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MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.
Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Boulevard North
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

APPROVED; 04/20/2022



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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mayor Brady at 12:34 p.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
Jim Dolan, Vice Mayor
David Lane, Councilmember
Michele Lin, Councilmember
Nancy Campbell, Councilmember
Cameron Moses, Councilmember

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant*
Steve Blake, Digital Media Coordinator
Jill Olsen, Administrative Services Director*
Trinna Ware, Finance Division Manager*
Bobbie Kimelton, Human Resources Director*
Anthony Kozlowksi, Assistant to the City Manager

Bullhead City:

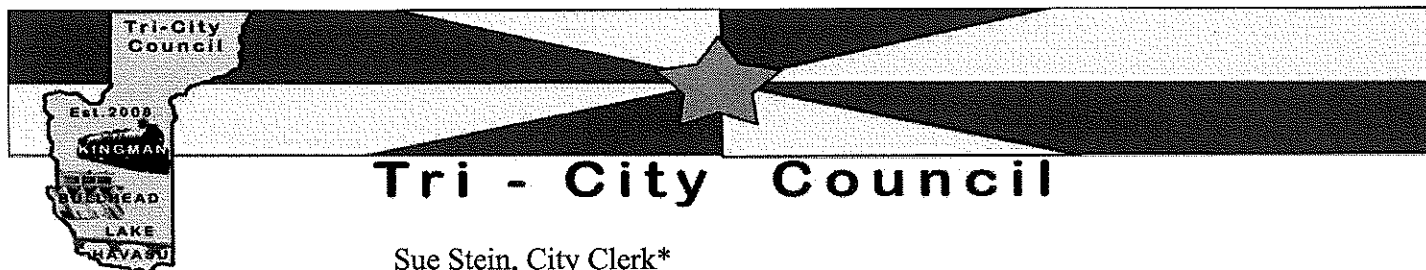
Council Present

Tom Brady, Mayor
Steve D'Amico, Vice Mayor
Dr. Waheed Zehri, Councilmember
Grace Hecht, Councilmember

Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager*

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



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 SueAnn Mello, Councilmember

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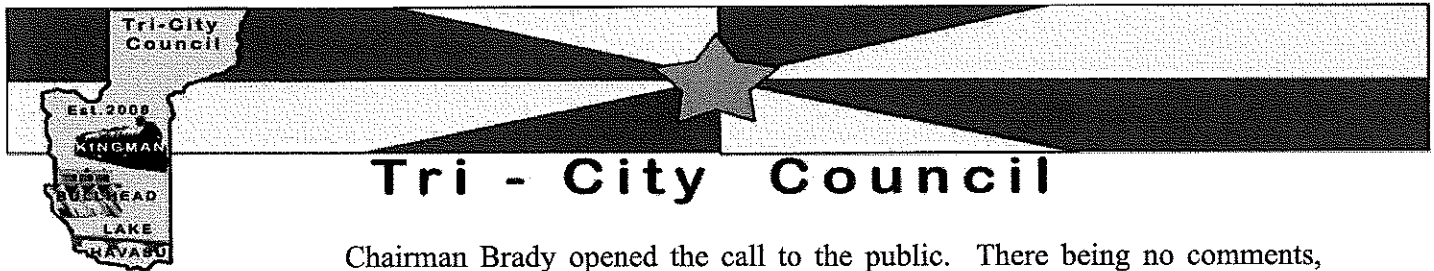
Ron Foggin, City Manager
 Annie Meredith, City Clerk

Others Present

Michael Zogg, Today's News Herald
 Jaime Hernandez, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
 Todd Steinberger, Arizona Department of Transportation
 Lisa Krueger, Lake Havasu Chamber of Commerce
 Tom Belshe, League of Arizona Cities & Towns*
 Becky Fawson, Kingman Chamber of Commerce*
 Denise Burley, Mohave County Health Director*
 Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors*
 Justin Hembree, Lake Havasu MPO Director*
 Roland Hulse, Western Arizona Council of Governments*
 Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager*
 Sarah Hall, Mohave County Administrative Assistant*
 Vamshi Yellisetty, Western Arizona Council of Governments*
 Tami Ursebach, Mohave County Economic Development*
 Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation Council*
 Dr. Coral Evans, Senator Mark Kelly's Office*
 Marianne Salem, Administrative Assistant, Mohave County*
 Penny Pew, Representative Paul Gosar's Office
 Ron Gould, Mohave County Supervisor
 Kim McCoy, Marine Corps League
 Donna McCoy, citizen
 Kenneth Simons, citizen
 Woody Harper, Desert Land Group
 Christy Cunningham, citizen
 Archiana Aliyar, citizen*

3. Call to the Public

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

4. Approval of the Minutes from the October 20, 2021, Tri-City Council Meeting

Councilmember Zehri requested a correction to the October 20, 2021, minutes from hemoglobin to immunoglobulin.

Mayor Sheehy moved to approve the October 20, 2021, Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes with correction, and carried unanimously.



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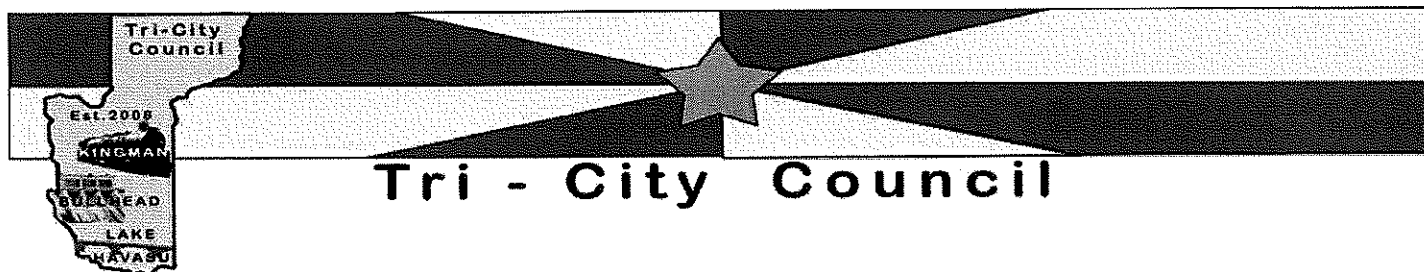
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5. Update from the Mohave County Health Department regarding COVID-19

Ms. Denise Burley, Director of Mohave County Health Department, gave an update regarding COVID-19. She said the transmission rate is still high in Mohave County ("County") with a 36 percent positivity rate which is the highest in the state. She said the the overall cases reported in 2022 have increased by 55.6 percent compared to cases in December 2021, and the weekly reported deaths continue to stay below the previous months count. Ms. Burley said the first three weeks of January demonstrated a significant resurgence of COVID-19 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is forecasting that Arizona will continue to see case numbers increase for approximately three more weeks. She noted that Mohave County as a whole tends to lag behind the state of Arizona in terms of trends and cases by about two weeks.

