

Tri - City Council

APPROVED; 08/10/2022

MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, April 20 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Kingman City Council Chambers
310 N. 4th Street Kingman, AZ 86401**



**City of
Bullhead City, Arizona**

Tom Brady, Mayor
Steve D'Amico, Vice Mayor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brady at 10:02 a.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Brady 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, Councilmember *
Nancy Campbell, Councilmember
Michele Lin, Councilmember*
Cameron Moses, Councilmember



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Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Kelly Williams, City Clerk *
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant*
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager

Bullhead City

Council Present

Tom Brady, Mayor
Steve D'Amico, Vice Mayor*
Grace Hecht, Councilmember
Rodney Head, Councilmember*
Norma Brummett, Councilmember

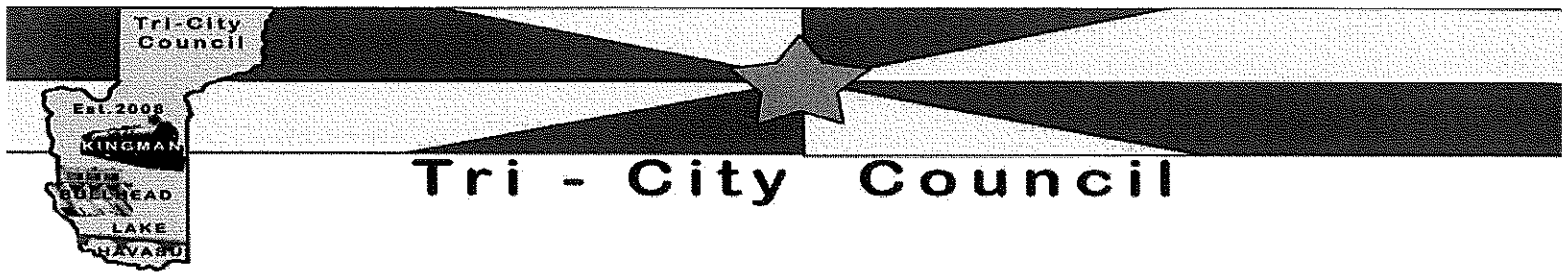


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Jen Miles, Mayor
Ken Watkins, Vice Mayor

Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager



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

City of Kingman

Council Present

Jen Miles, Mayor

Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager
Annie Meredith, City Clerk
Rusty Cooper, Police Chief
Coleen Haines, Public Affairs Coordinator

Others Present

Travis Lingenfelter, Mohave County Supervisor District 1
Rene Guillen, Deputy Director of Arizona League of Cities & Towns*
Becky Fawson, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Todd Steinberger, Arizona Department of Transportation
Anthony Brozich, Arizona Department of Transportation
Michelle Beggs, Arizona Department of Transportation
Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation*
Michael Zogg, Today's News Herald*
Sarah Hall*
Marianne Salem
Travis Pruitt
J'aime Morgaine
Ken McCoy
Donna McCoy
Adam Morgan
Jennifer Rose

3. Call to the Public

Chairman Brady asked if there was anyone that wished to address the council.



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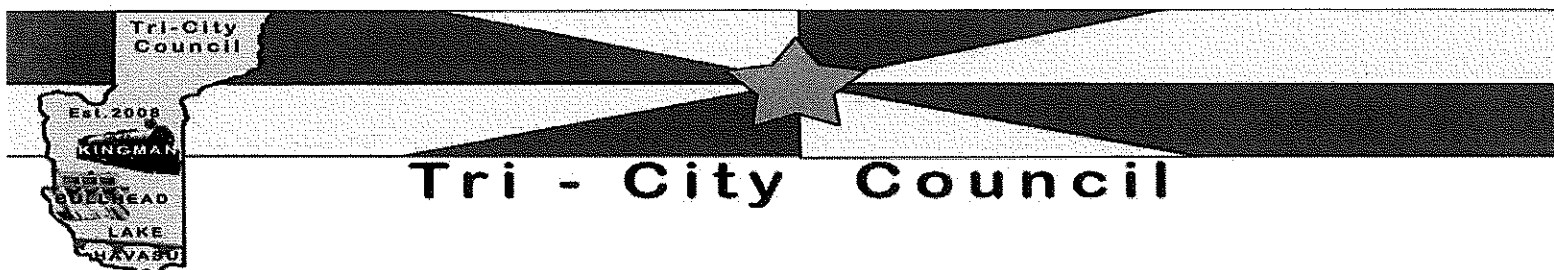
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J'aime Morgaine addressed the council and introduced herself as the Executive Director for Real Change PAC. She shared the reason that she created her PAC. She said that the common ground issue she wanted to address was the non-partisan public schools that are in different degrees of underfunding.



