments
 - Foothills
 - Estancia
- Truck Routing
 - Truck routes
 - Overweight truck routes
 - Hazardous cargo routes
- Transit Network
 - Available today.
 - Short range 5-year transit plan
 - Possible route extensions
- Bicycle Facilities
 - Loops
- Pedestrian Needs
 - Identified priority corridors where sidewalks do not exist

Implementation Plan

- Near-Term Roadway Improvements
 - Projects currently underway and/or being designed
 - Projects for which right-of-way has already been acquired
 - Projects addressing existing deficiencies
 - Projects identified in the YMPO Regional Transportation Plan for 2014-2018
 - Pedestrian Projects
 - Sidewalk Improvements
 - Avenue A between Rosewood Drive and 32nd Street
 - West side of 4th Avenue north of 1st Street
 - 4th Avenue between 32nd Street and 40th Street
 - Arizona Avenue between 10th Street and 16th Street
 - Pacific Avenue between 8th Street and 12th Street
 - East side of Pacific Avenue between Crowder Avenue and 24th Street
 - Pacific Avenue between Palo Verde Street and 32nd Street
 - 32nd Street between Big Curve and Avenue 3 E
 - Avenue 3 E between 16th Street and the B Canal/24th Street
 - Development of an American's with Disability Act (ADA) Transition Plan
 - Roadway Safety Audits
 - 8th Street between Avenue B and 4th Avenue
 - 16th Street between Avenue A and Arizona Avenue
 - 4th Avenue between 3rd Street and 12th Street
- Mid-Term (10-Year) Improvements
 - Roadway Projects
 - Widening of 32nd Street between Avenue B and Big Curve as a 6-lane Principal Arterial
 - Construction of Avenue 3½ E between Avenue 3 E and 48th Street as a 4-lane Minor Arterial
 - Reconstruction/construction of 40th Street between Avenue 3 E and Avenue 10 E as a 4-lane Minor Arterial
 - Intersection Projects
 - 24th Street and Pacific Avenue
 - 32nd Street and Pacific Avenue
- Long-Term (10+ Years)
 - Primarily consist of projects providing capacity and connectivity to future growth areas

Discussion

- The five-foot sidewalks were chosen to allow for a five-foot setback for public safety and to minimize the right-of-way footprint.
- Due to the size of the vehicles that are associated with the winter visitors, it is recommended to keep all lanes at a width of 12 feet.
- The design of the street cross section is flexible and the lane widths can be modified to meet all safety issues.
- Next will be an amendment to the General Plan to incorporate the final report in the transportation element.

III. DESERT SUN TENNIS COURTS

Wendt presented the following:

History

- Constructed in late 1979
- Eight courts
- One exhibition court

Improvements

- In the early 1990's courts were resurfaced using a technique called Slip Sheeting
 - Project Cost: \$100,000
- Court resurfaced again in 2003 with an acrylic overlay
 - Project Cost: \$50,000
 - Funding provided by Yuma Tennis Association
- Demolition and Reconstruction in 2010 of eight courts with reinforced concrete
 - Prior improvements were not effective due to soil in the ground causing shifting
 - Projected to last 15-20 years
 - Project Cost: \$383,710
- Landscaping
 - Completed at same time of demolition and reconstruction
 - Project Cost: \$6,000
 - \$2,600 was donated by the Pecan Grove Garden Club
- Restroom Replacement completed in 2012
 - Project Cost: \$241,500
- Warm-up Area/Pickleball Courts added in 2013
 - Project Cost \$5,500

Maintenance Schedule

- Monthly, Weekly & Bi-Weekly Schedule
 - Blow courts every Tuesday and Friday morning
 - Wash Courts 1-4 on 3rd Tuesday of the month
 - Wash Courts 5-8 on 3rd Friday of the month
 - Court lighting inspected every Friday
- Daily Maintenance
 - Inspect court surfacing
 - Inspect net cable tension.
 - Pick up trash and empty trash receptacles
 - Remove graffiti
 - Mopping (as needed)
 - Windscreen inspections

Vandalism

- Skateboards
- Rollerblades
- Bicycles
- Soccer/Kickball

- Softball/Baseball
- Tape on courts
- Bent tennis net poles
 - Caused by tightening of nets and by people sitting on nets
 - City's cost to replace = \$400 each set
- Tennis net theft
- Damage to court from cleats
- Graffiti and gum on court surfacing and restrooms

Efforts to Reduce Vandalism

- Installed signage on all courts
 - No skateboards, bikes, hitting or kicking balls
 - No taping courts
 - Tennis only
- 5+ years ago began locking all courts and restrooms by 11:00 pm
- On October 1, 2014 installed combination locks on all courts
 - Tennis players need to contact P&R and will be given the combination

Partnership & Communication

- Met with tennis players to adjust lights per their direction, changed bulbs and cleaned lenses, and are working to address their concerns about vandalism
 - Lighting is controlled by individual timers on each court. All lighting goes go off by 11:00 pm each night
- Asked for their assistance to inform other tennis players about the new locks on gates
- Installed new sign board
 - Post maintenance schedules
 - Informed players on issues that may be of concern
 - Post Parks and Recreation information on upcoming programs and events
 - Phone number to call regarding any issues or problems
- Call P&R or the police department if they see any vandalism or miss-use of courts and report any damage immediately

Future

- Further improvements include new lighting on all eight courts
 - Estimated Cost: \$200,000
- Ideas for Court nine
 - Turn into regular tennis court
 - Estimated Cost: \$75,000
 - Turn into Pickleball Courts (room for 3)
 - Estimated Cost: \$75,000

Discussion

- There is no fee for utilizing the courts
- Security cameras are an option but cost approximately \$95-\$100 each
- Locking the courts have reduced the vandalism, but has not entirely eliminated it
- It was suggested to have a volunteer patrol program

- A comment/suggestion box will be installed next to the information board

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION - None

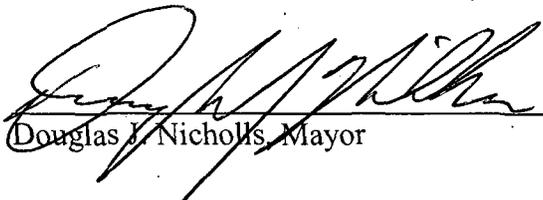
V. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Thomas/Wright): To adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 6-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor

Approved at the City Council Meeting of:
January 7, 2015
City Clerk: 