



THREE CITIES, ONE VOICE.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M.  
Bullhead City Council Chambers  
1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, AZ**

*\*HYBRID MEETING \**

Members of the public can attend either in-person or through remote conferencing.

***PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING:***

Members of the public can submit written comments or register to call in via Zoom by contacting [cburger@bullheadcityaz.gov](mailto:cburger@bullheadcityaz.gov) by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Please be sure to include your name, email or phone number using to call in, and address for the record, as well as the meeting date and agenda item number if applicable.



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Rodney Head, Mayor  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Sheehy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call and Introduction of Special Guests**

(\*Present via remote conferencing)

Lake Havasu City:

Council Present

Cal Sheehy, Mayor  
Nancy Campbell, Councilmember  
Jeni Coke, Councilmember  
David Diaz, Councilmember

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager  
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant City Manager  
Kelly Williams, City Clerk  
Allison Blum, Senior Executive Assistant  
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant\*  
Sarah Lojewski, LHMPO\*

Bullhead City:

Council Present

Rodney Head, Mayor  
Dan Alfonzo, Vice Mayor  
Karen Dallman, Councilmember\*



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Jason Newlin, Councilmember  
Gene O'Neill, Councilmember

Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager  
Edigar Kajirwa, Assistant City Manager  
Travis Pruitt, Assistant to the City Manager  
Debie Ogden, City Clerk  
Susan Carroll, Deputy City Clerk  
Steve D'Amico, BHCMP



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Council Present

Ken Watkins, Mayor  
Smiley Ward, Councilmember

Staff Present

Tim Walsh, City Manager  
Tina Moline, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director  
Annie Meredith, City Clerk  
Sarah Hall, Communications & Marketing Coordinator



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Others Present

Dr. Coral J. Evans, Senator Mark Kelly's Office\*  
Travis Lingenfelter, Mohave County District 1 Supervisor  
Rich Lettman, Mohave County District 2 Supervisor  
Sonny Borrelli, Mohave County District 3 Supervisor  
Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation\*  
Todd Steinberger, Arizona Department of Transportation\*  
Rene Guillen, League of Arizona Cities and Towns  
Melissa Palmer, Mohave County Director of Public Health  
Tramaine Rausaw, Mohave College Bullhead City Campus  
Gary Cooper, Mohave College Bullhead City Campus  
James Jarman, Mohave College Bullhead City Campus  
Linda Alfonso  
Kristina Foutz  
Dave Hawkins, Kingman Daily Miner



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### 3. Annual Appointment of Tri-City Council Chairperson

Mayor Watkins moved to nominate Mayor Sheehy to serve as Tri-City Council Chairperson for fiscal year 2025-2026. Mayor Head seconded and it carried unanimously.



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### 4. Call to the Public

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

### 5. Approval of the Minutes from the April 30, 2025, Tri-City Council Meeting

Mayor Watkins moved to approve the April 30, 2025, Tri-City Council meeting minutes. Mayor Head seconded and it carried unanimously.



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

Supervisor Lingenfelter said the Mohave County Water Authority (MCWA) is focused on the post 2026 Colorado River Guidelines. He said the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) will be having a meeting in August and said Mohave Valley Drainage and Irrigation will be hosting. He said Mohave County, La Paz County, Yuma County and the City of Yuma fought the Greenstone transfer and said the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) now must perform a complete Environmental Assessment.

Supervisor Lettman said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum will be visiting in January for the 75th Anniversary celebration of the activation of Generator #2, and to have him flip the switch to power up the generator again. He said the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce will host a community breakfast for business leaders prior to the celebration. He said a meeting for elected government leaders to ask questions of Secretary Burgum will be scheduled and said he would prefer the meeting to be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Kingman. He said by the end of August, the cities should have their formal invitation to the Secretary's desk and said Congressman Gosar and Congresswoman Lee will assist. He showed the four logos for the celebration to choose from.

Supervisor Borrelli said the delegation in Phoenix was able to secure funds for the Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, and traffic signals in Colorado City. He said the County has completed their budget and is structurally sound.

Councilmember Campbell announced that the Highway 95 Corridor into Yuma was renamed the Gary Knight Highway after the passing of Arizona State Transportation Board Member and Yuma Councilmember Gary Knight.