Ms. Burley reported that they are seeing a significant increase in school age children with a large number of cases reported during the first week of school. She said the latest report from TGen reports six Omicron cases; however, they are only testing a small number in the County and as seen in the numbers, it is spreading rapidly with 99.95 percent of all new cases reported as Omicron in the State. Ms. Burley said the Federal Government rolled out a new home antigen test kit that offers more immediate results (approximately 15 minutes) as compared to the PCR test which takes approximately two to three days for results. She spoke on the accuracy rate of the home test kits compared to the PCR test and said the CDC has reduced the isolation period to five days. Ms. Burley said they are hopeful to get through these cases with no impact to hospitals as they are already strained across the County.

Councilmember Zehri asked if the County had any data showing the number of positive cases that are vaccinated versus unvaccinated, to which Ms. Burley



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said the Arizona Department of Health Services is working on a process to get that data to them but they have not received it yet. She said a majority of COVID-19 positive cases continue to be among the unvaccinated with a 20-percent breakthrough rate.



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Councilmember Zehri said he has seen a lot of negative results from home test kits and encouraged anyone experiencing symptoms to stay home. He said anyone needing an antibody infusion in a hospital or clinic needs to have a PCR test as the home test kits are not acceptable.

Councilmember Zehri said the information Ms. Burley sent out earlier today indicated there were 10 medication treatments for COVID-19, six of those treatments are outpatient and four treatments are inpatient. He said the outpatient treatments are important for the public to know about and where they are available to the public, to which Ms. Burley replied that the outpatient treatments should be available throughout the County but are limited in supply.



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Councilmember Zehri spoke on the \$8.1 billion for medication recently approved by President Biden and asked when the state anticipates receiving more medication, to which Ms. Burley said most of the therapeutics are being allocated to states based on case counts, deaths, percent positivity, and other criteria that the State and CDC have developed. She added that even beyond that the State then allocates to communities based on additional criteria. Councilmember Zehri asked if the treatment is prescribed by a physician or the County, to which Ms. Burley said they would be prescribed by a medical provider or in the hospital.



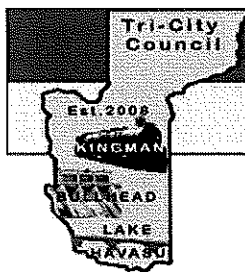
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Councilmember Zehri said according to the list the only outpatient treatment currently available is immunoglobulin, to which Ms. Burley said there are some antiviral medications available in the County that can be prescribed by a physician and picked up in a pharmacy. Ms. Burley said there is a link to the Arizona Department of Health Services on the County's website to locate where therapeutics are available.

Ms. Penny Pew, Representative from Congressman Paul Gosar's Office, asked what pharmacies are distributing the therapeutic medications, to which Ms. Burley said Walgreens and CVS are two pharmacies within Mohave County providing the medications. Ms. Pew asked if all Walgreens and CVS pharmacies offer the medications, to which Ms. Burley confirmed that the CVS and Walmart pharmacies in Kingman receive the antivirals but may not be available due to very limited supply. Ms. Pew asked what the County is doing

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to get those medications to other locations like Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City as there seems to be a large population being overlooked, to which Ms. Burley said it is being overlooked in a sense that there is limited supply all over the State. She said the Arizona Department of Health Services does not have an anticipated date for more resources. Ms. Pew said it seems like we are not getting the answers and the effort is not being done. She said she would follow up to see where the breakdown is – State, County, or Federal level – so rural Arizona is not being overlooked.

Councilmember Zehri said COVID-19 has been ongoing for two years and the Federal Government is controlling it and not letting the County, physicians, or hospitals do their job.

Chairman Brady asked about herd immunity, to which Ms. Burley said Mr. Will Humble, Executive Director for the Arizona Public Health Association, recently stated that he believes it will be by the end of February. She said with the County's numbers going up there will be some natural immunity but there is still a question on how long that will last.

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

Supervisor Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors, reported that she is the newly elected President for the County Supervisors Association and sits on other committees including the Arizona Commerce Authority. She reported that Mohave County's biggest concern is water, but listed several other concerns including legislation, election, affordable housing, and COVID-19.

Ms. Pew said Congressman Gosar introduced three border-related legislation bills that are likely not going to go anywhere, but they continue to address the issue of the poorest border and the problems that it is bringing in with fentanyl and other drugs. She said Congressman Gosar is also planning several roundtables to discuss and share fentanyl issues in cities and towns. Ms. Pew asked cities and towns to reach out if they have any federal issues or something they can help mitigate.

Councilmember Zehri asked what Congressman Gosar is doing to address healthcare and medical professional shortages, to which Ms. Pew said in terms of traveling nurses and shortages she will be attending their meeting next week. Councilmember Zehri said the pandemic has been ongoing for two years and asked what Congress is doing to take care of this problem as there is a shortage of healthcare workers in the hospitals. He said in 2021, Congress reauthorized



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30 physicians in each state, and increased the Medicare residency program \$2,000 per year. Ms. Pew said Congressman Gosar is not in the ruling part of the legislature right now and every bill he has put forward to try and solve any problems have been shut down by the opposite side. She said until the opposite side changes and Congressman Gosar can approach the floor with some chance to pass some of these things it is unlikely to happen, but is something that they look forward to next year. She spoke on the \$8.1 billion approved by President Biden and said Mohave County has not seen any of that. Ms. Pew said she looks forward to future roundtable discussions regarding healthcare and anything they can help with from a federal side.

