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MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Boulevard North
Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Mayor Sheehy.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayor Sheehy led in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call & Introduction of Special Guests

Lake Havasu City

Council Present

Cal Sheehy, Mayor
Gordon Groat, Councilmember
Jeni Coke, Councilmember
Michele Lin, Councilmember

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant
Brian Davis, Fire Chief
Dan Doyle, Police Chief
Kelly Garry, City Attorney
Shawn Irula, HR/Risk Management Manager
Stuart Schmeling, Development Services Director

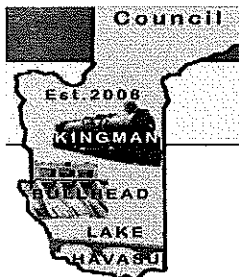
Bullhead City

Council Present

Tom Brady, Mayor
Kathy Bruck, Councilmember
Annette Wegmann, Vice Mayor

Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager
Anthony Kozlowski, Government Relations Administrative Analyst



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City of Kingman

Council Present

Jen Miles, Mayor

Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager

Annie Meredith, City Clerk



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Others Present

Stephanie Moore, Erin Collins & Associates

Todd Steinberger, Arizona Department of Transportation

Michele Beggs, Arizona Department of Transportation

Michael Zogg, Today's News Herald

Jaime Hernandez, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Terrence Concannon, Go Lake Havasu

Sonny Borrelli, Arizona State Senator

Leo Biasiucci, Arizona House Representative

Nancy Campbell, Citizen

Erin Taylor, Citizen

Patricia Perez, Citizen



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3. Call to the Public

Ms. Stephanie Moore, representative with Erin Collins and Associates, presented the Tri-City Throwdown Challenge (canvass board) to Bullhead City Mayor Brady.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the April 17, 2019, and July 31, 2019, TCC Meeting

Mayor Brady moved to approve the April 17, 2019, and July 31, 2019, Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Miles, and carried unanimously.

5. Updates from Mohave County Supervisors

There was no update given by the Mohave County Supervisors.

6. Legislative Update

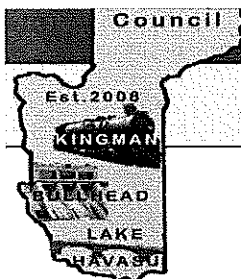
Arizona State Senator Sonny Borrelli and Arizona House Representative Leo Biasiucci provided a legislative update.

Representative Biasiucci said they have been successful in their accomplishments this year due to the relationship and open communication they have with the three cities. He added that this year they passed the most rural-friendly budget ever in the history of Arizona. He highlighted several items in the budget, including: the surplus of \$150 million for the tax conformity lowering income tax rates in Arizona, paid off debt saving



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\$125 million in interest, addition of \$1 billion in the rainy day fund, and the water contingency plan.

Senator Borrelli recapped several bills of the 2019 legislative session and addressed upcoming items including recreational marijuana. He said he adamantly opposes recreational marijuana because when the medical marijuana program passed through the voters the industry wrote the initiative with so many protections that it is almost impossible for legislators to fix. Senator Borrelli said he is trying to fix the medical marijuana program due to so many inadequacies. He said the Department of Health has permission to go into any organization or business during regular business hours completely unannounced; however, with the medical marijuana industry they have to give a five-day notice. He said the Auditor General did an audit on the Department of Health on the medical marijuana program and dinged them for not doing any health inspections. He said medical marijuana is supposed to be medicine but there is no guarantee or checks to prevent harmful pesticides or molded bacteria. He said what is being sold is being perpetrated as medicine but it is chemically contaminated bacteria, and if the recreational marijuana initiative gets back on the ballot and the voters pass the bill, it is going to affect everyone in Arizona, and once they have “home-grow” it is going to be on the black market.



