

Tri - City Council

APPROVED; 7/27/2021

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Boulevard North
Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403



City of
Bullhead City, Arizona

Tom Brady, Mayor
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City of Kingman, Arizona

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mayor Miles at 11:02 a.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Miles 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
Jeni Coke, Vice Mayor
Cameron Moses, Councilmember
David Lane, Councilmember
Michele Lin, Councilmember*
Nancy Campbell, Council

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant
Dan Doyle, Police Chief
Stuart Schmeling, Development Services Director*
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager
Steve Blake, Digital Media Coordinator

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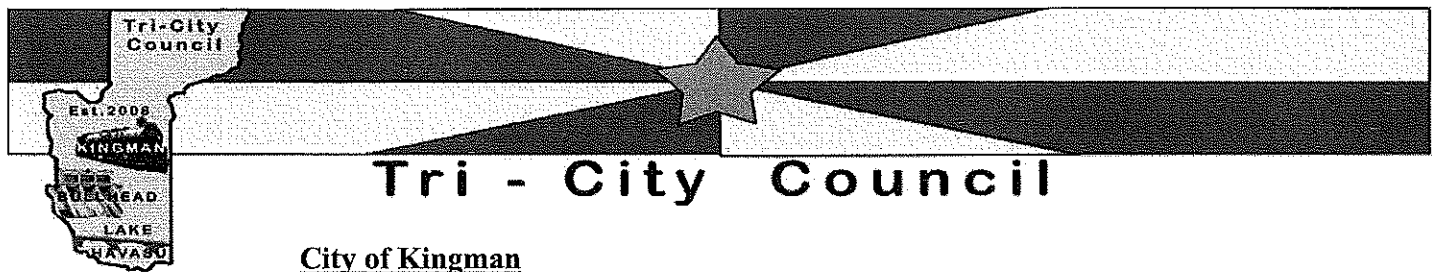
Council Present

Tom Brady, Mayor*
Kathy Bruck, Councilmember*
Dr. Waheed Zehri, Councilmember*

Staff Present

Sue Stein, City Clerk*

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City of Kingman Council Present

Jen Miles, Mayor
Ken Watkins, Vice Mayor*
Cherish Sammeli, Councilmember*

Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager
Annie Meredith, City Clerk
Jake Rhoades, Fire Chief*
Coleen Haines, Public Affairs Coordinator



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Others Present

Michael Zogg, Today's News Herald
Jaime Hernandez, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality*
Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager
Lisa Krueger, Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce*
Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Advocacy Council
Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor
Todd Steinberger, Arizona Department of Transportation*
Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors*
Coral Evans, Senator Mark Kelly's Office*
Denise Burley, Mohave County Health Director*
Michael Smith, Mohave County Community Development Director
Kristi Blair, Mohave County Recorder *
Gary Kellogg, Kingman Economic Development Director*
Rene Guillen, League of Arizona Cities & Towns*
Marianne Salem, Mohave County Administrative Assistant*
Anthony Lombardi, Unisource Energy Services*
Justin Hembree, WACOG Transportation Program Manager*
Dr. Cara Christ, Arizona Department of Health Services Director*
Inder Gunnala, Senator Kyrsten Sinema's Office*
Becky Fawson, Kingman Chamber of Commerce*

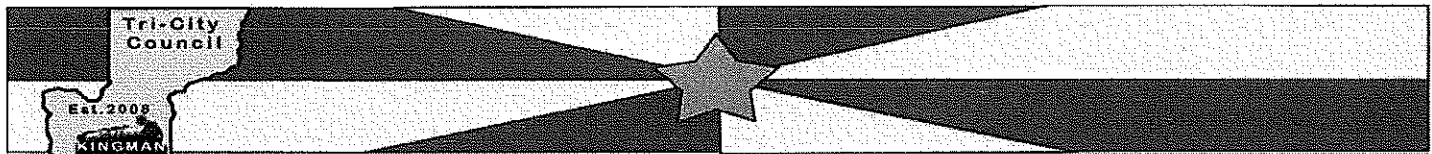
2. Call to the Public

Chairwoman Miles opened the call to the public. There being no comments, Chairwoman Miles closed the call to the public. Ms. Williams noted that no written public comments were received.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the January 20, 2021, TCC Meeting

Mayor Sheehy made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2021, Tri-City Council Meeting as presented. Mayor Brady seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion Carried.

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4. Updates from Mohave County Board of Supervisors and Elected Officials

Supervisor Jean Bishop reported that she testified in front of the Congressional Subcommittee regarding H.R. 612 (Downwinders Parity Act of 2021), and explained that it been nearly 30 years since Congress passed the Radiation Enclosure Compensation Act (RECA) to provide compensation for Downwinders to individuals exposed to radiation from nuclear testing and subsequently developed specified cancers. She said the bill expands the geographic area to include all parts of Clark County, Nevada, and Mohave County. She said it has been a long awaited hearing and recognized the efforts of Representative Staton and Committee Chairman Nadlers, as well as Congressman Gosar who is introducing language that mirrors this legislative proposal.

Chairwoman Miles asked if there is an initiative from Mohave County seeking additional support from the Tri-City Council, to which Supervisor Bishop said support from the mayors would help immensely.

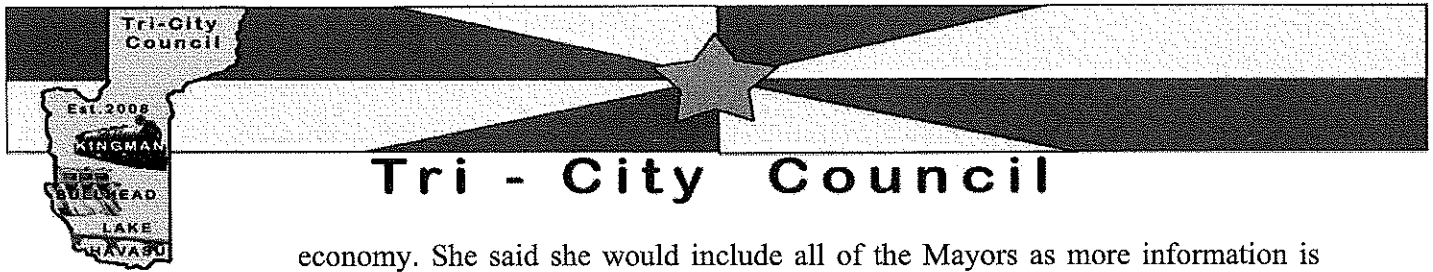
5. Update from Coral Evans, Northern Arizona Director, from Senator Mark Kelly's Office and Inder Gunnala, Outreach Coordinator, from Senator Kyrsten Sinema's Office

