

**Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Bullhead City Council Chambers
1255 Marina Blvd. Bullhead City AZ 86442
Conducted In Person and via Zoom Conference**



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Bullhead City, Arizona**

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Jen Miles, Mayor
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mayor Brady called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayor Brady led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Annual appointment of TCC Chairperson

Chairman Mayor Brady appointed Mayor Sheehy to serve as the TCC Chairperson for the next year, to become effective immediately.

Chairman Mayor Sheehy presented a plaque to Mayor Brady from the TCC and thanked him for eight years of service to the community. He said a plaque will also be presented to Mayor Miles from Kingman for her service.

3. Roll Call & Introduction of Special Guests

(All in attendance participated either in person or via remote conferencing)

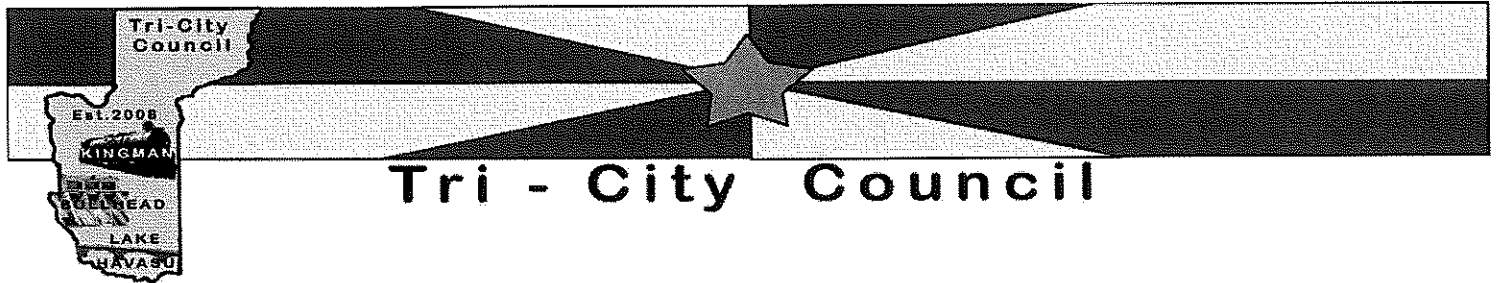
Lake Havasu City

Council Present

Cal Sheehy, Mayor
Jeni Coke, Council Member
David Lane, Council Member
Cameron Moses, Council Member
Nancy Campbell, Council Member
Michele Lin, Council Member

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager
Bobbi Kimelton



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Steve D'Amico, Council Member

Grace Hecht, Council Member

Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager

Susan Stein, City Clerk

Edigar Kajirwa, Assistant to the City Manager

Travis Pruitt, Assistant to the City Manager

City of Kingman

Council Present

Sue Ann Mello, Council Member

Keith Walker, Council Member

Jamie Scott Stehly, Council Member

Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager

Annie Meredith, City Clerk

Coleen Haines, Public Affairs Coordinator

Others Present

Travis Lingenfelter, Mohave County Board of Supervisors

Hildy Angius, Mohave County Board of Supervisors

Marianne Salem, Mohave County

Penny Pew, Office of Congressman Gosar

Dr. Stacey Klippenstein, Mohave Community College President

Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager

Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation

Dr. Chad Kingsley, Mohave County Health Director

Tami Ursenbach, Mohave County Economic Development Director

Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor

Michael Smith, Mohave County Arizona at Work

Joe Throneberry, Mohave County Community Services

Michael Zogg, Havasu News

Dan Alfonzo, Bullhead City Council Member Elect

Linda Alfonzo

Sarah Hall, Mohave County Supervisor Buster Johnson's Office

Shannon Davis



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4. Call to the Public

Chairman Mayor Sheehy opened the call to the public. Having no one present requesting to speak, Chairman Mayor Sheehy closed the call to the public.