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4. Approval of the Minutes from the January 19, 2022, Tri-City Council Meeting

Mayor Sheehy Made a MOTION to APPROVE the January 19, 2022 Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes. Vice-Mayor Ken Watkins SECONDED and it was APPROVED unanimously.

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

Supervisor Lingenfelter addressed the council. He shared that he wanted to address the Mohave County water issues. He said that he is proud to say that this far in the session they are still alive. He said that they have successfully adopted the priority 4 language on a striker amendment. He said that it has passed the rules committee and that it will go to the house now. He said that the county is working with High Ground, their lobbyist along with legislative representation. He said that the Governor's office thinks that the RMA is a win for their office. He thanked the elective representatives at the state for their advocacy.

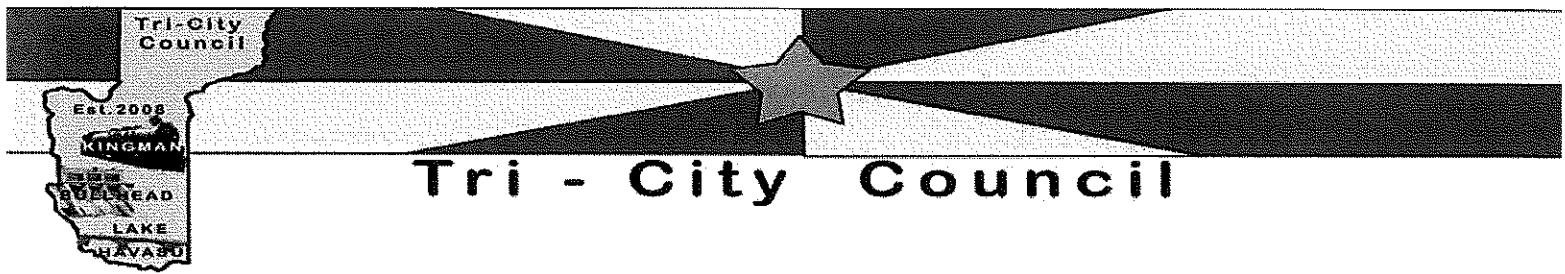
City Manager Toby Cotter thanked Supervisor Lingenfelter for his support of the patrolling of Davis Camp. He said that relationship between the city and county grows stronger every day.

Supervisor Lingenfelter gave kudos to Supervisor Angius.

Mayor Jen Miles said that she has been contacted about a meeting regarding the launch at lake mead. She said that they are trying to get effort to have some kind of measure for those that utilize lake mead to have access. She asked if he could enlighten them on the county's position.

Supervisor Lingenfelter said that they have had issues with the water level dropping. He said that Supervisor Bishop's office has had conversations about trying to maintain access to the lake. He said that he will take the message back to Sam Elters and Jean Bishop to make sure that the county is at the table.

Mayor Miles said that the national park service has said that they are going to keep the Nevada side open but there isn't that commitment to Mohave.



City Manager Ron Foggin thanked Supervisor Lingenfelter for his work with the water and asked if he wanted to share the announcement about the broadband coming and the work that Supervisor Lingenfelter has done.

Supervisor Lingenfelter thanked the City of Kingman and said that ABC 15 did a segment on our groundwater issue. He said that the county received ARPA funds and that they divided them five ways. He said that under District 1, they decided to invest in 1g fiber broadband. He said that district 1 is putting up 4 million up as a match for Allo who will invest \$43 million dollars. He said that they will be ground breaking next month and Kingman will be built out 100% fiber. He said that Kingman will join Havasu in having the fastest broadband in Arizona.



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Mayor Brady asked if anyone wanted to address the council that is currently running for office.

Adam Morgan addressed the council. He said that he is working to get the Federal Government involved in supporting the rural water issues. He said that August 2, 2022 is the Primary Election and he appreciates the opportunity to introduce himself.