Ms. Coral Evans, Northern Arizona Director from Senator Mark Kelly's Office, thanked the Tri-City Council for the opportunity to provide an update on the efforts from Senator Mark Kelly's Office. She said Senator Kelly is excited to be serving on the Senate Armed Services Committee and as Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities. She said Senator Kelly is focused on Arizona's military installations, as they are critical to national defense but also the state's economy. She said Senator Kelly also serves on the Aging Committee, Energy and National Resources Committee, and Environment and Public Works Committee. She said Senator Kelly continues to work with colleagues on investing in infrastructure needs, broadband, drought and water issues, and creating renewable jobs in the future.

Ms. Evans said the deadline for direct requests for Fiscal Year 2021-22 has been extended to April 30, 2021, and can be made through the appropriations link. Ms. Evans added that any appropriation requests for transportation, wastewater, and/or bridges can be sent directly to her at coral_evans@kelly.senate.gov.

Mayor Sheehy thanked Ms. Evans for the update and said Senator Kelly has reached out to many cities in Mohave County to address needs and priorities.

Mr. Foggin asked if there have been any specific conversations regarding the funding for Interstate 11, to which Ms. Evans stated there have been discussions regarding the importance of Interstate 11 and what that means to the overall



economy. She said she would include all of the Mayors as more information is received.

Chairwoman Miles thanked Ms. Evans for the update as well as her recent visit to Kingman to celebrate their remodeled fire station.



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Mayor Brady said he was recently approached by a Bullhead City citizen who was asked by his management team if he would be willing to take in two different families with four infants and six infants. He said this is the first he has heard that the Biden Administration might be placing infants that are crossing the border into Mohave County and asked if Ms. Evans had any additional information, to which Ms. Evans replied that she was not aware of that but would reach out to Washington D.C. for more information.



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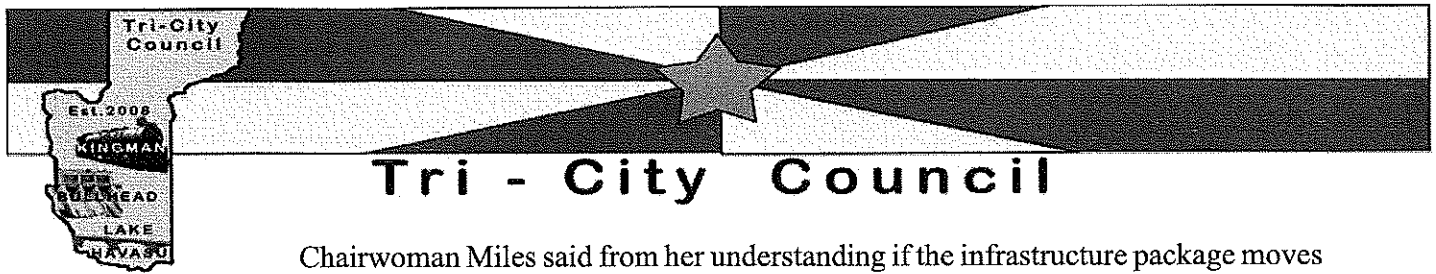
Mr. Inder Gunnala, Outreach Coordinator from Senator Kyrsten Sinema's Office, said it has been a pleasure working with all of the cities and Mohave County over the last year. He said Senator Sinema has been focusing on the American Rescue Plan since the pandemic, which increased vaccine doses and vaccinator access, expanded testing and infection tracking, and booster vaccination distribution and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). He said the American Rescue Plan (ARP) included funding for rural hospitals and health care providers, community health centers, and veteran's home health services. Mr. Gunnala spoke on Senator Sinema's Restaurant Rescue Plan, designed to keep independent restaurants open and critical to support outdoor recreation, tourism and businesses. He spoke on the Employer Retention Tax Credit, \$800 million in funding to improve housing and security needs, \$400 million in funding for Arizona Veterans to go back to work, enhanced tax credit to support families during the pandemic, support for caregivers and support services, and enhanced broadband internet services for schools to remain connected. Mr. Gunnala said they are long-time champions of local government support and advocate funding to the cities to be used in response to the economic impact on the communities and provide additional relief. He spoke on the border situation and steps that they are taking to secure the border and ensure migrants are treated fairly and said Senator Sinema partnered with Senator Kelly on the Southern Border Communities Reimbursements Act which includes \$110 million for an emergency food and shelter program to assist and protect communities.



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Mayor Brady hoped that Federal delegation would inform cities of any impacts with the border situation, to which Mr. Gunnala said they are in close touch with the border communities and will do the same with the rest of the state.



Chairwoman Miles said from her understanding if the infrastructure package moves forward it can be split into various segments, and said she hopes the senators are discussing those possibilities with their colleagues to address things more efficiently.



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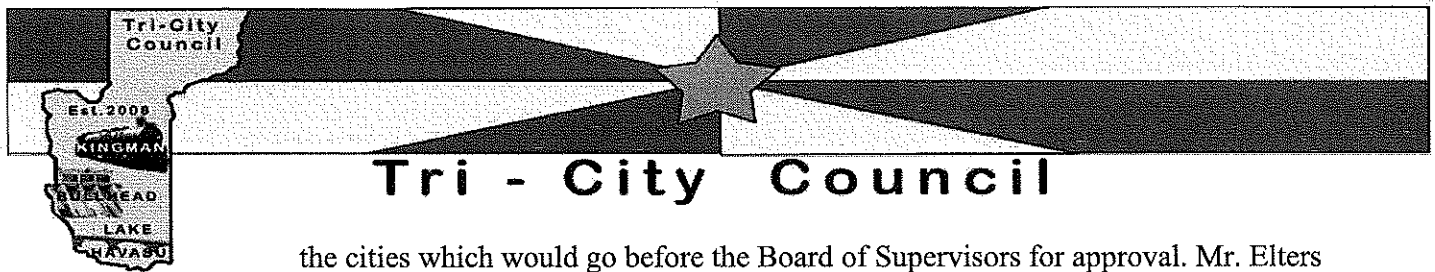
6. Discussion with Mohave County Manager Sam Elters Regarding: Opioid Money, Jail Fees and Flood Control