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5. Approval of the Minutes from the April 20, 2022, Tri-City Council Meeting

Mayor Brady made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 Tri-City Council Meeting as presented. Mayor Sheehy seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Update from the Mohave County Board of Supervisors and other Elected Officials

Mohave County Supervisor Angius said the county passed the budget as submitted, and said the tax rate was reduced to \$1.75 from \$1.82 for a little relief. She said funding for capital projects included \$3.5 million for an animal shelter, \$8 million for a court remodel project, \$2 million for a county morgue project, and additional funds for the sheriff's substation. She said the \$2.5 million budgeted for the relocation of the fairgrounds was taken off the list. She said they were developing a jail re-entry diversion program called "Reachout." She said the federal government gave a grant to Yavapai County toward their Reachout program, and said it was successful with a 30 percent drop in recidivism. She said the state was encouraging all of the counties to implement the same program. She said a separate building was needed for the program to be successful, and not a jail. She said they were working with the recovery providers in the county, and said there was a \$5 million allotment to build a building. She said a lot of people around the state were watching Mohave County, and said she was proud that Mohave and Yavapai Counties took the lead. She said they recently hired a new Health Director and a new Finance Director.

Mohave County Supervisor Lingenfelter thanked Supervisor Angius for her efforts in leading the Reachout program. He thanked Mayor Brady for his years of dedicated service. He said the Board adopted a letter sent to the ADWR Director to include a prohibition of subsequent off river water transfers in the State of Arizona's mitigation, as a part of the seven basin states' plan to conserve an additional 2 to 4 million acre-feet of water in 2023. He said their letter was sent in addition to Representative Cobb's letter and other cities' letters. He said they had also written a letter to ADWR requesting they look at an INA for the Hualapai Basin, and said they believed they would start the process in late August. He said they would work with the City of Kingman in lockstep to make sure that educational pieces got out, and said he hoped they would be successful in getting an INA over the Hualapai Basin.



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Mohave County Supervisor Lingenfelter said State Representatives Cobb, Borrelli, and Biasiucci were able to leverage their votes, which kept the water issues alive for a long time. He said they were talking about ground water basins in June with the Speaker of the House. He said that cities and counties needed to go into the next session unified and lobby, as they continued to fight those water issues.

Mohave County Assessor Kentch discussed their new Assessor's Address Protection Program (AAPP). She said the program would help owners feel more secure in protecting their property. She said they were planning on holding a September meeting regarding the short term rental issues.

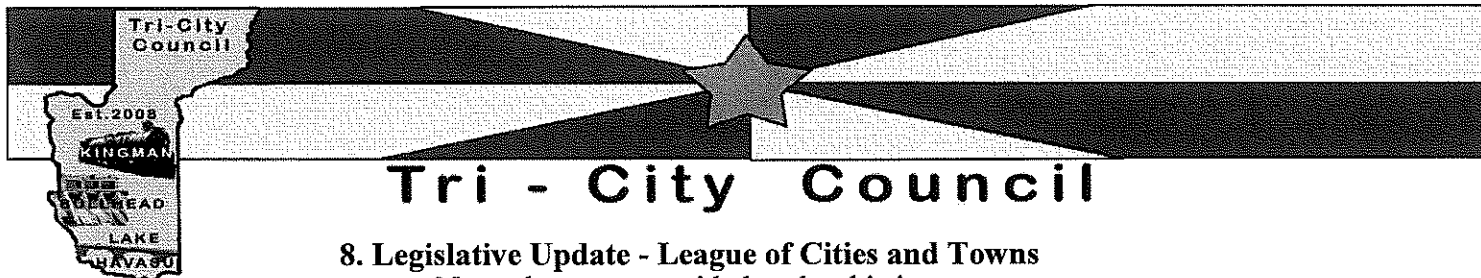
Penny Pew thanked Mayor Brady for the Howitzer procurement. She said Congressman Gosar had been working on a bill calling for the death penalty if a person was convicted of selling fentanyl to anyone. She announced that \$500,000 in funding was granted for a health clinic in Colorado City to help citizens with opioid treatment and mental health. She said they have asked for a bill to go forward that would help medically handicapped veterans get on the TSA pre-screening list. She said they had zero military academy applicants this year, which was an indicator of what was happening at this time.