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### 7. Legislative Update - League of Arizona Cities and Towns – Rene Guillen

Rene Guillen announced that the State Legislature has passed the budget and said there is approximately \$36 million cash on hand predicted for the next two years. He said Senator Janae Shamp is no longer the majority leader and said Senator John Cavanaugh is now the majority leader and was Appropriations Chairman at that time. He said Senator Cavanaugh stepped down from the Appropriations committee and the Senate Appropriations and Transportation Chairman is now Senator David Farnsworth. He said Senator Hildy Angius is now the chair of the Senate Education Committee.



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Mr. Guillen said SB1500, the bill for compensation to people who have been wrongly convicted, has some technical issues. He said the compensation is paid from a fund at the state level and cities, towns, and counties are expected to reimburse the state. He said that raises issues with which agency is responsible for a federal offense. He said the city or town may arrest the individual, but they would not be taking them to trial. He said the program has been set as a 2-year pilot program to work through the issues. He said there is a cap on payout and said the formula if the individual was deemed wrongly convicted is 200% of the state median income for each year incarcerated.



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Mr. Guillen said three housing bills have passed. He said SB1353 authorizes third party reviews of single-family residential building permit applications and modifies municipal licensing time frame requirements for cities and towns over a population of 30,000. He said the timeframe is 15 days and does not apply to the Certificate of Occupancy. He said the city or town must have a list of at least three preapproved contractors the applicant can go to for a third-party review.



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Mr. Guillen said SB1529 amends current statutes by requiring municipalities to establish standard preapproved housing design plans or a preapproved housing design plan program. He said the League is developing an architect database for pre-approved plans.

Mr. Guillen said HB2447 amends current statutes regarding municipal administrative reviews by mandating that the legislative body of a non-charter city or town shall authorize administrative personnel to review and approve various development documents without a public hearing. He said it also introduces a new provision that allows cities and towns to adopt a self-certification program for registered architects and professional engineers, which was previously optional.

Mr. Guillen said HCR2021, which prohibits a city, town or other taxing jurisdiction from imposing a municipal transaction privilege tax on the sale of food items intended for home consumption, is headed to the ballot statewide next November.

Mr. Guillen said the League will be pushing for bills regarding short-term rentals, starter homes, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), state pensions, and elections.



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Chairman Sheehy asked since President Peterson will not allow short-term rental to be heard, is there a pathway starting with the House to move it along. Mr. Guillen said the conversation will start at the League Conference and he believes it will make some ground this year.

Chairman Sheehy asked if the new sober living bill SB1308 will cause issues with the cities and towns. Mr. Guillen answered it will not, and it is a very good bill that empowers cities and towns.

Mayor Watkins asked if there had been any decision on rural cities and counties and the public notification process in print media. Mr. Guillen said he is not sure Supervisor Anguis will bring it back.



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### 8. Arizona Department of Transportation Update – Todd Steinberger via Zoom

Todd Steinberger showed a PowerPoint presentation. He gave a list of current projects: Kingman T.I., Andy Devine Avenue Deck Replacement, Holy Moses Wash to Rattlesnake Wash, California Border to Needle Mountain T.I., Flying Fortress Parkway Traffic Interchange on I-40, US 93 Cane Springs Four Lane Divided Highway, and pavement preservation projects. He said the median project in Lake Havasu City is near completion. He said upcoming preservation projects include US 93 Sanctuary Road to I-40, I-40 US 93 to Silver Springs Road, US 93 Placeritas Creek to Date Creek, US 93 I-40 to Blake Ranch Road, and I-40 Lake Havasu T.I. Bridge to Illvar Wash.



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Mr. Steinberger said upcoming modernization projects include various safety improvements on US 93 Tony Avenue to Bonanza Drive, passing lanes on US 93 MP 175 to MP 177, and the inspection area on I-40 at the Topock Port of Entry. He said future projects will be a four-lane divided highway on US 93 at Big Jim Wash, a new traffic interchange on I-40 in Kingman, a four-lane divided highway on US93 at Vista Royale, additional lanes on I-17 Sunset Point Rest Area to Cordes Junction, and a four-lane divided highway on US 93 near Wickenburg.