Mr. Elters said he would be speaking on three topics today: opioid litigation, jail fees and flood control. He said municipalities across the county are in litigation against the opioid manufacturers in federal courts. The Arizona Attorney General reached out to counties and cities to collaborate and position the state for the best outcome and developed a One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), of which 15 counties have signed, as well as an overwhelming majority of the cities. Mr. Elters said based on the assumption that \$400 million would be dispersed to Arizona (Bullhead City receiving approximately \$1.2 million, City of Kingman approximately \$930,000, Lake Havasu City approximately \$1.3 million, and Mohave County approximately \$5.9 million) to address the opioid crisis with some guiding language as to how it would be allocated and used, including treatment, prevention and other strategies, such as first responders, leadership, planning and coordination, training, and research. He said they are still waiting to receive information related to the status of the actual settlement and dispersing of funds, and continue to communicate with the Attorney General's Office to keep the cities updated.

Mayor Brady said their City Council was in agreement to sign the MOU with the right to reserve and change their mind once they learned more about what was actually going on as they have their own singular lawsuit and are not certain on the universal settlement. He said Bullhead City is interested in how Mohave County is planning to spend their \$5.9 million and how that might affect them.

Mr. Elters said he recognizes that Bullhead City has its own representation and may or may not be included. He said Mohave County does not have a specific plan at this time; however, any planning would be consistent with the guidelines. He added that there are some things happening at the state legislative process that may facilitate exploring some ideas further. He said any funding would be put to good use, and said they understand the need and will follow the guidelines as set forth in the MOU signed by the Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Brady asked if Mohave County would consider splitting their \$5.9 million the same as they do with their flood control funding, to which Mr. Elters said in understanding that each city is receiving its own allocation there are needs throughout Mohave County. He said there might be opportunities to partner with



the cities which would go before the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Elters reiterated that Mohave County does not have a specific plan or proposal at this time.

Mayor Brady said he would like to see further discussions between Bullhead City and Mohave County to determine the best route as Bullhead City still needs to make a decision on whether to join efforts.

Mayor Sheehy said Lake Havasu City has agreed to join efforts with Mohave County.



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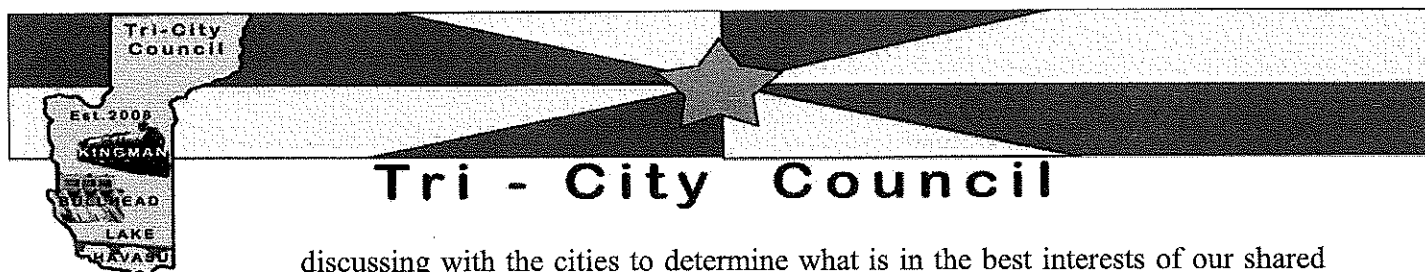
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Mr. Elters spoke on the adult detention center/jail including daily rates and the booking fees. He said Mohave County went through the yearly rate calculation exercise, which was communicated to the tri-cities and noted that the rates (as recommended) were adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting earlier this week. Mr. Elters said the daily rate increased \$3.43, from \$70.15 to \$73.58, and the booking fee increased \$5.00, from \$65.00 to \$70.00. He said the increases are associated with health care, food contracts, data processing, and personnel costs. He said they recognized the impact of COVID-19 and made sure that was not included in the basis of the rate increase.

Chairwoman Miles asked if the jail population has been impacted by COVID-19, to which Mr. Elters said they have seen a decline as a result of their focus and proactive efforts and have not reached maximum capacity over the last year. He said they have been as high as 650 to 700, which fluctuates daily; however, generally the jail has been under 500 in population during the pandemic due to the understanding and collaboration from the cities and Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Elters spoke on the Mohave County Flood Control District ("District"), which he said has been around since the 1980's and has a long history with changes over the years. He said his philosophy is the District has a key regional function to continually review and update the flood maps to ensure proper designation is critical. He said the District is equipped and prepared to study, plan, design, and construct flood control related projects in collaboration with the cities. He said he looks forward to enhancing flood control discussions on funding levels and collaboration on projects with cities and towns.

Mayor Sheehy said the cities really need to have partnership and collaboration moving forward with the District specifically in Lake Havasu City, as flood control funding has allowed city roadways to be passable during storm events. He said there have been times when decisions regarding flood control were made without



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discussing with the cities to determine what is in the best interests of our shared constituents, motorists, and flood control dollars for the entire district.

Mr. Foggin agreed with Mayor Sheehy's comments regarding the importance of collaboration and spoke on a recent issue in Kingman with flooding and damaged homes that they have had to address using substandard distribution of flood control funding. He spoke on the decision that the District made several years ago concerning monitoring points and warning systems that cut directly into the city's flood control funds without any discussions taking place first. Mr. Foggin noted that it would be helpful to hear from the District on how that program is going.



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Mr. Elters said having a vision for the District is essential and spoke on the importance of having a monitoring and warning system.

Mr. Knudson echoed the comments regarding collaboration with the cities and Mohave County when it comes to the opioid litigation, jail costs, and flood control funds. He said he was encouraged by Mr. Elters' efforts.



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Chairwoman Miles spoke on the Water Sustainability Committee, a partnership between Kingman and Mohave County, and wondered if this Committee would be a good forum to expand discussions to all the cities regarding flood control retention and identification of retention areas. Mr. Elters said one solution does not fit all and different areas have different needs and challenges.