Mr. Kenneth Simons, citizen, asked if Congressman Gosar was going to testify in front of the January 6th commission if he is called.

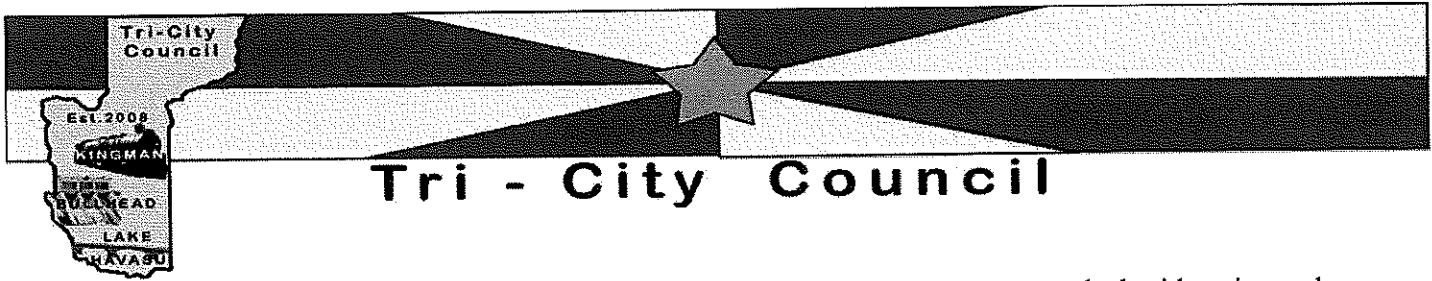
Dr. Coral Evans, Representative from Senator Mark Kelley's Office, said she has been listening to the conversation regarding COVID-19 and will have a full update at their meeting next week. She said on January 12, 2022, Arizona Senators announced over \$106 million in relief funds for Arizona healthcare providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. She said these resources were provided through the Coronavirus Relief Legislation crafted in a bipartisan nature. She said Senator Kelley's focus has been getting Arizona the resources they need to recover from the pandemic, as healthcare workers are stretched thin and need assistance.

Mr. Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager, stated that he did not have an update at this time.

7. Legislative Update – League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Mr. Tom Belshe, Executive Director with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, said the League of Arizona Cities and Towns ("League") has comprised a work group to look at developing more affordable housing throughout cities and towns. He said they are concerned with there being more of a focus on zoning and zoning enforcement than the development of affordable housing; therefore, one of the things they are talking about with developers is to ensure whatever changes they make to statute actually affect affordable housing and not just lowering the price of luxury and market housing and include something about short-term rentals. Mr. Belshe stated there have been several bills introduced in the past trying to eliminate short-term rentals and has never been the position of the League; however, this year a couple of bills have been introduced by the majority party representatives that look at ending the practice in Arizona. He said the League will be introducing a bill that deals with a

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number of issues, mostly the ability to contact owners to deal with noise and other types of issues from absentee owners and make sure neighbors have a contact person.



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Mr. Belshe said another focus is on vaping and use of tobacco at proper distances from places that youth and children gather. Mr. Belshe said the League is also concerned with Senate Bill 1133, which would ban the practice of all-mail ballots for elections. He said the League is in opposition to this bill as there are 40 cities and towns across Arizona that conduct all-mail ballot elections and have been for 15 to 20 years without any issue.

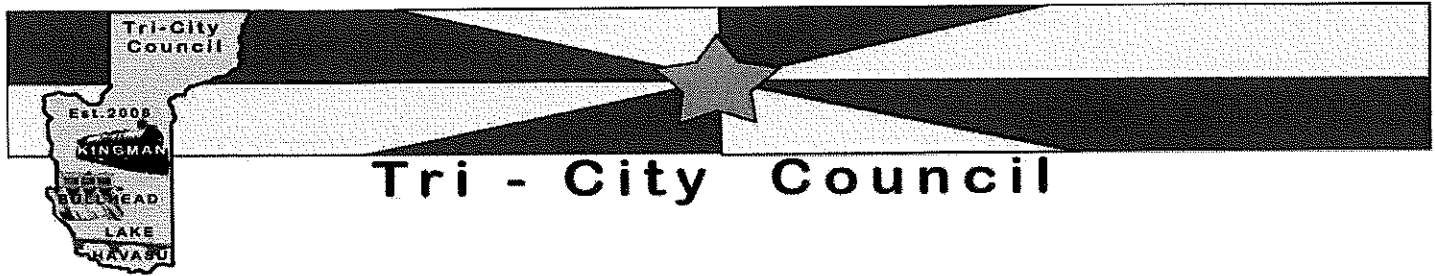
Mr. Belshe said House Bill 2099 dictates how the League and other membership organizations with cities and towns set their membership dues. He spoke on the hierarchy of rates for cities and towns and said this legislation would require them to charge the same per capita fee to all cities and towns.

Mr. Belshe said the Governor's budget looked very good and they liked a lot of the things including some great transportation resources that will be available to cities and towns. He said the League is concerned with one thing in the budget that relates to the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) who is undertaking a completely necessary revision to their tax system. He said the League has been asking for this for a long time; however, the only issue is that ADOR has not involved the League in the procurement discussions and what companies and software they are looking at. He said the League feels they can get a good system with the budget proposed that is better for the taxpayers, collection, and data.

Mayor Miles said she reviewed the comments from the affordable housing group that discussed bi-right zoning requirements. She said bi-right zoning would take away the discretion of council and cities and asked Mr. Belshe what he foresees with this moving forward, to which Mr. Belshe said bi-right zoning has a different meaning for everyone and the League is trying to see how this group is going to define that. He said it takes away some of the existing chances for citizens to talk about specific types of zoning and development in their area; however, the League believes there can be some streamlining without taking away the public's right to talk about it, along with incentivizing and putting more resources into it so that it can pencil out for the developers and not be used as a "guise" to take away zoning authority from cities and towns.

