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MEETING MINTUES

Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. 310 N. 4th Street Kingman, AZ



City of Bullhead City, Arizona

Tom Brady, Mayor Steve D'Amico, Vice Mayor



Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Cal Sheehy, Mayor David Lane, Vice Mayor



City of Kingman, Arizona

Jen Miles, Mayor Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor Mayor Jen Miles announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public attendance is suspended and the Tri-City Council Meeting is being held through technological means. She said that public participation was encouraged by registering to speak via ZOOM or by submitting comments in writing to the City Clerk at ameredith@cityofkingman.gov by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mayor Miles called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison and roll call was taken by Kingman City Clerk Annie Meredith.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayor Miles led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call & Introduction of Special Guests

*All those in attendance were present via remote conferencing.

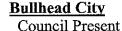
Lake Havasu City

Council Present
Cal Sheehy, Mayor
David Lane, Vice Mayor
Jeni Coke, Councilmember
Donna McCoy, Councilmember

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Greg Froslie, Public Works Director
Vinny Gallegos, Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization
Kelly Garry, City Attorney
Shawn Irula, Human Resources/Risk Management Director
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager
Peter Pilafasp, Fire Chief
TJ Cook, Intern





Tom Brady, Mayor Kathy Bruck, Councilmember

Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager Sue Stein, City Clerk

City of Kingman

Council Present Jen Miles, Mayor David Wayt, Councilmember Ken Watkins, Councilmember

Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager Annie Meredith, City Clerk Carl Cooper, City Attorney Coleen Haines, Public Affairs Coordinator

Cal Sheehy, Mayor

Others Present Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors

Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager Denise Burley, Mohave County Health Director Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor Becky Fawson, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce Valen Cassidy, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce Nancy Campbell, Lake Havasu City Cameron Moses, Lake Havasu City Dr. Carla Harcelroad, ASU Lake Havasu City Michael Zogg, Today's News Herald

Anthony Lombardi, Unisource Energy Services

Alvin Stump, Arizona Department of Transportation Stacy Klippenstein, Mohave Community College

Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation

Jaime Hernandez, AZ DEQ



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Jen Miles, Mayor Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor Chairperson Miles asked Dr. Carla Harcleroad, the new executive director with ASU to introduce herself to the group. Dr. Harcleroad shared a brief introduction and background information. Dr. Harcleroad shared some of the projects that they are working on at ASU.

3. Call to the Public

Chairperson Mayor Miles asked if anyone had registered for call to the public. City Clerk Annie Meredith shared that they did not receive any email comments or requests for call in participation.

4. Approval of the Minutes from July 15, 2020 TCC Meeting

Mayor Sheehy made a MOTION to approve the July 15, 2020 Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes, Mayor Brady SECONDED and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Update from Mohave County Board of Supervisors and Elected Officials County Manager Sam Elters shared that the County continues to be challenged with COVID and all its related impacts. He said that they are fortunate that their workforce has taken the steps to remain healthy and they have had few cases. He said that the Board of Supervisors is in the process of evaluating the face covering mandate and will have a workshop tomorrow to hear from the public. He shared that as far as legislative issues, they have two items related to surface water and ground water.

County Assessor Jeanne Kentch said that Mr. Elters is doing an awesome job as county manager. She said that their appeals in the Assessor's office are going down and that shows they are doing a great job. She said that one of the things they decided to do because of COVID is make note of businesses that are going under or reducing in size as an impact. Mayor Miles thanked Ms. Kentch for all that she is doing.

6. Update from the Mohave County Health Department

Chairperson Miles asked if County Manager Sam Elters wanted to share an update.

Mr. Elters said that they give twice weekly updates to the Board of Supervisors and the public. He said that they monitor the stats very closely. He said that the County is currently in the moderate range for restaurants and bars and in minimal in two of the areas. He said that they continue to monitor that and that they did see an uptick in the last 7-10 days. He said that they are continuing to interact with schools to provide information. He said that he will contact the health department and see if they can join the call.





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Jen Miles, Mayor Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor Mohave County Health Director Denise Burley joined the call. She said that she understands the city's rescinding their mask mandates and the pressure they've received to make difficult decisions. She said that the cases are increasing again and that they need the communities help to keep the numbers in the moderate range for the benefit of businesses and schools. She said that they will be discussing masks tomorrow at the county at noon and it will be an interesting conversation. She said that she wants to make sure that they all understand that the trends are the trends and they will be watching them closely. She said that without mitigation measures in place they will continue to see a slow progression towards additional cases. She said that hopefully they will not see the amount of deaths they did initially, knowing that a large amount of those came from long term care facilities and they now have measures in place to help prevent that. She said that she hopes we can keep our numbers down so we can keep our communities healthy and businesses open. She asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Brady asked Ms. Burley about a vaccine coming out and if there is a plan as to how it will be administered.