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8. Updates from Arizona Department of Health Services/Mohave County Health Department Regarding COVID-19

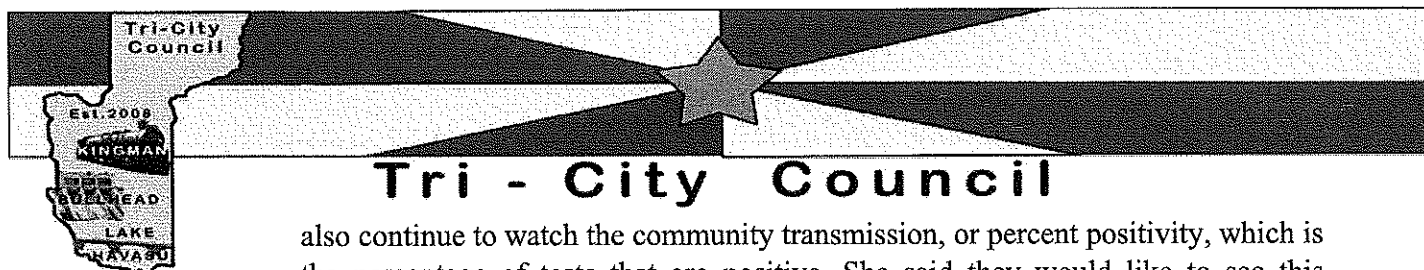
Dr. Cara Christ introduced herself and said she was open to any questions or specific topics that the Tri-City Council would like her to address.

Mayor Sheehy said the cities have been following the Arizona Department of Health Services very closely and appreciated Dr. Christ for attending this meeting. Mayor Sheehy requested a general overview of the state's condition, plan and transition to operations.

Mayor Brady requested an update on the forecast for herd immunity and if the state is facing a new wave or new variety of the virus.

Dr. Christ said the Arizona Department of Health Services has been working for the past year on their COVID-19 pandemic and appreciates the partnership with the Mohave County Health Department team. Dr. Christ said they have seen a decline over the past 14 weeks in the number of cases statewide, which is very good after a peak of approximately 70,000 to 80,000 cases per week in January. She said they

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also continue to watch the community transmission, or percent positivity, which is the percentage of tests that are positive. She said they would like to see this percentage at five percent or less. She said they have also seen a decline in community transmission statewide with approximately 4 to 5 percent. Dr. Christ said the Arizona Department of Health Services is focused on getting vaccines out and distributed, and spoke on the local allocator models in Arizona. She said they also looked at statewide distribution using mass vaccination pods, with currently seven state pods that utilize the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and first state operation vaccination pod in conjunction with the Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff, Arizona, with two additional pods in the metro-valley area. Dr. Christ said Arizona was doing a good job of vaccinating and was above the national vaccination rate, with approximately 2 million currently vaccinated; however, they are starting to see the supply of vaccine meet the demand in Arizona and are going to shift from a “you come to us” vaccine model to a “we bring the vaccine to the communities” model to reduce the barriers and make it more convenient for individuals to get vaccinated to reach herd immunity by end of Summer/early Fall 2021.

Dr. Christ added that they are carefully watching the development of variants of the virus and are following several mutations that could play a role but have not impacted the vaccine. She said they have partnered with TGen, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, and Sonora Quest for random sequencing of the different strains that they are seeing in Arizona. She said they saw the most variants in March 2021, predominantly the UK variant.

Ms. Burley added that their metrics are following the state and are seeing a decrease in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. She emphasized the importance of messaging to the public about vaccine availability.

Mayor Sheehy asked if they have looked into the possibility of another wave, to which Dr. Christ said the state is currently seeing a plateau and not a significant increase in cases; however, there is always the opportunity for another wave especially with the variants that have increased transmissibility. She said they anticipate that while they may see an increase in cases, they should not see an increase of the same magnitude which is due to the strategic efforts of the vaccine rollout.

Chairwoman Miles asked if there have been any discussions or planning regarding the development and availability of vaccine boosters, to which Dr. Christ said they continue to communicate with their drug-manufacturing partners and federal partners and it looks like immunity is good for at least six months. She said there is discussion regarding the possibility of needing a booster to either boost the immune



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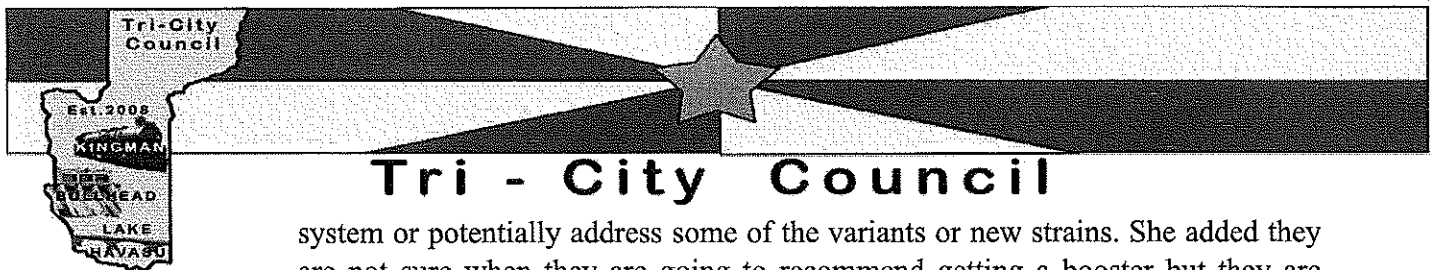
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system or potentially address some of the variants or new strains. She added they are not sure when they are going to recommend getting a booster but they are looking at several opportunities.

Chairwoman Miles asked if there have been any discussions or plans to address the mythologies about the vaccinations, to which Dr. Christ said they are working on several educational campaigns, creating a provider tool kit, and partnering with faith-based community leaders.

Mayor Brady asked if the virus would ever go away, to which Dr. Christ said they anticipate seeing this virus just like the influenza virus each year and it is likely not going to go away. Dr. Christ encouraged the vaccine for further prevention.

Councilmember Dr. Waheed Zehri said he has seen a quick recovery from COVID-19 patients treated with immunoglobulin and asked if the Arizona Department of Health Services could look at ways for patients to receive this treatment without being charged, to which Dr. Christ said she would check into it. She said initially the hospitals were provided either the convalescent plasma or monoclonal antibodies through the federal government, which was allocated by the state to the providers. She said administrators can still charge an administration fee for the infusion of those medications but should not be charging if they did not order and pay for it up front. Dr. Christ said they will look to see if that treatment is covered under the Executive Order from Governor Ducey that requires insurance companies to cover certain things at no-cost or no-cost sharing.