Councilmember Zehri asked for more information regarding the bill banning all-mail ballot elections, to which Mr. Belshe said the feeling is due to misuse

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and no control. He said the League believes cities and towns should have the choice as there is not a lot of evidence of voter fraud in local elections.

Councilmember Zehri said voting a mail-in ballot is a right and if they take away that right, they are going to need to provide funding for transportation and healthcare nurses to take voters to the polling places.

Councilmember Zehri asked if there are any upcoming bills that address healthcare professional shortages, to which Mr. Belshe said he did not have that information as those bills are not in his purview. Councilmember Zehri suggested the League follow a bill concerning healthcare professional shortages that is being put together by Representative Joanne Osborne.

Ms. Pew said as a prior elections director in Apache County she has experience and knowledge related to mail-in ballots and spoke on the Maricopa County election discrepancies in 2020.

Mr. Knudson asked if there have been any discussions about a bill resurfacing regarding vehicle sales tax that would not be paid if a person was not an Arizona resident, to which Mr. Belshe said the League fought that bill last year as many auto dealers argued that it was a tourism opportunity for non-residents to purchase their automobiles. Mr. Belshe said the focus this year is on fleet sales, specifically dealerships that deal with large tractor trailers. He said there are not as many of those within the state but there are a couple of cities that will be affected.

8. Rural Transportation Update – Kevin Adam

Kevin Adam, Executive Director with the Rural Transportation Advisory Council (RTAC), spoke on the legislative and congressional sessions for transportation. He said they anticipate a busy year due to the federal infrastructure legislation that was enacted in November 2021. He said because of the extent of the new programs, reforms to the existing, and the considerable increase in revenues from the programs it is going to be a very complicated and drawn-out implementation particularly with some of the new programs they anticipate seeing guidance, new rules, and notices of funding opportunities throughout the year. He said federal revenue for transportation is broken into two major categories: 1) formula funding, and 2) competitive grant funding. He explained that formula funding comes into the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) every year and is used on the state highway system and programed through the five-year construction program updates. He said when comparing the last federal authorization bill period to the next five years for



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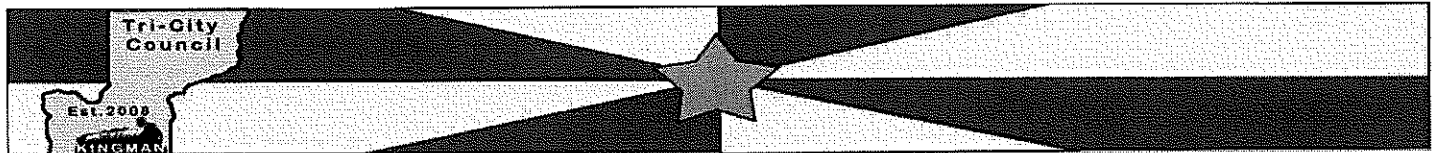
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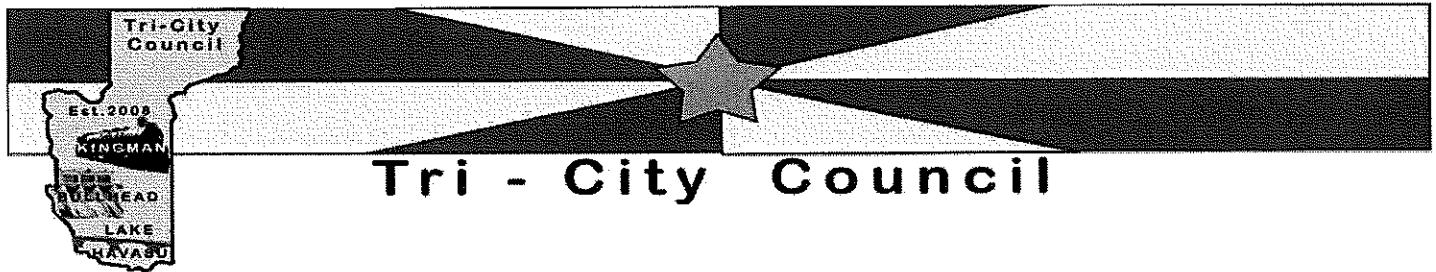
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transportation there is about a 30 percent increase in the formula funding that will be available. He said last year Arizona was apportioned \$800 million on highway funding and this year, with a federal budget through that fully allows for the complete authorized levels, that number will increase to \$970 million, with incremental increases every year moving forward. He said with the backlog of needs on the system this is sorely needed and will make a much more interesting update to ADOT's five year program because typically when they start the update process it is the new fifth year that gets all the interest with opportunity for new projects. He said with the increase in funding available for all five years you should see spending added for all five years with new projects added and an increase in maintenance activity across the state. He said pavement and bridge conditions are the biggest priority for Arizona in the rural areas of the state. Mr. Adam said the second category is the competitive grant program where there is a greater opportunity for local projects. He said these programs typically have match requirements; however, for many of these there tends to be some rural set asides with reduced or no match requirements. He said as those new grant programs come online, they will get the word out to cities and towns. He said on the state side it is a curious time for the state budget. He spoke on the response and impact COVID-19 has had on the state budget and said it is highly anticipated that the budget will come in well over the forecasted levels with additional revenue to work with. He said fortunately they have prioritized "surplus revenue" for infrastructure with a lot of one-time funding to be put towards transportation projects and ADOT maintenance activity over the years and they suspect that will be the focus going forward. He said they continue to shoot for permanent revenue increases to Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) which has not been updated in over 30 years. He added that RTAC is running House Bill 2396 that states if earmarking is going to be the process for funding transportation, they would like to have the rural transportation planning agencies, like WACOG and Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), decide the rural priorities and request that the legislature prioritize those projects. He said through an 8-month process they determined to pursue \$50 million which would be suballocated to the regions based on percentage of the population and selected projects based on the suballocated funding. He said he believes they have a healthy distribution of projects across the state and all three cities, as well as Mohave County, that are included in the legislation, and hopes to push that forward with the help of the Tri-City Council.

