



# Tri - City Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Lake Havasu City – Public Works Maintenance Facility

900 London Bridge Rd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403



**City of  
Bullhead City, Arizona**

Tom Brady, Mayor  
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**City of Kingman, Arizona**

Ken Watkins, Mayor

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Sheehy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Roll Call & Introduction of Special Guests**

(\*Present via remote conferencing)

#### Lake Havasu City:

##### Council Present

Cal Sheehy, Mayor  
David Lane, Councilmember  
Nancy Campbell, Councilmember  
Cameron Moses, Councilmember

##### Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager  
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager  
Kelly Williams, City Clerk  
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant\*  
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant  
Steve Blake, Digital Media Coordinator  
Dan Doyle, Police Chief  
Bobbie Kimelton, Human Capital Management Director\*  
Shannon Blakey, Management Analyst\*

#### Bullhead City:

##### Council Present

Tom Brady, Mayor  
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##### Staff Present

Edigar Kajirwa, Assistant to the City Manager  
Travis Pruitt, Assistant to the City Manager  
Sue Stein, City Clerk

#### City of Kingman:



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## Council Present

Ken Watkins, Mayor

## Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager

Annie Meredith, City Clerk\*

## Others Present

Michael Zogg, Today's News Herald

Anthony Brozich, Arizona Department of Transportation\*

Dr. Chad Kingsley, Mohave County Health Director\*

Tom Belshe, League of Arizona Cities & Towns\*

Penny Pew, Representative Congressman Paul Gosar's Office

Kristi Blair, Mohave County Recorder

David Diaz, citizen



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## 3. Call to the Public

Chairman Sheehy opened the call to the public. There being no comments, he closed the call to the public.

## 4. Approval of the Minutes from the August 10, 2022, Tri-City Council Meeting

Mayor Brady moved to approve the August 10, 2022, Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes, and carried unanimously.

## 5. Updates from Mohave County Board of Supervisors and other Elected Officials

Ms. Kristi Blair, Mohave County Recorder, provided an update on the upcoming General Election.

Mayor Brady asked the expected timeframe to receive election results, to which Ms. Blair said the elections will be canvassed at the November 21, 2022, board meeting. Ms. Blair added that it takes an approximately five days after the election for signature verification.

Ms. Penny Pew, Representative from Congressman Paul Gosar's Office, stated that Congressman Gosar attended several roundtables to discuss Social Security and Second Amendment issues. Ms. Pew said Congressman Gosar's Office is looking for an office in Lake Havasu City and looking to hire someone to work on veteran issues.

Dr. Chad Kingsley, Mohave County Health Director, said the health of the community is stable, progressing forward, and added that numerous health fairs are being held with the good weather.



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Mayor Brady asked about the funding from the federal government to test sewage within Mohave County (“County”), to which Dr. Kingsley said usually sewage is associated with environmental health in which duties were recently transferred to Development Services. Mayor Brady clarified that the funding was directly related to COVID-19. Dr. Kingsley confirmed that the County receives funding to test sewage that better monitors diseases to see if they are prevalent in the County. Dr. Kingsley stated that he would need to get further clarification if the testing is through an outside company or through Arizona State.

Ms. Pew asked if the funding source was from a grant awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), to which Dr. Kingsley said he does not remember the specifics; however, he believes it is through the state.



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#### 6. Legislative Update – League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Mr. Tom Belshe, Executive Director with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, said it is a busy time with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns (“League”) just before the elections on where the cities and towns stand on different campaigns. Mr. Belshe discussed the concerns as it relates to revenue sources for cities and towns. He said that several candidates have brought up the idea of getting rid of food and residential rental taxes. Mr. Belshe added that this revenue source primarily affects rural communities and is one of their larger tax sources and the residential rental and food tax makes up approximately 30 percent of their total revenue. He said most of the larger cities do not have food or residential rental tax.

Mr. Belshe stated that an interim committee has been comprised concerning myths about the effect of cities and towns regulation on the completion of homes especially apartments. He said that there are things being said on how fast cities and towns approve projects such as multi-family housing projects, and soon the League will have the numbers throughout the state of how many houses are looking to be completed. He further stated that the League has seen a decrease in the numbers of permits taken out, and the price of homes in the valley could possibly be a big issue that comes up in session next year. Mr. Belshe requested assistance on educating the upcoming new legislators.

Chairman Sheehy asked what the League is preparing to do with the candidates that won the primary election to educate them on the cities and towns, to which Mr. Belshe said that some reports have been comprised, and they are also providing information at meetings. Mr. Belshe added that for the



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gubernational campaigns they are having officers of the League trying to meet with them to get them more information.

Mayor Brady said Bullhead City approved an ordinance regarding short-term rentals and much of that was based on the work that the League has done. Mayor Brady asked if the committee is still working on a draft policy and should they expect any changes, to which Mr. Belshe said what the League sent out still stands and they are continuing to work on it. Mayor Brady thanked Mr. Belshe and the League for their help and assistance. Mr. Belshe noted that this is an ongoing issue; however, the League is working on making it easier for the cities and towns.



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Mayor Watkins added that Kingman discussed short-term rentals at their recent council meeting and thanked Mr. Belshe for his framework.

City Manager Ron Foggin asked if the League is educating newly elected state legislatures on water issues, to which Mr. Belshe said the League did not get involved because these are decisive issues between cities and regions.

Mr. Foggin asked if the League will be educating newly elected candidates on collecting taxes, to which Mr. Belshe said they work with new leadership after election and provide education on budgets and planning through orientation.