9. Legislative Update from Tom Belshe, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, and Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Advocacy Council

Mr. Rene Guillen gave an overview and update of the legislative session and bills. He outlined the following in his presentation:

Bad Bill List

- HB2049: eminent domain; existing contracts
- HB2551: misconduct involving weapons; public places
- HB2567: peace officers; investigator membership requirements
- SB1146: motor vehicle dealers; TPT exemption
- SB2682: e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products
- HB2462: civilian review board members; training

Good Bill List

- SB1645: publication of notice (TO GOVERNOR)
- SB1420: schools; universities; consular identification cards (SIGNED)
- SB1327/HB2562: tax credit; affordable housing
- SB1520: municipality; general plan; adoption; amendment

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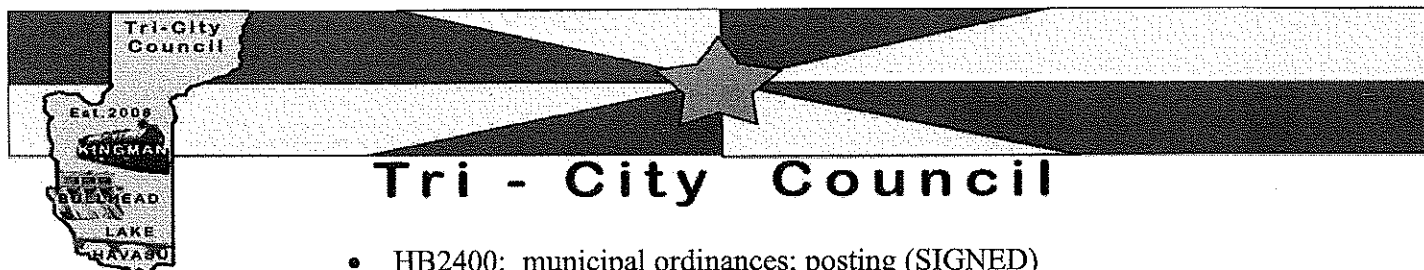
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- HB2400: municipal ordinances; posting (SIGNED)
- SB1451: workers' compensation; rates; firefighters; cancer (SIGNED)
- HB2317: community facilities districts (SIGNED)
- HB2808: appropriation; rural broadband grants



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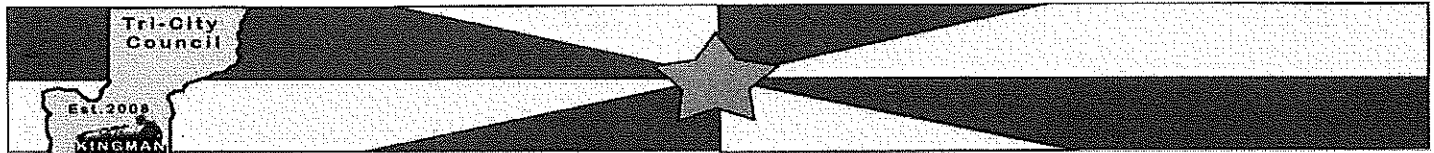
Budget

- Status of State Budget
- \$1.5B income tax cut by creating a 2.5% flat tax bracket
- No backfill with increase in sales tax
- Translates to \$225M in lost revenue for cities and towns
 - Lake Havasu City = \$2,168,244
 - Bullhead City = \$1,586,799
 - Kingman = \$1,203,683
- Asking Electeds to Reach Out
 - Seeking to be held harmless
- We have seen an email sent by Senate staff to Republican Caucus
- Topics Covered
 - Cuts will be made up with growth
 - Cities have time to adjust their budgets
 - 1.5 million Arizonans (unincorporated) don't have income tax sharing to pay for their services
 - Cities get a share of state sales tax which will offset losses
 - Wayfair will offset
 - Prop 208 will cost jobs and revenue
 - Prop 207 will provide cities and money for public safety

Legislative Update – Passed 2nd Chamber Committee

- HB2049: eminent; domain; existing contracts (Weninger) – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2098: missing children; mandatory reporting (Jermaine) – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2152: police, camera recordings; required redactions – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2156: appropriation; rural broadband grants (Espinoza) – Awaiting S. Rules
- HB2190: reporting; criminal justice case information (Roberts)
 - Striker: vaccination; businesses – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2295: law enforcement officers; database; rules (Payne) – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2462: civilian review board members; training (Payne) – Awaiting S.COW

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- HB2551: misconduct involving weapons; public places (Kavanagh) – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2565: area agencies on aging; appropriation (A Hernandez)
 - Striker: appropriation; affordable housing – Awaiting S.Rules
- HB2567: peace officers; investigator membership requirements (Kavanagh) – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2570: licenses; pandemics; revocation prohibition (Hoffman) – Awaiting S. 3rd Read
- HB2618: public nuisance; noise; evidence (Parker) – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2668: nutrition assistance; benefit match; appropriation (John)
 - Striker: homelessness; grants – Awaiting S.Rules
- HB2682: board of pharmacy; rulemaking authority (Wilmeth)
 - Striker: e-liquids; tobacco products; vapor products – Awaiting S.COW
- HB2808: appropriation; rural broadband grants (Osborne) – Awaiting S.Rules
- HB2810: civil asset forfeiture; conviction; procedures (Grantham) – Awaiting S.COW
- SB1373: health facilities; duty of care (Barto) – Awaiting H.COW
- SB1384: state parks; lottery; heritage fund (Shope) – Awaiting H. Rules
- SB1520: municipality; general plan; adoption; amendment (Borrelli) – Awaiting H.COW
- SB1533: obstructing highways; racing assessment; impoundment (Boyer) – Awaiting H.COW