9. Arizona Department of Transportation Update

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Mr. Todd Steinberger, Northwest Assistant District Engineer with Arizona Department of Transportation, gave an update on current and upcoming construction projects, and outlined the following in his presentation:



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Current Construction Projects

- SR 68: Verde Rd. to Bacobi Rd. – Center Raised Median Contract: \$1,520,130
- Stockton Hill Road – Safety Improvement Contract: \$449,353
- SR 95 at Marina Blvd – Right Turn Lane Contract: \$533,412
- I-40: Pineveta Draw Bridge EB/WB – Bridge Deck Replacement & Scour Retrofit Contract: \$2,486,049

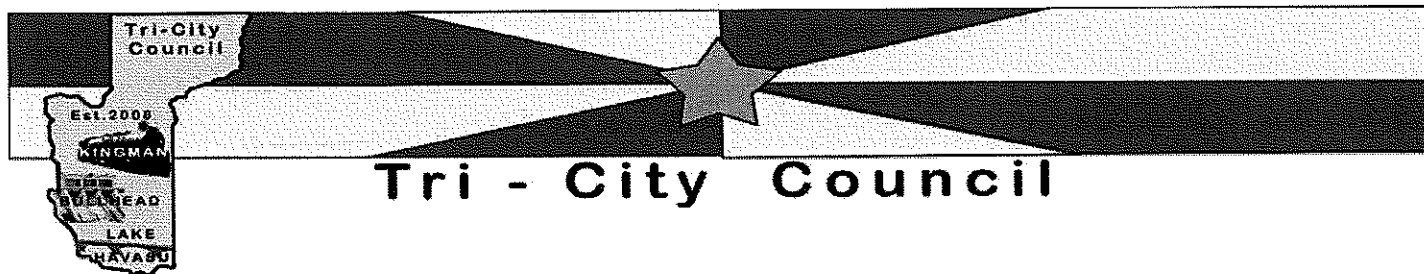
Upcoming Preservation Projects

- SR 68; Laughlin Bridge to Golden Valley – Pavement Preservation FY 22 2nd QTR Contract: \$8,000,000
- SR 95; Needles Bridge – Deck Rehabilitation FY 22 2nd QTR Contract: \$1,600,000
- I-40; CA Border to MP 2.54 – Pavement Preservation FY 4th QTR Contract: \$1,424,625
- SR 95; I-40 to SARA Park – Pavement Preservation FY 23 3rd QTR Contract: \$23,350,000
- I-40, E. Kingman T.I. OP WB Bridge – Bridge Rehabilitation FY 23 2nd QTR Contract: \$7,000,000
- SR 95; Bullhead City Pkwy. To Courtright Rd. – Pavement Preservation FY 23 2nd QTR Contract: \$21,000,000
- US 93; Kabba Wash Bridge – Bridge Replacement FY 22 2nd QTR Contract: \$2,634,000
- I-40; Walnut Creek to Holy Moses Wash – Pavement Preservation FY 23 1st QTR Contract: \$35,835,000

Upcoming Modernization Projects

- Stockton Hill Rd; Fountain Hills Rd to W. Cedar Canyon Dr. (MP 21.75) – Rumble Strip FY 22 2nd QTR Contract: \$550,000
- Bullhead Pkwy. & Silver Creek Rd. – Median and Street Lighting FY 23 4th QTR Contract: \$607,500
- Boundary Cone and Oatman Hwy. – Rumble Strips FY 24 QTR TBD Contract: \$1,071,299
- Northern Ave. Complete Streets – Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, Crosswalks FY 23 2nd QTR Contract: \$1,123,000

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- Six Roadway Segments – City of Kingman – Traffic Calming Features and Speed Limit Feedback FY 22 4th QTR Contract: \$234,000
- US 93: Santa Maria River – SR 71 – Centerline Rumble Strip FY 22 3rd QTR Contract: \$392,000



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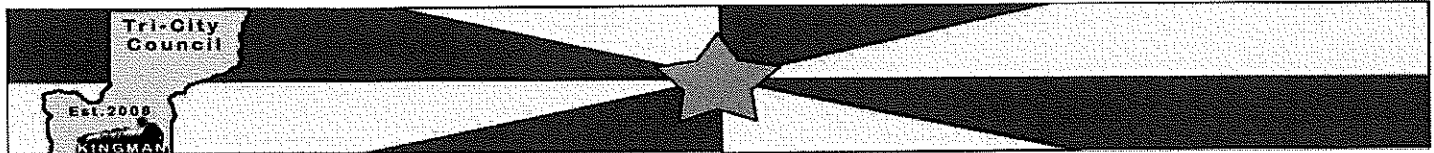
Future Expansion Projects

- 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 February: \$41 Million; Wickenburg Ranch to SR 89 (Project A) Adv TBD: \$8,254,572
- I-40, Kingman Crossing Traffic Interchange Adv TBD: \$19.571 M – Construct new Traffic Interchange
- I-40, Rancho Santa Fe Traffic Interchange Adv TBD: \$35 Million – Construct new Traffic Interchange

Chairman Brady and Mayor Sheehy asked for an update on the synchronization of the lights on the highways in Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City, to which Mr. Steinberger said ADOT has a coordination in place for Bullhead City that they are continuing to refine with signal upgrades on the equipment to replace the loops to radar detection that will improve the coordination. He noted that it is just a matter of trying to find funding in the state for the upgrades. Mr. Steinberger said they are doing the same in Lake Havasu City and have started upgrading the equipment to improve the coordination plan. He said the Lake Havasu MPO is possibly contributing some funding towards this project.

Mr. Knudson added that staff met with the ADOT management team regarding removing the loops on Highway 95 and replacing with a radar system (detection of traffic). He added that this would be a better way of changing the signals and coordination with radar detection for traffic that aligns with the signals on Lake Havasu Avenue, Swanson Avenue, and Mesquite Avenue. He said Lake Havasu City may not see these changes until the highway pavement project is finalized as the loops are within the asphalt; therefore, if they can be taken out and put on the signals it is less expensive in terms of long-term maintenance and smarter technology.