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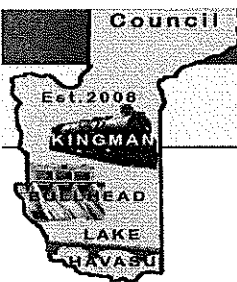
Representative Biasiucci added that it is also very difficult to determine when someone actually consumes the marijuana because it stays in his or her system for 30 days. He said if a recreational marijuana bill passes a voter initiative it is almost impossible to overturn at the legislative level. He urged the cities stay educated on this issue because the State is not ready to go down this path and needs a game plan for when it does happen.

Representative Biasiucci said next year will be a short session with an election year and the budget is already in discussion. He said their number one priority this year is repaving SR 95 from Bullhead City to Lake Havasu City. He said the economy is booming and they are seeing an increase in tax revenues, which means there is one time funding available and now is the time to take care of rural Arizona and repave SR 95.

In response to a question from the audience, Senator Borelli stated there was legislation this past session regarding vaping that raised the legal age to 21 years; however, the issue is what the legal age should really be for adult use when you can enlist in the military and register to vote at 18 years of age.

In response to Mayor Brady's question regarding upcoming legislation, Senator Borrelli replied that they have been hearing that some legislators will be introducing a bill for recreational marijuana for a referral, and added that he sees that bill as “dead on arrival” and will be pushing for a referendum to clean-up the medical marijuana side.

Mayor Brady asked if they anticipate cities and towns losing Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) now that the motor vehicle license fee that was put into place a couple of



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years ago is being repealed, to which Senator Borrelli said the fee is being repealed; however, with State revenues increasing, they will be working to make sure the State does not sweep the HURF funding again.

Representative Biasiucci said they came to a compromise that the \$32 motor vehicle fee would be repealed in two years, in 2021. He said the revenues have exceed expectations, so the revenues will be there to cover HURF.

Representative Biasiucci added that he would be running a bill to restore the State Lake Improvement Funds (SLIF), which were swept from cities and towns and have not been reinstated. Mayor Brady said the SLIF funds were funded by the percentage of gasoline tax that went into boats, and added that in years past, Mohave County greatly succeeded in improving the park systems along the river with SLIF funding; however, in 2008, it was swept away. He said Mohave County needs this funding restored.

Mayor Miles said the purpose of the motor vehicle license fee was to fund public safety and asked what the plan is to create a dedicated stream and if the money is going to come from the general fund, to which Senator Borrelli responded that there are several ideas on the table, one being a gas tax, which he is against, and added that there needs to be a dedicated funding source for the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Mayor Miles said that Representative Regina Cobb discussed the potential for a legislative attempt to void having a citizen initiative for recreational marijuana and asked if they are taking a proactive stance on this knowing the issues with the medical marijuana side. Senator Borrelli stated that the medical marijuana is supposed to be operating as a not-for-profit; however, they had three licenses that sold for \$800 million. He said it is also unclear whether the right sales tax is being remitted to the State because the Department of Health tracks all product of medical marijuana from the plant to the packaging but they are not allowed to share that with the Department of Revenue (DOR) since anyone associated with the marijuana industry is confidential; therefore, when the DOR performs an audit they have no way of knowing if they are underreporting.

7. Update from the Arizona Department of Transportation

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Northwest Assistant District Engineer Todd Steinberger outlined the following in his presentation:

- Current Area Projects
 - SR 95 at Kiowa Boulevard median and turn lane project: FANN Construction, \$1.67 Million
 - US 93 11th Street to Windy Point pavement preservation and shoulder widening: \$12.23 Million (Fann Contracting is the apparent low bidder)
 - US 93 Carrow-Stephens road widening: FNF Construction, \$31.3 Million; Construction crews continue to build the new travel lanes, just north of