Ms. Burley said that there is already a prioritization process in place and that it will be healthcare workers, EMS, first responders and vulnerable populations in congregate settings. She said that it then goes to older adults and then general populations. She said that there are weekly meetings with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to discuss the plan that is currently in development and strategies for the vaccination process. She said that there are not a lot of firm details in place at this time.

Mayor Miles asked if there is any additional information on timelines for vaccine distribution.

Ms. Burley said that it is all over the board. She said that she has heard that sometime in November, but there is no firm date now as to when to expect a vaccine to be available. She shared that the first vaccine that is the frontrunner in this process is a two dose vaccine that requires ultra-low temperature storage. She said those are some of the details they are trying to work out, in addition to the ADHS onboarding process for providers and facilities to assist in the vaccination process. She said that they will need a number of facilities to jump on board to assist with this process.

Mayor Miles said that doesn't sound very stable.

Ms. Burley said that it requires some very strict protocols that will need to be monitored.



7. NW Attainment Committee- Dr. Klippenstein



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jen Miles, Mayor Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor Dr. Klippenstein shared that Mohave Community College (MCC) has been in a phase I approach since last March. He said that they just announced that they are in phase II which means they have some student services offices open on their campuses for students to register for spring classes. He said that they are monitoring the three major benchmarks as well. He said that they hope to have more services open on the campuses in the spring. He shared that they still have mask requirements and social distancing on their campuses. He said that their strategic plan was completed and they are in the implementation phase for MCC and thanked those who participated in community events and provided feedback. Dr. Klippenstein suggested going to their website to see updates and opportunities. He said that MCC created a Big Horn Intrepid Goal where all adults that have not completed a post-secondary degree will be inspired to attain the credential, certificate, or degree they seek from MCC by 2030. He said that it is a big goal that ties directly into the Achieve60 initiative. He suggested going to Achieve60Arizona.com and ExpectMoreArizona.com websites to see additional data and information. Dr. Klippenstein thanked Mayor Miles and Dr. Harcleroad for being on the steering committee, along with other participants from around the county. He said that as they looked at LaPaz and Mohave County they were looking at attainment numbers in general for industry credentials along with 2-4 year degrees and that they were at 30-42% attainment. He said that and the goal over the next 10 years is to gain about 14% attainment in the state of Arizona and 18-20% for LaPaz and Mohave County. He said that the steering committee came together with Achieve60 to see how they can get the attainment up and to look at workforce and educational gap areas. He said that they worked closely with Expect More Arizona and identified community leads. He shared that Cherish Sammeli in Kingman has signed on to be a team lead and they have identified 25 additional leads in the community hubs.

Mayor Miles thanked Dr. Klippenstein for his leadership in this initiative. She added that it is the first of its kind in the state and it is going well with participation from all different sectors in the community.

Dr. Klippenstein shared the mission statement for the Northwest Attainment steering committee. He said that it's not necessarily about degrees, but also other industry recognized credentials as well and gave an example.

Mayor Miles said that with this starting during the pandemic, people were wondering if they were even coming back to school, but it was a good time to get the framework in place and look at all of the data.

8. Legislative Update-League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Executive Director Tom Belshe said that they have been very proud as League staff to represent Cities and Towns. He shared that over the summer and coming into fall they have been working on a variety of issues and they were thrilled with the





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participation in this year's Annual Conference. He said that they are planning to be back together in person next year, possibly in a hybrid format. He said that they have been trying to make sure that they continue to be of service to the business community, specifically on extension of premises for restaurants. He said that they are continuing to do a number of training sessions throughout the fall, including newly elected officials training and that it isn't just for newly elected, but can be a refresher for those already serving on council. He said that they are talking about financing options for Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) unfunded liability, success in 1487 complaints, and a variety of things they will continue to offer virtually. He said that the officers have encouraged him to get back on the road again and if there is a role the league can play in council meetings, to let him know. Mr. Belshe said that as far as the legislative sessions, he does not know how they are going to meet or have hearings, as they do not have a plan yet. He said that there may be some changes in legislative leadership after the election and they do not know what the impact will be. He said that they are talking about a lot of different contingencies and are planning for any changes that may come. He said that they will continue to form good relationships with staff and work with the cities to reach out to their legislators locally. He asked them to think about service on the League Executive committee as they will have several vacancies. He shared the resolutions that passed during the resolutions committee meeting. He discussed possible presumption of firefighter cancer, police reform and if there will be issues that need to be discussed. He said that that there are always surprises and that they as League staff try to remain flexible. He asked if there are any questions.