Councilmember Campbell said she has received complaints regarding the pavement condition (potholes) at the intersection of Highway 95 and Mulberry Avenue. Mr. Steinberger said he would coordinate with their maintenance crews to have those potholes repaired.



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Ms. Donna McCoy, citizen, said she recently heard that the funding for the Highway 95 project in Lake Havasu City was no longer available and asked if the funding had been allocated to another project, to which Mr. Steinberger said the funding would not go away and would stay on the corridor that was presented. He spoke on the inflation costs and lessons learned as the local jurisdictions coordinated with elected officials and with the local ADOT district and management group on the scope of work. He said all individuals involved did the best they could with the information they had; however, it was after the funding was placed into the legislative bill that the local districts truly knew the broad range of what the locals were looking for.

Mr. Knudson said prior to Representative Biasiucci taking this bill they spoke with Mr. Alvin Stump regarding estimates. He said it was done on the forefront, but right now they are looking at a high cost of a paving project from S.A.R.A. Park to Interstate 40. He spoke on the need for a 20-year road and their conversations with ADOT that the funding needs to be spent in areas where the conditions are most poor and with the highest traffic counts.

Vice Mayor Steve D'Amico asked if there was a possibility of getting a local ADOT office back in the tri-city area, to which Mr. Steinberger replied that he is located in the Kingman office which is just an hour from Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City. He said they are in recruitment to fill the Northwest District Administrative position and realizes that not having a district office in the Kingman area is problematic for locals but reassured everyone that their concerns are being conveyed.

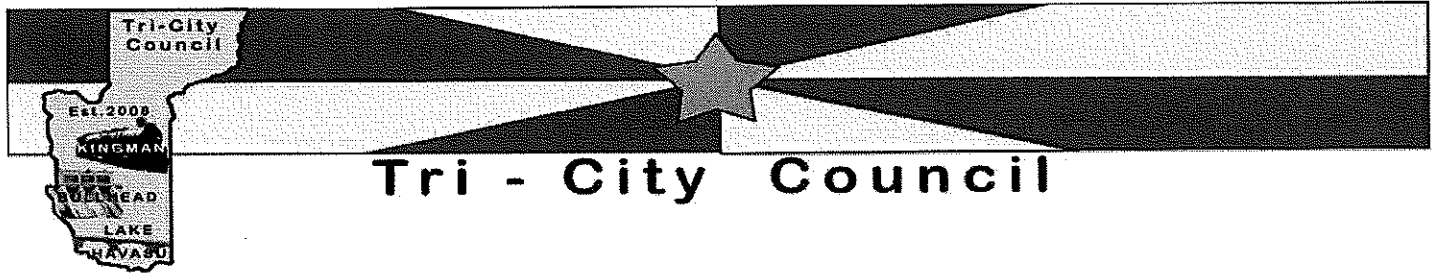
Councilmember Hecht spoke on the burro issue in Bullhead City and asked if ADOT had any plans for lighting the entire Parkway corridor, to which Mr. Steinberger said he would coordinate with staff as they are working on that design.

Ms. Lisa Krueger, President with the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber of Commerce supports the Highway 95 resurfacing project and it is in their chamber legislative agenda.

10. WACOG Regional Transit Implementation Plan – Roland Hulse

Mr. Roland Hulse, Transportation Program Manager with the Western Arizona Council of Governments, stated that the Regional Transit Implementation Plan was initiated in December 2020 to determine the feasibility of inter-connecting transit routes between cities and towns of Mohave County and La Paz County.

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He said the first stage of this study has been the appraisal of the transit systems currently operating in the Tri-City area, and the evaluation of the transit needs of our growing community.



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Mr. Vamshi Yellisetty, Senior Principal Planner with Kittelson & Association, Inc., reviewed the results of the Connecting Western Arizona Regional Transit Implementation Plan as follows:

Agenda

- Project Overview
- Findings – Existing Conditions Evaluation
- Public Outreach
- What's Next?



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Purpose of the Plan

- Identify the Need/Demand for Regional Transit Service
- Evaluate Potential Service Scenarios
- Create a Realistic and Sustainable Implementation Plan
 - Services that Works for People
 - Funding Strategies
 - Operations, Capital, and Service Plan



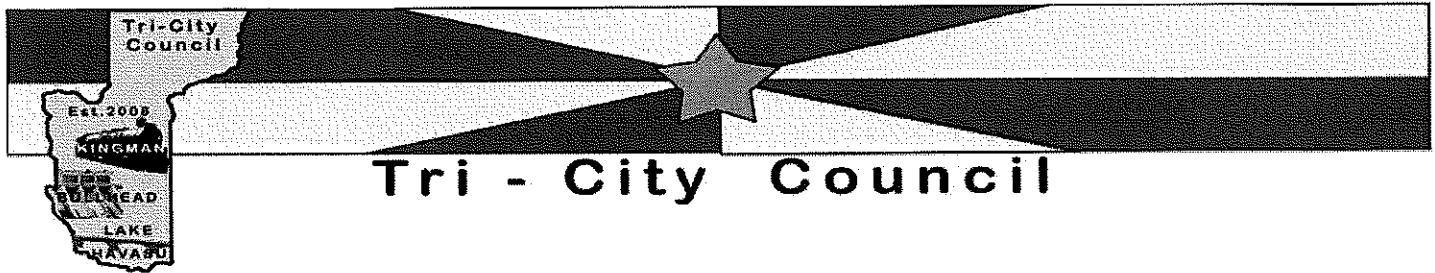
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Project Overview

- How are we Connected?
 - Understand Current Transit Services Available
 - Regional Travel Conditions
 - Community Profile
- What Do We Need?
 - Determine Transit Demand
 - Community Survey
 - Current and Future Transit Market Analysis
- What Would Work?
 - Identify and Evaluate Service Options
 - Feasibility Review
 - Community Survey
 - Financial Analysis
- How Do We Achieve It?
 - Partnership Development
 - Governance Structure
 - Economic Impact Assessment
 - Phased Implementation Plan

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- Understanding Current Transit Services Available
Key Providers

- Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS)
- Camel Express – Town of Quartzsite
- Hualapai Transit
- Kingman Area Regional Transit (KART)
- Lake Havasu City Transit



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- Other Public and Private Providers
 - Approximately 30 other providers operating in the area, including:
 - FTA 5310 Demand-Response providers
 - Airport shuttles
 - Local taxi services
 - Regional and national bus/train travel via Greyhound, Amtrak, Tufesa



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Evaluating Regional Transit Needs – Process

- Interview existing transit providers
- Understand demographics of the region – population groups that rely on transit, who are they, where do they live
- Assess interaction between tri-city communities and Mohave County
 - Where residents go to work?
 - Where are employees coming from?
- Determine travel patterns between tri-city communities; what is the purpose of the trip?
- Survey the public – determine current travel patterns and needs
- Is there a demand and need for SUSTAINABLE regional transit services?