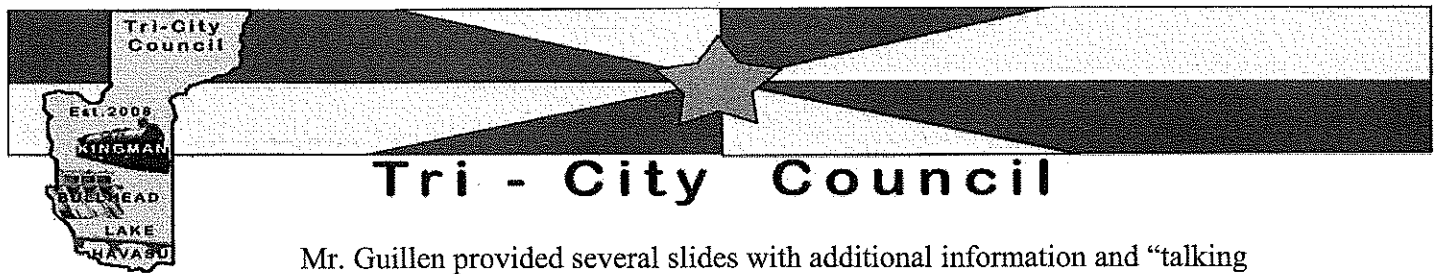
Legislative Update – Passed 2nd Chamber 3rd Read, Back to Original Chamber

- SB1146: motor vehicle dealers; TPT exemption (Shope)

Legislative Update - Awaiting Governor Signature

- HB2770: mask mandates; business exception (Chaplik) – Signed by Governor
- SB1257: state liquor board; membership (Mesnard) – Signed by Governor
- SB1258: state of emergency; tolling; permits (Mesnard) – Signed by Governor
- SB1451: workers' compensation; rates; firefighters; cancer (Boyer) – Signed by Governor
- SB1448: agricultural operations; nuisance; costs; damages – Signed by Governor
- SB1720: peer-to-peer car sharing (Fann) – Signed by Governor

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Mr. Guillen provided several slides with additional information and “talking points” regarding the budget and legislative bills as follows:

Cuts & Growths

- It would take significant growth in income, sales, construction, and other taxable activities to generate a neutral position for the state
- With growth in population comes growth in the burden on services local governments provide such as: roads, water, wastewater, parks, permitting, trash, public safety, etc.
- When the voter approved local revenue was passed in 1972 it was approved with the understanding that growth would fund growth
- However, over time the legislature had undermined the growth paying for growth model with restrictions such as those on impact fees forcing more responsibility on the general fund
- So, by cutting local revenues the legislature will further undermine the opportunity for revenue growth to fund burdens of population growth which could limit economic development



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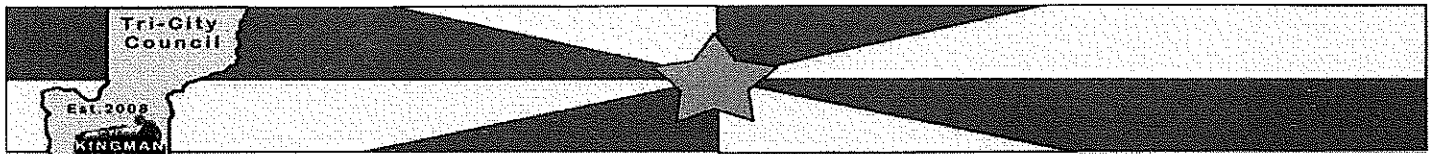
Time to Adjust

- The sheer suggestion that cities and towns will have “time to adjust” to revenue changes acknowledges that the revenue growth projects may not be achieved
- By suggesting there is “time to adjust” the legislature acknowledges and substantiates League comments that this revenue loss will result in cuts in services at the local level or increases in taxes
- Cities and towns spend up to 70% of their budgets on public safety costs
 - In addition, we are spending more money on cancer prevention and healthcare on the fire side and there are pushes to allocate more fund to body cameras and training on the police side
- As mentioned on the prior slide, as population growth happens service needs increase, not decrease thus if their growth projections are correct how could we cut services?

Counties Don't Get Income Tax

- When Voter Approved Local Revenue (VALR) was approved in 1972 the counties chose not to be a part of the local revenue system; this should not be used as an argument against VALR for cities and towns but rather a question residents of unincorporated areas should have for their county officials
- Cities and towns agreed in 1972 that we would not be able to impose local income taxes or local luxury taxes, in exchange we would receive 15% of

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income tax collections; we believe this is a more comprehensive funding model not overly reliant on one funding stream

- Cities and towns should not be penalized for counties choice not to participate in VALR
- Senator Leach seems to be suggesting in certain communication that counties do not get sales tax revenue; This is Incorrect
- All counties charge a retail tax rate and they receive a larger share of the state TPT than cities (city/town = 10%, county = 16.2% of state TPT collections)
- NOTE: county TPT is charged in both incorporated and unincorporated areas



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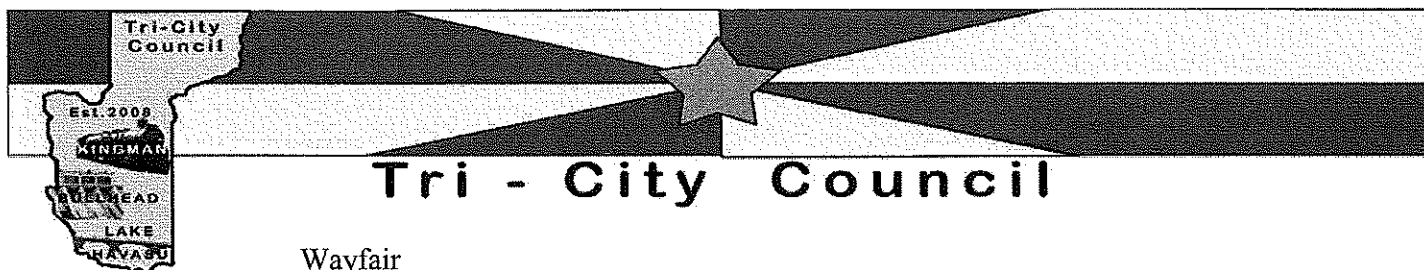
County – TPT Rate

- Apache – 0.5%
- Cochise – 0.5%
- Coconino – 1.3%
- Gila – 1.1%
- Graham – 1.1%
- Greenlee – 0.5%
- La Paz – 2.0%
- Maricopa – 0.7%
- Mohave – 0.0%
- Navajo – 0.83%
- Pima – 0.5%
- Pinal – 1.6%
- Santa Cruz – 1.0%
- Yavapai – 0.75%
- Yuma – 1.11%