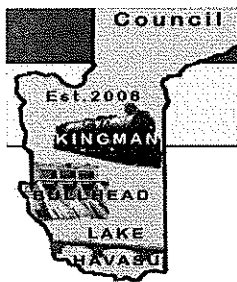
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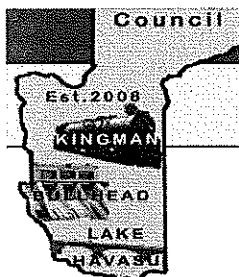
- Upcoming Projects
 - I-40, Various Bridge Rehab: Bridge Rehabilitation west of Kingman, Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 \$7.0 million
 - SR 95, Aztec to South Bullhead City Parkway: Raised Median Improvements, FY 2020 \$1.3 million
 - SR 95, Teller Lane to 7th Street: Raised Median Improvements, FY 2020 \$0.7 million
 - I-40, West Kingman TI: System to System Interchange, FY 2024 \$66 million
- Project Schedule West Kingman TI
 - Business stakeholder meeting – July 22, 2019
 - Presentations to Mohave County and Kingman City Council – September 3, 2019
 - Public Hearing – Early 2020
 - Finalize DCR – 2020
 - Start final design – 2020
 - Right-of-Way (R/W) acquisition – Begin 2020
 - Construction – FY 2024
 - Total programmed amount (including R/W) - \$66.2 Million

Mayor Brady asked about the intelligence transportation system in Bullhead City, to which Mr. Steinberger said they have completed approximately seven signals in the city and are going to be looking at tying together the Bullhead City signal project at the south end of the city limits and Mohave Valley. He added that they anticipate completion by the end of next year. Mayor Brady asked about the traffic flow, to which Mr. Steinberger said they have not collected all the data; however, there should be improvement in traffic flow with the smart technology.

Mayor Miles thanked Mr. Steinberger for presenting to the Kingman City Council and said she believes the final design improvements, with elevated structures, should benefit the drivers.

Chairman Mayor Sheehy asked Mr. Steinberger for an update on the SR 95 and Kiowa Boulevard asphalt project in Lake Havasu City, to which Mr. Steinberger said they are doing some differential milling to improve the driving surface and will cover the surface with a micro-seal.

Senator Borrelli stated that he has received numerous complaints regarding the limited number of chairs available in the waiting areas at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), to which Mr. Steinberger said he would relay the message to the department.



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8. Update on the 2020 Census Activities

Mr. Anthony Kozlowski, Bullhead City Government Relations Administrative Analyst, reported that Bullhead City held their first outreach for the Census at the Farmer's Market giving out swag items and informing the public of what to expect in the future and how they can get involved with employment. He said their next meeting will be held on the 28th and added that they are currently working on their new construction update for the Census.

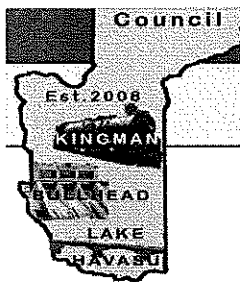
Mr. Stuart Schmeling, Lake Havasu City Development Services Director, reported that Lake Havasu City's Census Committee is looking to secure a booth at the Winterfest Event to provide swag and other additional items. He noted that they are also enhancing their website with a counter (countdown) and direct links to the Census platform, and are working on their new construction program and identifying the building permits from March 2018 through August 2019 to gain a better understanding on the housing numbers.

Mr. Toby Cotter, Bullhead City Manager, stated that the Census is still looking for good people looking for employment who are committed to staying on through the duration of the Census. Mr. Cotter reiterated the importance of an accurate population count.

Mr. Jess Knudson, Lake Havasu City Manager, stated that it is important to get the word out about the Census at every opportunity. He said the count is directly related to the ability for our cities to provide services to our residents. He explained that taxes collected by the State are distributed back to the cities and towns based on the population of each city. Mr. Knudson said on average each city receives approximately \$220 per person per year and that money is used to fix potholes, hire police officers, and provide services to the community; therefore, it is important that our residents be counted so the taxes we pay come back to our communities to pay for services that our residents come to expect.

Mr. Ron Foggin, Kingman City Manager, said Kingman has been actively engaged and stated that the price of an undercount over a ten-year period is millions of dollars. He said their task force in Kingman is comprised of City staff and outside stakeholders. He added that they delivered a message to their council in a work session about what activities they have been involved with and what they are looking forward to doing. He said the United States Census will employ 500,000 part-time employees this year and they are encouraging citizens in Kingman to get involved. Mr. Foggin reiterated that a better count from the region is going to result in a better regional representation at the State and Federal level. He said their calculation in Kingman is that each person counted equates to approximately \$400.