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Donna McCoy said that she is running for Arizona House of Representatives for Legislative District 30. She shared that she has served on city council and that she wants to continue to build on the team in Phoenix. She said that Regina, Sonny, and Leo had done a great job and that she wants to help that continue. She said that she is trying to be at as many places she can to let them know she is there for them.

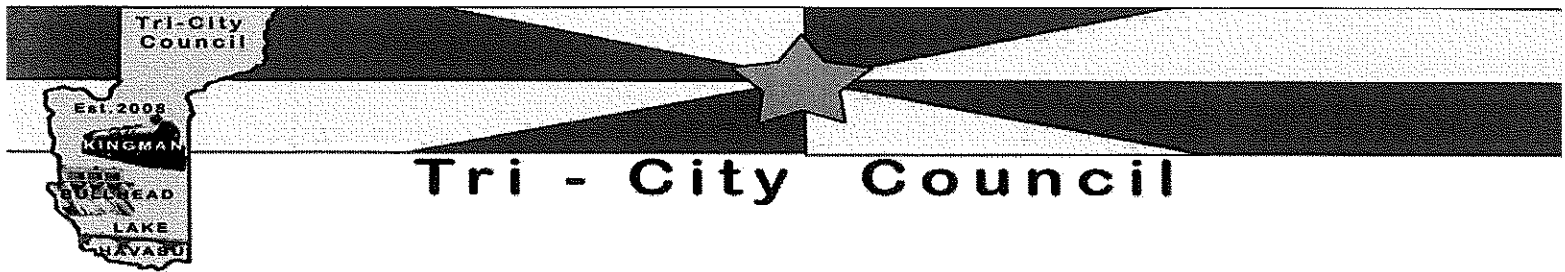
6. Arizona Department of Transportation Update

Todd Steinberger addressed the council. He reviewed the current construction projects to include: SR68: Verde Rd. to Bacobi Rd, SR 68: Laughlin Bridge to MP 14, Stockton Hill Rd safety improvements, US 93 Kabba Wash Bridge, I-40: Pineveta Draw Bridge EB/WB, I-40: Anvil Rock Rd. TI, I-40: E. Seligman TI Bridges. He shared some pictures of the projects they have been working on. He reviewed the upcoming preservation projects to include: SR 95 Needles Bridge, I-40 CA Border to MP 2.54, I-40 Walnut Creek to Holy Moses, SR 95 I-40 to Sara Park, I-40 E. Kingman TI OP WB Bridge, SR 95 Bullhead City Pkwy to Courtright Rd. He reviewed the upcoming modernization projects to include: Bullhead Pkwy & Silver Creek Rd., Boundary Cone & Oatman Hwy., Northern Ave. and six roadway segments in the City of Kingman. He reviewed the future expansion projects to include: I-40/US 93 West Kingman Traffic Interchange Fall 2023, US 93; Tegner to Wickenburg Ranch, I-40 Kingman



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Crossing Traffic Interchange just finalized the IGA with COK, I-40 Rancho Santa Fe Traffic Interchange. He showed some pictures of what those interchanges will look like. He reviewed what US 93 from Phoenix to Las Vegas will look like and the timeline for that project. He asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Sheehy asked about the preservation project for Lake Havasu and if that is both lanes.

Mr. Steinberger said that is correct.

Mayor Sheehy asked about the traffic lights on 95 and if that is something they are working on.

Mr. Steinberger said yes, they are trying to meet this month to set the scope and work with NPO on that project.

Mayor Brady asked about the West Beale interchange in Kingman. He said that it listed as a 1-2-year project and how that will affect the congestion in that area.

Mr. Steinberger said that it is anticipated that there will be some congestion. He said that anything that affects mainline I-40 and US93 will happen at night time. He said that they will do their best to reduce the impact.

Mayor Brady asked if they have thought to re-direct traffic through Golden Valley on Aztec.

Mr. Steinberger said that during construction they will have message boards and smart technology available.

Mayor. Brady asked if the smart technology is up and running.

Mr. Steinberger said that it is not current, that it will be part of the construction.

Mayor Brady asked about the traffic system in BHC.

Mr. Steinberger said that it is up and running and explained the technology. He said that there are some additional upgrades that have to occur.

Mayor Brady asked if traffic movement in BHC proper is as good as it is going to get.