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Chairman Sheehy asked for an explanation of the reduced funding for a contractor to clean the highways in Lake Havasu City. Mr. Steinberger said the funding is the same but must be spent on a 12-month timeframe instead of a 6-month timeframe and the crew was reduced from five to three.

Chairman Sheehy asked if the median project in Lake Havasu City is safe and did K-rail ever get considered. Mr. Steinberger said a 6-inch curb is standard for an urban area and said curb is a little safer than K-rail. He said he can provide safety statistics to the group.



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Supervisor Borrelli asked if the \$1 million funding is set for the Colorado City State Route 389 Lighting project. Mr. Steinberger said that is under the jurisdiction of the Northcentral District and said he will pass the question on to District Administrator Jeremy DeGeyer.

### 9. Rural Transportation Update - Kevin Adam via Zoom



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Kevin Adam said the legislative budget was the key focus on transportation. He said Representative Biasiucci took a look at funding from electric vehicles and said the bill has potential to be revisited next year though not a lot of revenue is expected. He said the focus was on the budget and one-time revenues, and prioritizing transportation infrastructure. He said there is a \$600 million carry-forward balance available and said collections have surpassed what was forecasted. He said \$1.5 million has been allocated to Hancock Road in Bullhead City, \$1 million for Mountain View Road in Mohave County, \$1.5 million for Eastern Street in Kingman, and \$1.5 million for traffic light installation in Colorado City.



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Mr. Adam said they are working with the federal government on current transportation programs to give more authority to regions and local governments, and to make the federal aid process more affordable. He said the data used has not been updated since 2009 and populations are a big part of all formulas. He said bad data penalizes the high growth states and is not capturing 40 percent of the state's population. Senator Mark Kelly and Representative Greg Stanton have prioritized the accurate distribution of funding based on population.



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Supervisor Borrelli emphasized there are school children crossing a state highway in Colorado City with no lights. He said \$1.5 million should be enough to install at least three traffic lights. He stressed lives are at risk. Mr. Adams said rural safety is a top priority. Supervisor Lingenfelter said he has had conversations with the Board and if ADOT does not want to fund the Colorado City traffic light project, Mohave County will.

### 10. Update from Mohave Community College – James Jarman

James Jarman showed a PowerPoint presentation. He said there were 807 graduates and 131 were early college graduates 18-years-old and under who are taking high school dual concurrence classes. He said enrollment is up from 2024 with 3,420 students enrolled in 2025. He said the college has a positive economic impact on the community and creates new income in the region, supports local jobs, sustains a skilled workforce, and expands the regional economic base. He said every dollar invested at the college equals \$6.10 in higher lifetime earnings for students and \$5.80 in community benefit.



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Mr. Jarman said Dr. Stacy Klippenstein has left Mohave College and the Interim President is Dr. Tim Culver with over 35 years of higher education experience. He said four Community Advisory Council Meetings with Dr. Culver are scheduled for September 18th at the Lake Havasu City Campus, September 22nd at the Neal Campus in Kingman, September 23rd at the Bullhead City Campus, and September 26th at the Colorado City Campus. He said for more information, email him at [College@mohave.edu](mailto:College@mohave.edu).



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Mr. Jarman said by 2028, the college would like to have nine baccalaureate degrees including Human Services, Nursing, Biology, Education, Psychology, and Business. He said fifteen new associate degrees are being considered and include Respiratory Care, Sonography, Exercise Wellness Nutrition, and Computer Aided Design and Drafting. He said some of the nineteen new certificates include auto, transportation tech, forensics, education endorsements, and GIS. He said nine new micro credentials are under consideration and include public safety and alternative licensure special education. He said the new Advanced Manufacturing Training Center is a 36,000 square foot facility at the Kingman Airport Industrial Park and will increase regional workforce development. He said specialized training for area business and industry along with electrical, robotics, mechanical systems, welding and SIM and VR labs will be offered at the campus, and a ribbon-cutting is scheduled for September 24th. He said the Transportation Technical Training Center (T3C) in Lake Havasu City will offer technical training for RV, UTV, ATV, and boat repair.