Chairman Mayor Sheehy noted that Census information is kept confidential for 78 years, and explained the value of the count, which is for the cities and towns to receive more money. He said the money that is collected from things like income taxes and



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state shared revenues is redistributed to all the cities and towns in Arizona based on population data. He said grant-funding organizations that provide services within the region are also predicated on these population numbers.

Mayor Brady stated that he is proud of the efforts that Bullhead City has made.

Chairman Mayor Sheehy added that this is the first year that the Census will be conducted primarily electronically. He said postcards will be mailed early 2020 with instructions, and the first day of the Census will be on April 1, 2020.



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9. Presentation and Discussion from Suddenlink

Item 9 was tabled to a future meeting date.

10. Presentation and Discussion on Regional Tourism Efforts

Go Lake Havasu President and Chief Executive Officer Terence Concannon outlined the following in his presentation:

Mohave County Tourism

A county-wide coalition of stakeholders to promote Mohave County as a destination for adventurers and tourists.

- Goals
 - Promote Mohave County as a world-class tourism destination
 - Enhance the tourism appeal and the tourism revenue of Mohave County
 - Create a network of travel options in Northwest Arizona
- Stakeholders
 - Municipalities
 - Hotels, Motels & Resorts
 - Short-Term Vacation Rentals
 - Food & Beverage Facilities
 - Casinos
 - State Parks
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Tribal Interests
 - Campgrounds & RV Parks
 - Tour Companies
 - Attractions
 - Boat and 4WD Rental Companies
 - Events
- Meetings
 - Meetings held quarterly and rotate among stakeholders
 - City leaders are asked to open each meeting
 - First meeting was in July in Lake Havasu City

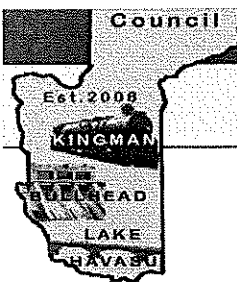


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- Next meeting is October 23, 2019, at Bullhead City Chamber
- Proposed Efforts
 - County tourism website, i.e. VisitMohaveCounty.org
 - Travel itineraries that showcase the best, the most unique and offbeat aspects of our county
 - Printed literature and collateral
 - Pitch tourism stories and positive content to media
 - Trade show & travel show participation
 - Share best practices
 - Coordinate responses to travel hazards or emergencies
- Anticipated Funding Sources
 - Seed capital from Go Lake Havasu, Go Kingman & Bullhead City Chamber of Commerce and others
 - In-kind contributions of social media efforts from Go Lake Havasu & other organizations
 - Request additional funds from Mohave County PED
 - Contributions from members

In response to Mr. Cotter's question, Mr. Concannon stated that the number one tourist attraction in Arizona (natural) is the Grand Canyon and (built) is the London Bridge.

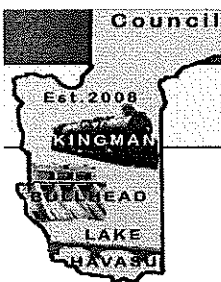
Mr. Concannon stated that they want to hear from anyone that provides a visitor service or a visitor experience as every voice matters when it comes to tourism in Mohave County. He noted that over the last two years, Mohave County took in \$60 million in tourism.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

11. Mayor's Reports – City Updates

Mayor Brady reported that Bullhead City is having their groundbreaking next week for the Heritage Trail, which is a \$6 million project that will extend the trail and create a loop from the Davis Dam to the Laughlin Bridge. Mayor Brady said they have been contacted by their Airport Authority regarding starting another airline service. He said they are still negotiating; but it will be a turbo prop plane that will make two to three flights a day, at least five days a week, between Bullhead City and Los Angeles. Mayor Brady said the homeless shelter in Bullhead City is nearing completion and is anticipated to be open in the near future. He noted that they are awaiting the results of their Fall 2019 all-mail ballot election. Mayor Brady said he has been researching and has found that EPCOR is trying to purchase Brooke Water LLC in Parker, Arizona, for approximately \$1 million to serve approximately 2,100 customers. He said the documents they submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission state that the system needs \$7.5 million in improvements and