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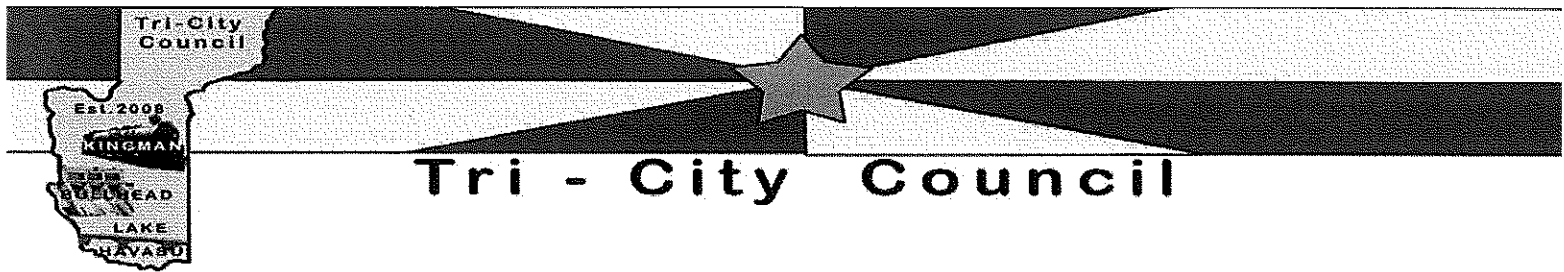
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Mr. Steinberger said that they are aware of the congestion and issues and will do everything they can to improve it.

Mr. Steinberger introduced Anthony Brozich.

Mr. Brozich addressed the council and shared some of his background.

Manager Foggin said that it would be a good idea to know where Mr. Brozich location will be so that they know where to find him.

Mr. Brozich said that he is still living in the Phoenix area and then will eventually be living in Prescott.

Jess Knudson asked about the difference between district engineer vs. district administrator.

Mr. Brozich explained. He said that he is also an engineer and can function in that manner.

7. ADEQ Update- Jaime Hernandez was not able to attend so no update was given.

8. Legislative Update- Rene Guillen, League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Deputy Director Rene Guillen addressed the council. He shared that there isn't much of an update. He said that the main issue causing the slowdown is the budget. He shared that at the last finance committee meeting they estimated that the state is sitting on a \$5.3 billion-dollar budget surplus. He shared that the reason for the delay on the budget is due to the tax cuts from last year is being referred to the ballot. He said that the legislature has the ability to repeal last year's bill and replace it with a new one. He said that if that happens then it would not be referred to the ballot. He said that the legislature recognizes that if the repeal and accelerate plan is implemented then the tax increase will have to be accelerated as well. He shared that they feel pretty confident on where the budget is as it relates to cities and towns. He said that some other items that have slowed down the budget are and issue with a bill that was passed effecting precinct committeemen. He said that there was a lawsuit against those changes so that issue is no longer an issue. He said that the last two issues are a push for election reform and that sentiment has died down, and then water. He said that the League does not get involved in water issues but that it is a major issue for the Governor. He said that the last thing he has to share is that the education funding cycle can only happen so many times so since there are excess monies that are ongoing, and that it has been suggested that the legislature



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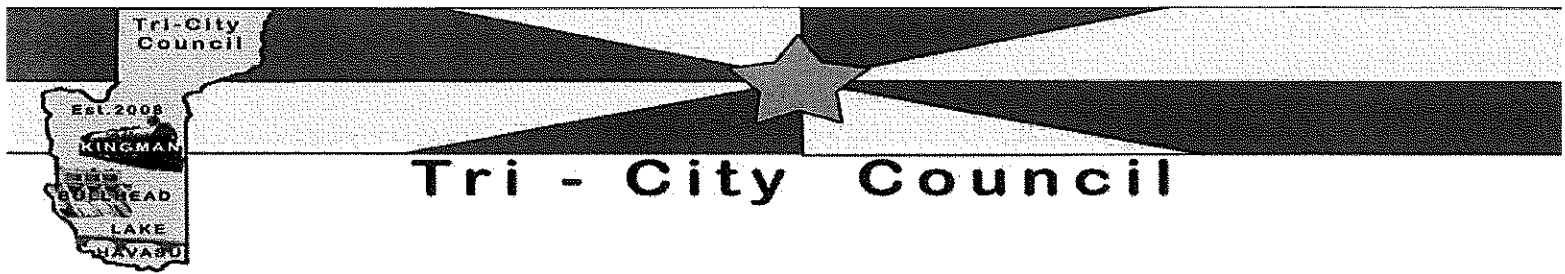
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considers a reduced or modified tax cut. He said that on Monday the House Rules Committee allowed for the late introduction of budget bills. He said that a skinny budget was introduced. He said that it gives them a lot of options, but it doesn't appear that the support is there for the skinny budget. He shared that they should know today. He said that the state has liked to fund some onetime things and he doesn't see that going away. He said that on the federal front, there is a lot of money that will be coming down from the infrastructure bill. He said that there are some big dollars available to be pulled down but many of them require local matching funds. He said that there was something introduced to allow cities and towns to use their ARPA funds as a match but that hasn't moved forward.