State Sales Tax

- Local governments receive 10% of state income tax because local governments help facilitate the commerce that support these transactions
- Local governments utilize this sales tax revenue in a delicate balance of income tax, state sales tax, local sales tax, other local taxes, and (where it applies) property taxes
- Significant disruptions or distortions of any one revenue stream upsets this carefully crafted equilibrium ultimately requiring local governments to cut essential services to increase taxes
- Every \$1B in retail revenue generates \$5M in sales tax shared with local governments; significant would be required to offset any losses in VALR income tax

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Wayfair

- Except at duty free stores purchasers are not able to avoid taxation on retail transactions; however, the inability for state and local government to collect revenues for over a decade resulted in significant hole in tax collections
- Local governments will never recover those lost revenues during the online sales growth cycle
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- Wayfair now allows local governments to capture revenues that reflect the real amount of commerce generated in their community

Prop 208

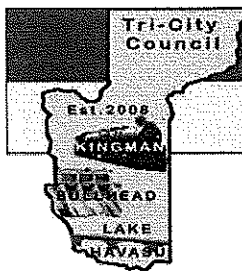
- The League played no role in Proposition 208
- Cities and towns do not receive a direct benefit from the passage of 208
- Passing any cut in taxes off to local governments as a result of 208 is not an equitable or reasonable approach

Prop 207

- Proponents of Proposition 207 established public safety funds for local governments within the language of the initiative; these monies were dedicated for 2 reasons:
 - To help local governments pay down unfunded liabilities in PSPRS
 - NOTE: The liabilities were created by poor plan design passed by the legislature in 1986 that negatively impacted all communities but disproportionately impacted rural communities
 - Local unfunded liabilities total \$7.3B as of June 30, 2020; 207 revenues will help but will come nowhere close to paying down unfunded liabilities in the near future
 - To assist, where necessary, in covering added public safety costs attributable to the passage of Prop 207

Mr. Guillen said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$100 million to cities, towns, and counties to provide emergency assistance funding for costs incurred related to the current border crisis. He said he believes this funding can be used for housing assistance, sheltering, food, etc. He added that they are still waiting for guidance on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), no money has been distributed, and they expect to see guidance in the next couple of weeks.

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Chairwoman Miles thanked Mr. Guillen for a thorough overview of the legislative bills and budget.

Chairwoman Miles announced that the Mohave County Housing Department has resources/funding to assist residents with home and rental payments. Anyone interested can contact the Mohave County Housing Department.



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Mr. Kevin Adam reported that they are in the home stretch with the session bills; however, the budget may continue for a long time with a big impact due to a very narrow partisan split of both the House and the Senate. He spoke on new program development, formula funding, and the revenue situation, which for the relative short term (4-5 years) looks well with collections outperforming the forecasts and an anticipated \$2.5 billion in carry-forward balance. He said tax cuts are at the top of the list and second to tax cuts is infrastructure. He said they would like to see permanent revenue streams for a predictable and reliable indication of funding moving forward; however, while they are not going to be successful in that regard, the legislature acknowledges that they are underinvesting in infrastructure and supports one-time funding for infrastructure projects. He said while the revenue outlook continues to get better, in addition to the federal relief funding, they anticipate that number to increase and have seen 31 bills that would have directed funding to specific projects across the state. He said much of that involved broadband grants which is a permissible use of the federal funding. Mr. Adam said infrastructure is the top agenda item in Washington, D.C. with a \$1.3 trillion proposal that may be divided in half with more traditional infrastructure addressed first and the remainder a secondary bill; however, they expect by the end of the week, a counterproposal will come out to address the \$600 to \$800 billion for transportation.

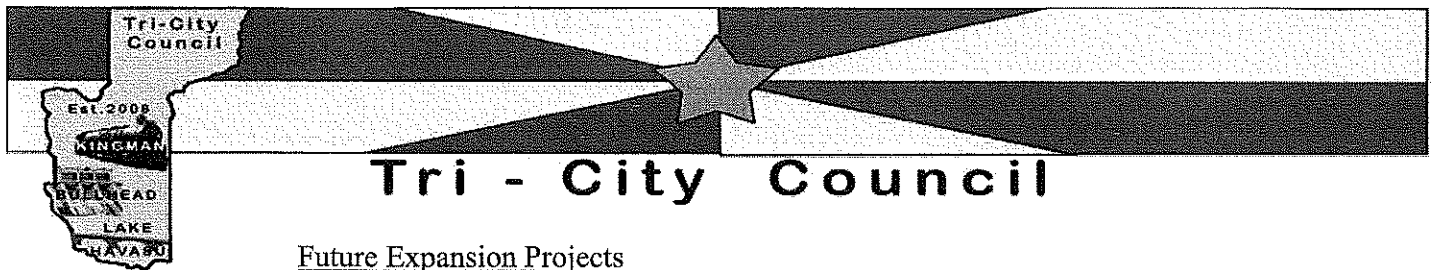
10. Update from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)

Mr. Todd Steinberger gave an update on the ADOT projects in the Northwest District as follows:

Current Construction Projects

- SR 95 Parker BHC at Marina Blvd – Right turn lane F024501C: \$590,000
- Courtwright & Pierce Ferry Rd – Rumble Strips T017501C: \$791,000
- Windy Point Rd & Mineral Park Rd – Shoulder Widening H865901C: \$9,500,000
- I-40 Bridges Mackenzie EB – Bridge Rehab F016201C: \$7,000,000
- SR 95 Aztec Rd – S BHC Pkwy – Raise Median F014601C: \$2,100,000
- Acoma Blvd & Pima Dr North – Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon T020201C: \$340,000

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Future Expansion Projects

- I-40/US 93 (W Kingman TI) - FY24: \$70 Million
- Rancho Santa Fe Pkwy Construct new TI H681401D – FY21: \$35 Million
- Wickenburg Ranch to SR 89 (Project A) – FY21: \$9.5 Million
- US 93 Tegner to Wickenburg Ranch (Project B) – FY22: \$41 Million
- SR 69 Prescott Lakes Parkway to Frontier Village – FY22: \$10 Million
- I-17 Anthem to Sunset Point H680001C – FY22: \$327 Million Awarded \$90 Million INFRA Grant