Ms. Pew asked who will be training the newly elected legislators, to which Mr. Belshe stated the League Presidents.



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### 7. Arizona Department of Transportation Update

Mr. Anthony Brozich, Northwest District Administrator with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), provided an update on current and upcoming construction projects and outlined the following in his presentation:

#### Current Construction Projects

- SR 95: Needles Bridge – Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Contract: \$2,157,409
- US 93: Moore Ranch Rd to 190.56 - Minor Pavement Preservation Contract: \$1,655,159
- I-40: Anvil Rock Rd. TI – Bridge Deck Replacement Contract: \$2,250,000
- US 93: Kabba Wash Bridge – Bridge Replacement Contract: \$2,633,586



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## Upcoming Preservation Projects

- I-40: E. Kingman T.I. OP WB Bridge – Bridge Rehabilitation FY 23 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Contract: \$7,862,000
- SR 95: Bullhead City Pkwy. To Courtright Rd. – Pavement Preservation FY 23 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Contract: \$30,467,000
- I-40: MP 2.54 to Lake Havasu TI – Pavement Preservation FY 23 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Contract: \$16,307,000
- I-40: Walnut Creek to Holy Moses – Pavement Preservation FY 24 1<sup>st</sup> QTR Contract: \$36,295,000
- SR 95: I-40 to SARA Park – Pavement Preservation FY 23 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR Contract: \$37,355,032



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## Upcoming Modernization Projects

- Bullhead Pkwy. & Silver Creek Rd. – Median and Street Lighting FY 23 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Contract: \$3,836,500
- Boundary Cone and Oatman Hwy. – Rumble Strips FY 23 1<sup>st</sup> QTR Contract: \$1,323,299
- Northern Ave. Complete Streets – Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, Crosswalks FY 22 4<sup>th</sup> QTR Contract: \$1,342,043
- Mountain View Road – Roadway Widening FY 23 4<sup>th</sup> QTR Contract: \$1,714,000



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## Future Expansion Projects

- I-40/US 93: (West Kingman Traffic Interchange) Fall 2023 \$70 Million – Construct new Traffic Interchange
- US 93: Tegner to Wickenburg Ranch (Project B) Adv July: \$54.95 Million: Wickenburg Ranch to SR 89 (Project A) Adv TBD: \$8,254,572
- I-40: Kingman Crossing Traffic Interchange: Adv TBD: \$19.571 Million – Construct new Traffic Interchange
- I-40: Rancho Santa Fe Traffic Interchange: Adv TBD: \$35 Million – Construct new Traffic Interchange



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Mayor Watkins asked about the I-40/US 93 (West Kingman Traffic Interchange) project costs. Mr. Brozich said he believes that they are still on track; however, ADOT still applied for a grant (specific to bridges). Mr. Brozich added that the grant was never intended to cover the entire cost of the project only a supplement.

Chairman Sheehy said prison labor was being used to clean the highway rights-of-way in Lake Havasu City and asked if that is still being utilized and if not, what are the plans moving forward. Mr. Brozich stated that ADOT is still utilizing prison labor; however, it is difficult since the workforce is low.



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Chairman Sheehy asked if there is an alternate plan, to which Mr. Brozich said that ADOT is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to address this issue.

Mr. David Diaz, citizen, asked for clarification if the SR 95: I-40 to SARA Park – Pavement Preservation project is in the budget, to which Mr. Brozich replied yes.



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## 8. Mayor's Reports – City Updates

Mayor Brady reported that Bullhead City passed an ordinance that addresses short-term rentals after holding several workshops and public meetings. He said he is unsure of how effective it will be; however, it will be a tool to use in the right direction. Mayor Brady added that a \$250 fee will be assessed per rental to subsidize additional resources. He added that the second bridge is coming along and will be completed approximately within a year.



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Mayor Watkins reported that Kingman is holding a public meeting at Mohave County Board of Supervisors auditorium on November 12, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to discuss protecting the aquifer. He stated that the Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) will be used to address the railroad underpass rehabilitation. Mayor Watkins added that a roadway project will be completed from First Street to Fifth Street along Beale Street to redesign the sidewalks, curb, and gutter. Mayor Watkins noted that the I-40/US 93 (West Kingman Traffic Interchange) project is critical with traffic backing up especially on holiday weekends.



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Chairman Sheehy reported that Lake Havasu City will be discussing the new municipal courthouse and award of the construction contract at the next council meeting. He added that the contract will allow the courts to extend court services and treatment courts. Chairman Sheehy said at the last council meeting the council approved an agreement with Community Health Associates to partner with the Police Department to offer behavioral health services. Chairman Sheehy added that the city is partnering with the Lake Havasu Unified School District (LHUSD) to host Rachael's Challenge being offered to sophomore students. Councilmember Moses explained that Rachael's Challenge focuses on child suicides and to teach students how to better connect and communicate with each other. Chairman Sheehy reported that this week was the first Havasu Community Schools Coalition bringing education and partners together to support students in their education in the



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community. Chairman Sheehy said \$10 million has been allocated in the budget this year for road projects to address aging infrastructure and added that the city will be addressing short-term rentals at the first council meeting in November and discussing the sign ordinance concerning political signs. Chairman Sheehy announced several upcoming community events, and reported that the city requested emergency authorization to dredge the southside of the Bridgewater Channel.

Chairman Sheehy presented Mayor Brady with a gift and thanked him for his years of service.



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## **FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Chairman Sheehy requested a future discussion item regarding the Opioid settlement.

## **ADJOURN**

Chairman Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.



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