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Mayor Brady thanked Mr. Guillen.

Mayor Sheehy asked Mr. Guillen about the budget surplus and asked him to verify the numbers.

Mr. Guillen said that the information from the finance advisory committee is \$5.3 billion surplus, \$1.2 of which is ongoing. He said that the skinny budget doesn't increase state spending.

Mayor Sheehy said that he appreciated the explanation.

Mayor Brady asked what his prediction is on how long the legislature will be going this year.

Mr. Guillen said mid-June is when he expects session to end.

9. Rural Transportation Advocacy Council- Kevin Adam

Mr. Adam addressed the council. He said that what they are expecting to see from the skinny budget proposal is some movement. He said that right now the partisan margin at the legislature couldn't be closer right now. He said that if they attempt to move legislation, that they don't have a single vote spared. He said that another way to look at it is that every single republican member of the house essentially has veto authority. He shared that some members have become adept to using that leverage as power which keeps them from coming to an agreement. He said that it also gives leadership a little bit of leverage by limiting it to ongoing spending. He said that basically they get nothing. He said that the Governor has said that he will oppose a skinny budget if it doesn't address his items. He said that as far as transportation, they know that the budget will be key. He shared that they know that it is highly likely that if there is a balance for revenue surplus that there would be a substantial portion dedicated to infrastructure. He said that the skinny budget does not include those projects. He shared that Appropriations



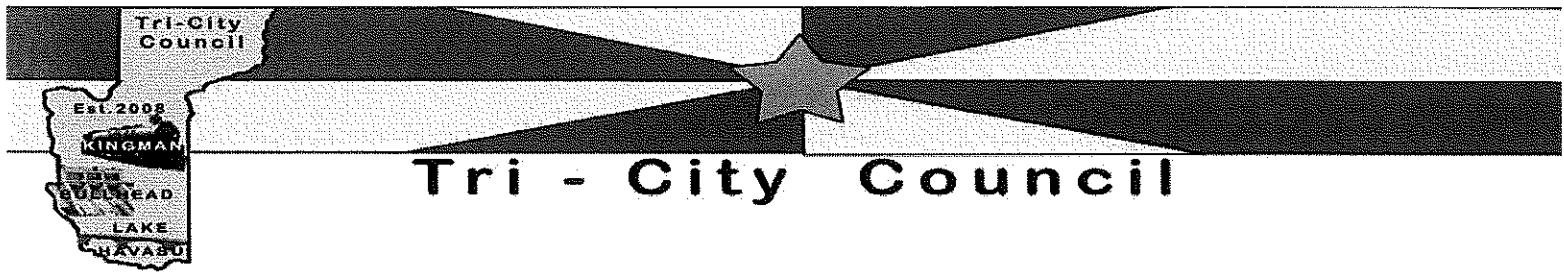
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Chair Representative Cobb said that she did not want to see local projects in the state budget, so they have gone back and developed an alternative list of state highway projects. He said that the list should include what is needed in the city boundaries of Lake Havasu and Bullhead City. He said that the Senate didn't like that and wanted the original list of projects. He said that they want to fund the transportation projects but have to figure out how they will fund them. He shared that they have a historical level of revenue to work with. He said that they have demonstrated the need and demand for projects to be included in the budget. He said that they will continue to work with legislators to make sure it continues to be a priority. He said that they did receive a tremendous amount of new funding opportunities at the federal level, but it doesn't come close to meeting all of the needs. He said that they tend to focus on statewide projects, so it doesn't quite benefit locals to the same degree. He shared information about the Governor's proposal for a SMART fund.