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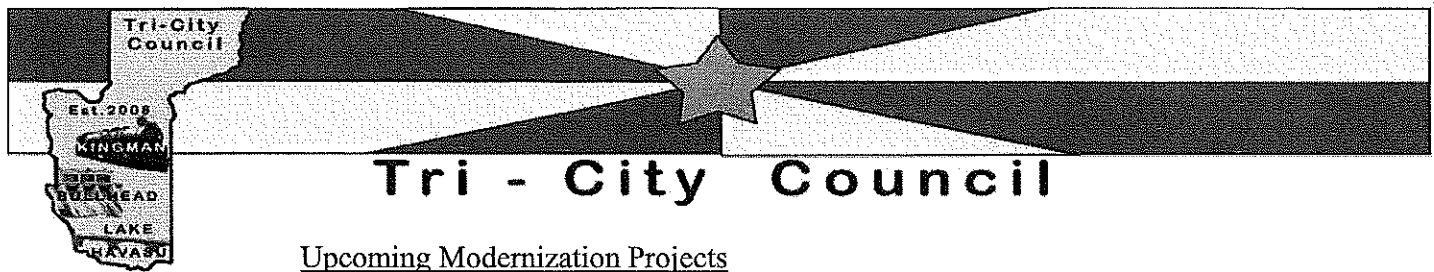
Future Bridge Preservation Projects

- 93 Kabba Wash Br NB- FY22 – MP 97 Bridge Replacement F017001D: \$3,500,000
- I-40 Anvil Rock Rd TI UP – FY22 – MP 109 Bridge Rehab F025401D: \$1,500,000
- I-40 E Seligman TI OP EB – FY22 – MP 123 Bridge Deck Rehab F016101C: \$6,500,000
- 93 Sycamore Creek Bridge – FY23 – MP 127 Scour Retrofit & Bridge Rehab F034901C: \$750,000
- I-40 Willow Creek Bridge #3 – FY23 – MP 89 Bridge Replacement F016001C: \$7,000,000
- I-40 E Kingman TI OP WB Bridge – FY23 – MP 53 Bridge Rehabilitation F029501C: \$7,000,000
- I-40 Ash Fork Creek Bridge – FY23 – MP 146 Scour Retrofit F037101D: \$750,000
- I-40 Colorado River Bridge – FY23 – MP 0 Bridge Replacement project with Caltrans F008001D: \$36,000,000

Future Pavement Preservation Projects

- I-40 Fort Rock-Markham Wash EB – FY23 – MP 92 to 107.7 Pavement Rehab: \$16,920,000
- 93 S. of Nothing S of Jct SR 97 – FY23 – MP 144 Pavement Rehabilitation: \$21,242,000
- 89 Paulden-Hell Canyon – FY21 – MP 194.2 Pavement Pres F034801C: \$1,000,000
- I-40 MP 2.4 to Lake Havasu TI – FY23 – MP 2.4 Road Rehabilitation F034201D: \$13,000,000
- I-40 Walnut Creek-Holy Moses Wash – FY23 – MP 33 Pavement Rehab: \$28,000,000

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Upcoming Modernization Projects

- 68 Verde Rd – Bacobi Rd (F028001C) – Raised Median – FY21: \$2,176,000
- 93 MP 160-180.6 Wikieup (F038001D) – Centerline Rumble Strip – FY22: \$268,000
- Bullhead Parkway – Median and Lighting Installation – FY23: \$262,500
- Mohave County – RPM and curve warning – FY23: \$210,000
- London Bridge Rd Safety Improvements – FY23: \$199,500
- SR 66 – Old Hwy 66/Fort Rock Rd – Intersection safety improvements, turn lanes – FY23: \$320,250
- SR 66 – Andy Devine Ave – Median & Lighting Installation – FY23: \$273,000
- Boundary Cones Rd & Oatman Hwy – Rumble Strips – FY23: \$252,000



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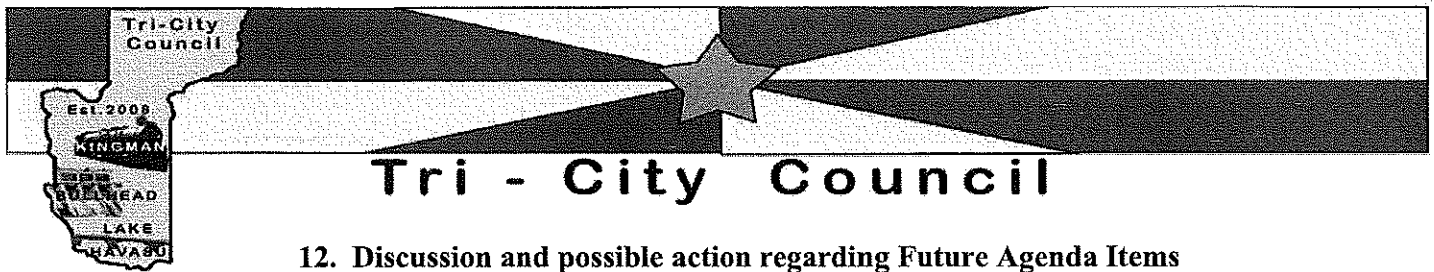
Ms. Jeanne Kentch thanked ADOT for the patch/repair work on Highway 95.

11. Mayor's Reports – City Updates

Mayor Brady reported on the EPCOR condemnation and rate case. He said if the Arizona Corporation Commission moves forward Bullhead City is looking at a 17 to 27 percent water rate increase as proposed by EPCOR. Mayor Brady said Clark County opened bids for the construction of the bridge across the Colorado River. He said the bridge is estimated to cost \$52.4 million, with construction anticipated to start in the Fall 2021 and completion by 2024.

Mayor Sheehy reported that Lake Havasu City is wrapping up a citizen survey that will set benchmarks for the community and generate wider community outreach. He said the City Council will be holding a second budget work session on Thursday, April 22, 2021, that will focus on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). He said the City Council has also been discussing a utility rate study to address water and wastewater rates in response to the expiration of the Irrigation & Drainage District (IDD) and will be holding a meeting on May 11, 2021. Mayor Sheehy announced several upcoming events in Lake Havasu City.

Chairwoman Miles welcomed new Kingman Airport Manager Mr. Doug Breckenridge. She said the City Council is continuing discussions regarding development fees, and reported that Kingman was recently affected by a cyber-attack but have been able to restore approximately 95 percent of their operations at this time. Chairwoman Miles announced several upcoming events and meetings in Kingman.



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12. Discussion and possible action regarding Future Agenda Items

Chairwoman Miles requested a future agenda item to adopt a resolution in support of the Downwinders legislation as presented by Supervisor Bishop.

ADJOURN

Chairwoman Miles adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.



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