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they want to consolidate that system with the north Mohave system so that they can help offset the improvement costs with the north Mohave system. He said he has not seen anyone informing the north Mohave system customers that this is something that might affect them and what the rates for those customers will be. He said the north Mohave system customers need to be fully informed. Mayor Brady also reported that their Veterans Court received a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government.



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Mayor Miles stated that after almost 15 years the city has finally completed the agreement with KX Ventures for Kingman Crossing to be constructed. Mayor Miles explained that Kingman Crossing is a commercial complex located near the new hospital. She said the southern half of the district is city-owned land which will benefit the city when the interchange is developed. Mayor Miles said they are also making progress on the Rancho Santa Fe Interchange that links I-40 to the Industrial Park and opens up approximately 4,000 acres of developable land for industrial, commercial, and residential development. Mayor Miles reported that Kingman is getting a new Department of Economic Security (DES) building on Airway Avenue that will house all of their programs. She announced several upcoming events in Kingman, including: the Walk Away from Drugs, Street Drags on Route 66, Renaissance Fair for the Mohave Animal Shelter, and Kingman Municipal Air Fest.



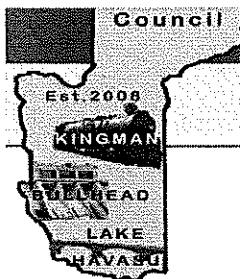
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Senator Borrelli spoke about a meeting he had with Vice Mayor Lingenfelter regarding the proposal of the Veterans Home. He said the Department of Economic Services (DES) conducted a survey and are enthusiastic about the location and hopeful to receive funding from the State. Mayor Miles noted that it is an excellent project and added that the Greater Arizona Mayor's Association will be meeting next week and she will be pursuing the Mayors' support on the Veterans Home in Kingman.



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Chairman Mayor Sheehy said the Havasu Riviera project is progressing with signed agreements from Arizona State Parks and the private developer. Mayor Sheehy noted that the project is a public-public-private partnership, and explained that the parkway from the stoplight on Highway 95 leads to the first Arizona State Park in over 20 years on the West Coast that includes a mainland boat launch facility in Phase 1, and additional amenities in Phases 2 and 3. He added that the project will have a \$1 billion economic impact to Lake Havasu City at full buildout. Chairman Mayor Sheehy said a Mohave County Community Town Hall for Strong Families and Thriving Children will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mohave Community College. He reported on the de-consolidation of the Lake Havasu City Municipal Court due to continued growth and the need for more space. He said the City is in the process of looking at a variety of options, including the possibility of building an addition to the City Hall building. Chairman Mayor Sheehy said the City recently unveiled a new military lounge at the Lake Havasu Municipal Airport due to an increase of military traffic from the Fixed Based Operators at the airport. He said the military lounge is located in the General Aviation terminal and is available for any military personnel. Chairman Mayor Sheehy reported on several upcoming events,



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including: the Relics and Rods Run to the Sun Car Show, London Bridge Days Parade, Chillin n' Swillin Beer Festival, Festival of Lights, Boat Parade of Lights, and the Balloon Festival.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Future Agenda Items

Mayor Miles said at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns she attended "The Arizona We Want" presentation from the Center for the Future of Arizona regarding the progress meters that are being used to benchmark various things that the people of Arizona identified as priorities. Mayor Miles stated that she would like to invite Ms. Evelyn Casuga who has been leading this effort to give a short presentation at the next Tri-City Council Meeting.

Chairman Mayor Sheehy requested a future agenda item regarding camping outside city limits on State and Federal lands that encroaches on our neighborhoods.

Senator Borrelli stated that he is introducing a mirror bill that addresses executive sessions for councils and school boards.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mayor Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.



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