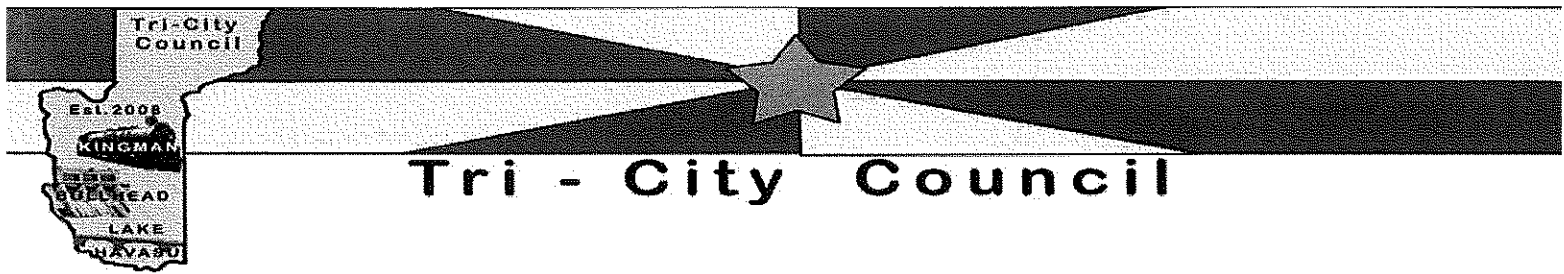
Toby Cotter asked Mr. Adam about them being able to administer the Hwy 95 project and was told no. He asked if there is anything they can do to show that they have the staff and consultants in place to be able to administer these projects. He said that the state doesn't have the wherewithal to get them done, so you see them scheduled out so far. He said that locally they get these projects done.

Mr. Adam said that with the increase in federal funding, ADOT's plate will be that much fuller. He said that efforts to try and provide more local authority have merit to them. He said that with Hwy 95 one obstacle is that if the highway continues to be a state highway, then ADOT will continue to have the long-term responsibility of maintenance and liability for it. He said that unless a local jurisdiction was willing to take over the road or highway it would be difficult for ADOT to relinquish the control over the improvements. He said that they do need to try and increase as much local authority as they can.

Mayor Brady thanked Mr. Adam for his update.

10. Mayors' Reports – City Updates

Mayor Sheehy shared that in LHC their council met regarding their ARPA dollars and gave direction to staff to bring back a resolution creating a community resource coalition to focus on the areas of social needs. He said that if passed, it would create a five-member board with various representation. He said that they have an ad hoc group that meets a couple of times a year to bring together information. He said that they have their CIP budget work session tomorrow and that this is the first of their budget meetings. He said that Allo has announced Lake Havasu City as the first community in AZ. He said that they were able to get



all obstacles cleared. He said that they are excited about that. He shared that desert storm will be in LHC this weekend. He said that will include a boat show and other events.

Vice Mayor Watkins shared that the City of Kingman is working on a transportation study with Kimley Horn. He said that the industrial park is continuing to grow to include the new construction of the Fed Ex facility. He shared that the interchanges are progressing. He said that Allo is also breaking ground in Kingman and they will do a groundbreaking ceremony on May 3rd at 10:00 A.M.



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Mayor Brady shared that they now have complete control of their water system. He said that they are proud that they are now the owners of the system, especially at this time where there are funds available to upgrade their system. He said that there are elections coming up and that they could have an entire new city council in the upcoming months. He said that he is not running, but there are three people running for mayor. He said that they also have several running for their other councilmember seats with various terms. He said that last night the city council was offered the donation of the celebration tour boat that sits in front of the Aquarius Casino. He shared that they will be getting a new yacht and that the city plans to dry dock the boat. He said that they have just approved a new splash pad at the north end of community park as well as a new launch ramp for the commercial watercraft users.

Mr. Cotter shared that they are anticipating a very busy summer since lake mead is not accessible. He said that they are already seeing the uptick in traffic. He said that they will have water for the foreseeable future. He said that it is great for BHC and LHC's economy. He said that council adopted a wrist band requirement for those renting watercrafts in bullhead city to ensure safety on the river.

ADJOURN

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 11:29 A.M.



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