7. Mohave County Dept. of Health Update and Introduction of New Director

Chairman Mayor Sheehy read a message from former Health Director Denise Burley. Dr. Chad Kingsley said this was his third day in his new position. He said he was familiar with the community and happy to serve. He said they were coming off of the pandemic and moving forward. He said the community health assessments had been completed and could be reviewed online.

Mayor Brady asked about the monkey pox disease. Dr. Kingsley said there was a previous outbreak years before. He said there were 85 confirmed cases in the state and zero known cases in the county. He said the concern was low at this time. He said a vaccine was available if an outbreak occurred, and said they would continue to monitor the progress. He said the cities and counties needed to address what was best for their individual communities. He said COVID would always continue to be out there, and said he did not see any future lockdowns. He said monkey pox was transmissible from skin to skin contact. He said high risk groups would have access to vaccines that were available.

Dan Alfonzo asked if there would be an annual COVID booster going forward. Dr. Kingsley said they were still in the learning process, and confirmed the booster should be available on an annual basis.



8. Legislative Update - League of Cities and Towns

No update was provided under this item.

9. Rural Transportation Update -Kevin Adam

Kevin Adam said they were getting ready for the next legislative session and the opportunities in the future. He said there would be a tremendous change at the State Capitol. He said they would have a new Speaker, Senate President, and a new Governor that would have potential for shifts in the Phoenix agenda. He said they continued to follow the revenue outlook, and said it was still historically high; along with extremely high inflation. He said they had seen extremely high state revenue growth, and said there would be adjustments. He said it appeared there was a \$4.7 billion carry forward balance going into next year. He said in the state's history, that amount was never more than \$1 billion. He said there would be spending pressures as well as pressure to enact tax cuts. He said there was not much interest in increasing the funding for HURF. He said the Legislature had prioritized transportation for the use of the surplus carry forward balance. He said they were working across the state with transportation planning entities to develop a list of priorities, and said their focus would be on local projects. He said \$20 million was allotted to complete the Highway 95 rehabilitation in Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City.



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10. Arizona Department of Transportation Update

No update was provided under this item.

11. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Update—Jaime Hernandez

No update was provided under this item.

12. Mohave County Community Services WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Workforce Program Presentation—Director Michael Smith

Director Michael Smith played a video about the services provided under the Arizona At Work program. He said they had a great team ready to serve the needs of the community. He said they provided on the job training, a dislocated worker program, youth and adult programs, job center assistance, GED preparation and testing, and said they partnered with Mohave Community College. He said he wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of their services.

Lake Havasu City Manager Knudson asked how they planned to get the word out to the small businesses about their services. Mr. Smith said they had made presentations to community groups, contractor associations, Chambers, and said billboards would soon display their services to the communities.

Penny Pew asked if any job fairs would be held. Mr. Smith said they were holding a hiring event right now.



13. Mayors' Reports—City Updates

Bullhead City Mayor Brady said he was very happy to work with everyone over the past eight years and be a part of the Tri-City Council. He said their voices were better heard together at the Capitol. He said Bullhead City did not see any economic downturn during the pandemic. He said he looked back at their decisions during the pandemic, and said sometimes he thought some decisions would have been different if they knew then what they knew now. He said they all got through it. He said the city had many capital improvement projects in place for the water and wastewater systems. He said the city was doing a wonderful job with the process of taking over the water company, and said they were blessed there was funding available to help with the repairs and upgrades. He said today the water levels on the river were at the lowest level for improvements and to control the caddisfly population. He said the retired Colorado Belle River Boat would be permanently parked on the shore at Community Park within a few months. He said they added three new restrooms at Community Park, and said a new crossing of the major wash separating the park would be completed soon. He said other projects included the new Senior Center expansion, mill and fill road repaving projects, and the new Heritage Trail from Davis Dam to the Laughlin Bridge. He introduced Council Member Elect Alfonzo. He said Steve D'Amico was directly elected as Mayor, and Grace Hecht was directly elected to serve a two-year Council term. He said it was his pleasure to work with City Manager Cotter for the duration of his term in office.