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Mr. Jarman said that 77 percent of citizens polled supported the name change to Mohave College and the new logo and said the changes will be official in August and the launch party is August 4th at each campus. He stressed using “Mohave College” not “MC”, as MC is ambiguous.

Supervisor Lingenfelter asked how the number of students staying local is measured. Mr. Jarman said the deans and academic divisions are required to track where their students go within six months of graduation.



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## 11. Update from Mohave County Health Department – Melissa Palmer

Melissa Palmer thanked all the cities for turning in their opium reports on time. She said 60 percent of the Health Department’s funding is federal grants for health. She said the Arizona Health Zone program, which is the educational portion of SNAP, will be cut on September 30th, and said the Overdose Data to Action program will be underfunded. She said the Public Health Preparedness Program which supports emergency management in case of fire, flood, or public health will be 70 percent funded. She said marijuana tax dollars will be used to help fund the Behavioral Health Department due to an increase in methamphetamine usage.



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Ms. Palmer explained the Community Health Needs Assessment as part of the Strategic Plan for the Health Department. She said they meet with stakeholders, health care providers, and citizens and collected 1,447 surveys and from that seven focus groups were formed. She said the hospital data and health indicators for Mohave County produced eleven areas of concern including lack of providers, lack of specialists, health care navigation, and health care for teens. She said they formed the County-wide Medical Coalition to analyze trends and the first meeting was held two weeks ago but lacked data from hospitals in the Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City areas. She said youth services have been a success in Lake Havasu City, and said First Things First, Mohave College, and the Health Department have created a central source for youth events in Mohave County.



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Ms. Palmer said the lack of specialized care in Colorado City is a great concern. She said they met with Arizona Complete Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), and Arizona Department of Health Services to discuss the opportunity to use providers in Utah instead of having to go to Phoenix for a specialist. She said there were discussions regarding whether AHCCCS and Blue Cross Blue Shield should be responsible for covering housing for cancer treatment or long-term surgery.



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Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked where the surveys are distributed and how one can access the survey. Ms. Palmer said the last round of surveys had a QR code on the printouts and the back of business cards, fliers in libraries and the mobile health unit. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked at what point the Health Department requests help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Ms. Palmer said they do not directly request assistance from FEMA but will go to the state if assistance is needed. Ms. Palmer said the influenza vaccine will be out in September and the ideal time to get the vaccine would be between October and February which is Mohave County's flu season.



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Kelly Williams announced that Lake Havasu City has a Youth Advisory Council and one of the goals is to improve outreach to youth on things that are happening in the area. She said they would be happy to help with the youth services program with the Health Department.

## 12. Mayors' Reports – City Updates

Chairman Sheehy congratulated Mayor Head on his appointment to the Bullhead City Council.

Mayor Head announced the ADA ramp at Community Park is complete. He said the charge for parking in Community Park ensures maintenance upkeep and keeps the lifeguards in the park. He said a new remote control (RC) track has been installed in Rotary Park.



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Mayor Watkins congratulated Mayor Head on his appointment as Mayor. He said the Flying Fortress Interchange is underway, the ramps have been paved, and said in August the westbound lanes on I-40 will be diverted to work on the underpass. He said eventually there will be a second entrance to the Kingman Airport Industrial Park. He said the FAA Airport Land Release is progressing and they are finalizing appraisals. He said the Walk Away from Drugs event was nominated for the Arizona Drug Summit Keep Hope Alive award. He said they are working on a recreation/event center and a city-wide trails master plan. He said the trail will connect the golf course to Hualapai Mountain Road. He said fire and police stations are being remodeled and a new building to house WAVE classrooms like the one in Lake Havasu City will be constructed on Andy Devine at Fairgrounds. He thanked Supervisors Borrelli and Lingenfelter for mentioning Colorado City and their stop light concerns and said on September 20th Colorado City will host an airshow.



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Chairman Sheehy announced that Lake Havasu City is working on their General Plan Update and will go to the voters in 2026. He said there are 30 different recreation programs scheduled for July. He said parking lots in the parks were replaced and expanded. He said the city's second pool to be constructed will be an outdoor pool. He said school starts back in session on Thursday. He thanked Bullhead City for hosting and the clerks for all their hard work.



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**ADJOURN-** Chairman Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.



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