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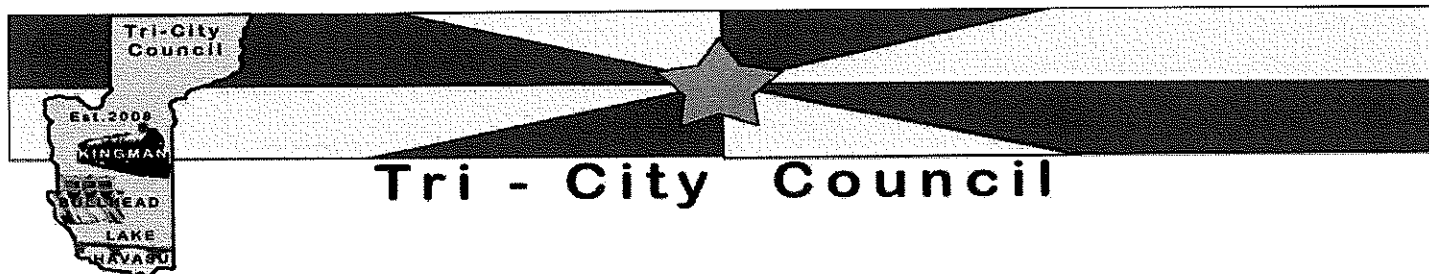
One-on-One Interview Summary

Interviewed Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City, Hualapai Tribe, Quartzsite, Mohave County, WACOG, and ADOT

Key themes from these interviews included:

- Existing transit service in Western Arizona serves as a lifeline for the community and promotes economic and health stability.
- The need for regional transit service is evident in the requests that local city providers receive, the demand on existing regional routes, and the regional travel that exists on other modes.

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- This is especially true for trips to medical and grocery/shopping centers, as well as connections to longer-distance (interstate) transportation services.

- Existing providers foresee political challenges in operating outside of their jurisdiction/city.
- Communicating with and updating to councils and boards is critical to the process.



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Understanding Our Region's Transit Needs and Potential Demand in Arizona, Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Golden Valley, Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Quartzsite, and Peach Springs.

Regional Community Patterns in Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Bullhead City, and Golden Valley for work Locations for Residents and Home Locations.



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Top Three (3) Travel Destinations from:

- Kingman – Golden Valley (2,081 Daily Trips); Bullhead City (888 Daily Trips); and Lake Havasu City (585 Daily Trips).
- Bullhead City – Fort Mohave (14,452 Daily Trips); Kingman (1,317 Daily Trips); and Lake Havasu City (516 Daily Trips).
- Lake Havasu City – Kingman (886 Daily Trips); Parker (813 Daily Trips); and Bullhead City (506 Daily Trips).
- Golden Valley – Kingman (2,964 Daily Trips); Bullhead City (412 Daily Trips); and Fort Mohave (82 Daily Trips).



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Public Outreach

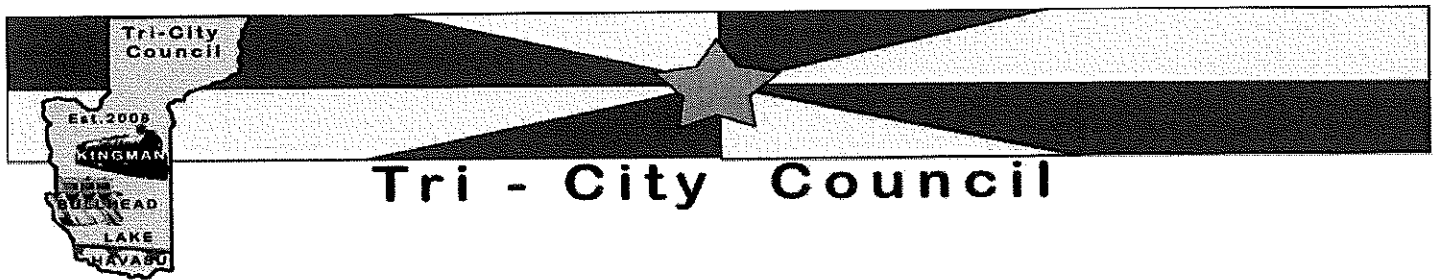
- Public Survey Open
 - Online Survey – ConnectingWesternAZ.com
- We need your help:
 - Hang Fliers/Posters
 - Share on Social Media
 - Tell Friends/Family

What's Next?

- Continue ongoing outreach findings
- Future conditions assessment
- Business case for regional transit
- Evaluate potential service options

Chairman Brady thanked Mr. Hulse and Mr. Yellisetty for their presentation and said the Tri-City Council looks forward to their next report.

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Chairman Brady acknowledged Mohave County Supervisor Ron Gould who was in attendance and asked if he would like to provide an update to the Tri-City Council.



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Supervisor Gould addressed the Tri-City Council and said he is this year's Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors and serves residents in the northern Lake Havasu City, Desert Hills, Crystal Beach, Havasu Heights, Yucca, Golden Shores, Topock, Mohave Valley and Fort Mohave areas. He reported that the Mohave County Board of Supervisors took back the fairgrounds from the Fair Association as of January 1, 2022, and will be looking at possibly relocating the fairgrounds. He said they will also be looking at spending Community Block Grant Funding on two water projects as well as housing rehabilitation for low income and veteran housing.