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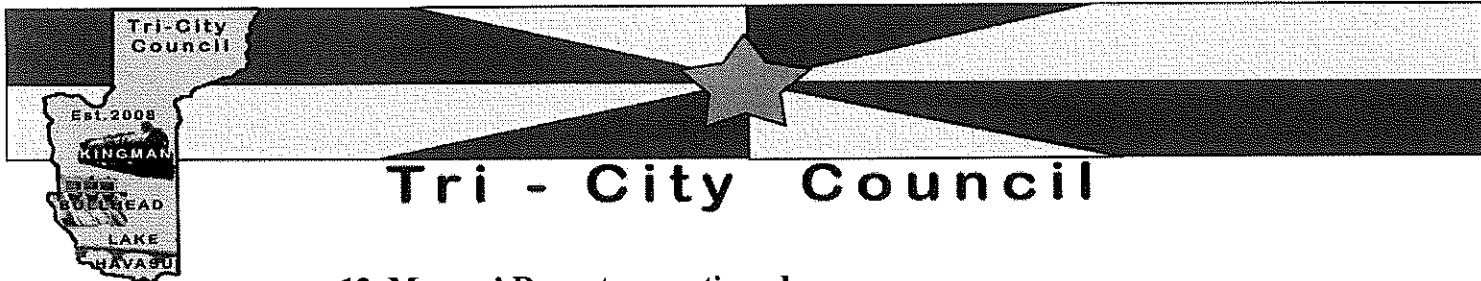
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Kingman City Manager Foggin said Mayor Miles' last day in Kingman was last Friday due to health reasons. He said she loved being Mayor and the Tri-City Council. He said Ken Watkins, Vice Mayor, would fill her term and was elected as Mayor for the upcoming term. He said they were excited about the direction Kingman was going. He said several items were on the November ballot, including a franchise agreement, Proposition 415 sales tax increase of .56 percent, and one City Council position. He said capital projects continued to be the focus, and said they had the same issues as other cities, such as the supply chain and lack of contractors. He said the street scape project on Beale Street should break ground in the fall. He said the Kingman Crossing interchange project was in process, and said plans should be finalized in April. He said the West Beale TI project would receive a bridge grant from ADOT. He said the annual Andy Devine Days would be held the last week in September, and the second annual Route 66 Festival would be held in October.



13. Mayors' Reports—continued

Lake Havasu City Mayor Sheehy said the all of incumbents running for office were directly elected in the primary election. He offered his gratitude to Representative Biasiucci for his assistance in getting the short term rental bill passed. He said they would take full advantage of all of the provisions offered in that bill. He said they would continue to advocate at the Legislature for local control. He said the city was constructing a municipal courthouse, and said their veterans' court program continued to be a success. He said they had been working closely with the State Representatives and County Supervisor Lingenfelter for help with the ground water management areas. He said the city would be looking at additional water conservation measures, and said the city currently was using less water than in 1990's. He said the Riviera launch ramp, a public-private partnership, was now open. He said ALLO Communications made a \$50 million investment in broadband services for the community. He said they adopted a \$10 million budget for local road improvement projects over the next fiscal year. He said he was excited the funding for improvements on Highway 95 was approved by ADOT. He said they had been having conversations about a community resource coalition to identify the allocation of funds for social services and related projects. He said the next Tri-City Council meeting would be held on October 19, 2022, in Lake Havasu City. He thanked the municipal clerks for their assistance in coordinating the TCC meetings.



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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mayor Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.



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