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Councilmember Hecht asked about trash along the highway, to which Supervisor Gould said ADOT maintains the highways. He said the Mohave County Environmental Rural Clean-up Enforcement (ERASE) are sworn officers that deal with trash dumped on public lands and desert cleanups.

Mayor Brady said if the COVID-19 legislation ever concludes, the State, County and cities will receive money and asked if there have been any efforts to coordinate the use of the money to not duplicate services, to which Supervisor Gould said he has not seen any coordination but that is a good idea. He said the County had \$40 million that they voted to split five ways (five districts). He said he intends to give the money back to the people in his district.



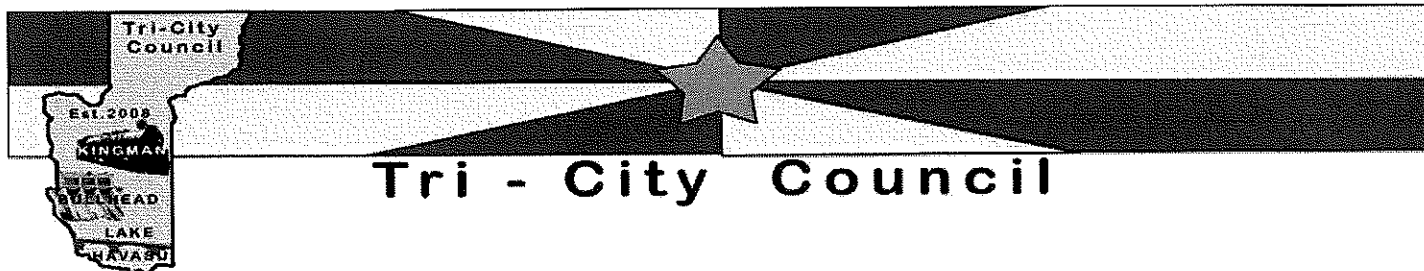
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11. Discussion Regarding Short-Term Rental Legislation – Mayor Cal Sheehy

Mayor Sheehy said Lake Havasu City has been in the lead to look at legislation that is going to pass through the legislature. He said there have been a lot of conversations regarding short-term rentals across the cities in Arizona about local control and giving the cities options to take back that control and manage them as they see fit for their individual communities. Mayor Sheehy said Lake Havasu City passed an ordinance in 2014 that was in effect for two years before state law changed in 2016 that preempted cities and towns from doing anything. He said for the past five legislative sessions they have tried to run different bills to try to get back some of that control and address things like trash, parking, and party houses but are still looking for and need some local control. Mayor Sheehy said Representative Biasiucci is pushing a bill that is going to lead the way that gives a little more community to the neighborhood creating the ability

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to identify a house as a short-term rental. He said they are advocating for local control that allows for notification within the neighborhoods, a local contact person, and a permit or business license with the city. Mayor Sheehy added that they are very grateful for Representative Biasiucci's willingness to lead this effort and thanked Senator Borrelli who will also be running a companion bill in the Senate.



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12. Mayors' Reports – City Updates

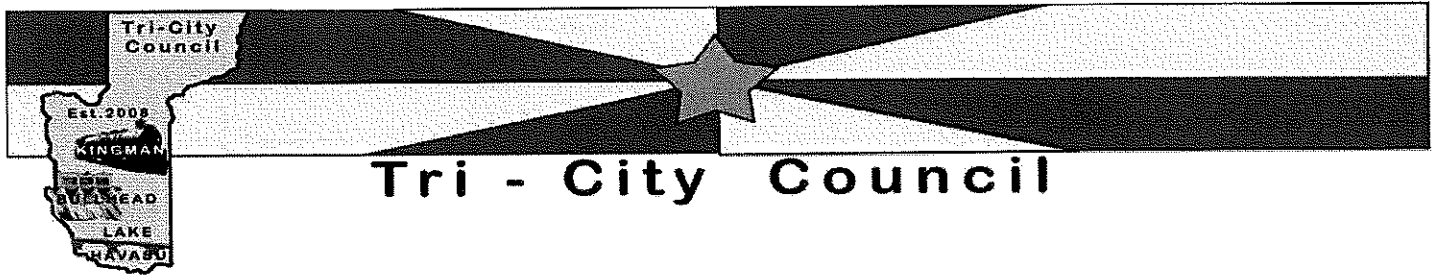
Mayor Miles reported that Kingman has held several presentations to educate the public on the Rancho Santa Fe and Kingman Crossing Projects. She said sales tax revenues are doing well with the assistance of the stimulus money, but they are projecting slower growth. She spoke on the flat tax ballot initiative and said Kingman is projecting that they will not have the hold-harmless status at 18 percent. She announced an upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Tesla Supercharging Station and design work of a new building for an "Electric Vehicle Experience" that will complement their downtown area and enhance tourism. She added that they are expanding an urban trail that will utilize a lot of partners to create opportunities for an additional 12 miles of trails.

Vice Mayor Ken Watkins announced that the Tesla Supercharging Station ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. He added that the Kingman City Council at their meeting yesterday discussed the rejuvenation of the Kingman façade and mural program for their downtown buildings and added that ALLO Communications has announced that they will be coming to Kingman.

Mayor Sheehy said Lake Havasu City is also excited that ALLO Communications is coming to Lake Havasu City. He added that Lake Havasu City has been working on a pavement road project on McCulloch Boulevard from Acoma Boulevard to Smoketree Avenue just in time for several upcoming events including the Havasu Balloon Festival and Winterfest. Mayor Sheehy said Lake Havasu City will be holding a legislative day on February 15, 2022, and invited the other cities to attend.

Chairman Brady reported that Bullhead City also has a new internet provider, TWN, who is offering higher speed at a lower cost. He added that the Bullhead City Council voted to accept a \$100 million settlement with EPCOR Water to purchase the water company. Chairman Brady said they have had several tragedies in Bullhead with the passing of two of their councilmembers. He said they recently appointed Councilmembers Grace Hecht and Rodney Head to fill those vacancies.

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ADJOURN

Chairman Brady adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.



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