Mayor Miles said that they are all waiting on the elections and will be in touch on issues they are having in our area.

Mr. Belshe said that they are always happy to set up a meeting and talk about how they can help.

Councilmember Donna McCoy asked how it is looking down in Phoenix with the two propositions 207 & 208. She asked if there is any feedback and how people are feeling about them.

Mr. Belshe said that they have a contract with the firm Highground and that the latest poll shows that 207 is going to pass but 208 is pretty close. He shared that with 207 there is an opportunity for cities depending on how many licensed medical facilities are in the community. He said that the way it will work is that there are a number of medical licensed facilities across the state and if you have one of those in your community, those licensed facilities will get a license that is first right of refusal. He said that if they take that license, they have to co-locate in the same facility that they have now. He said that they can't open up another location. He said that he isn't dealing with any of the really important items that have to do with societal impacts.





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jen Miles, Mayor Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor He said that the League is working on a series of ordinances that they can adopt locally to discourage/encourage the location of new facilities. He said that if you don't have a facility now and you don't want one in the future, you can adopt an ordinance locally that does that. He said that the city attorneys are working with the League general counsel right now. He said that the worst thing that can happen would be a recreation facility co-locating in a current facility. He said to check with your attorneys to see what they are planning for.

Mayor Miles invited Kevin Adam to share any updates.

Kevin Adam with Rural Transportation shared that the future as far as transportation investment is largely tied into the budget situation for the upcoming year. He said that the predominant focus has been what is going on back in Washington. He said that congress did pass a continuing resolution that funds the federal government at status quo through December 11, 2020. He said that they also extended the current federal transportation authorization program and what those actions do is guarantee that we will see federal funding stream into the state for at least a year. Mr. Adam said that they are estimating that this year will close with an \$11.4 million carry forward balance. He said that if you look at the job losses across the state, you wonder how that happened. He reviewed the transportation specific impacts. He said that loss of revenue has had a ripple effect and there is a \$260 million in bonding capacity that is lost revenue. He said that there is about \$460 million in cuts that they will have to make. He said that ADOT will not be pursuing any federal grants in the coming year because they cannot provide the local match. He said that is the impact on the state system and they are hopeful that if relief funding comes it will also target some of the state generated lost transportation revenue. Mr. Adam said that the \$32 highway safety fee that got tagged onto registration is set to repeal on June 30, 2021 and it will create a \$161 million dollar hole in the highway safety fund.

9. Update from the Arizona Department of Transportation

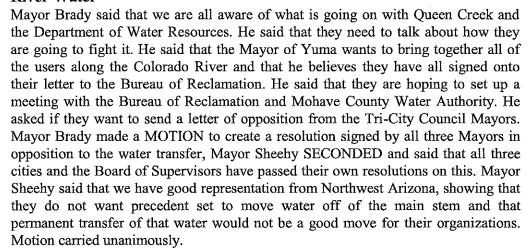
Northwest District Engineer Alvin Stump shared a presentation and gave a summary of each slide. He shared the current projects, future expansion projects, and gave an update on the SR 95 and Kiowa project.

Mayor Miles said that she is glad that Rancho is going out for construction in the spring. She asked if anyone else has anything to add on transportation.

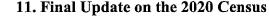
Vinny Gallegos with the Lake Havasu Metropolitan Planning Organization (LHMPO) shared that they are working on their 25 year regional transportation plan. He said that they did finish their public transit plan and turned that over to Lake Havasu City. He said that the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) is also doing a regional transit study and he looks forward to working with them on that.



10. Update & Discussion on Opposition of Transfer of 4th Priority Colorado River Water



Mayor Miles said that she will draft the resolution.



Kingman City Manager Ron Foggin shared that his final report is that they are happy with the work that they have done. He said that we were able to accomplish a lot and the results are an almost 75% self-reporting in the community. He said that they had a wonderful relationship with the Census bureau and local representatives in making sure that everyone that could be counted was. He thanked the other cities for their efforts in getting a complete count across the county.

Lake Havasu City Manager Jess Knudson shared that he would echo some of Mr. Foggin's sentiments. He said that overall they are happy with what they will see as the final numbers. He said that they got close to a 64% response rate in Lake Havasu City. He thanked Jerri Bracamonte, Anthony Kozlowski and other team members. He also thanked the council. He said that they are pleased with the efforts. He said that they did not have the same experience with the census committee. He shared that a difficulty with Lake Havasu City is that about 1/3 of their homes are considered vacant properties in regards to the census. He said that they are eager to see the final results.

Bullhead City Manager Toby Cotter shared that they had a great outreach with all three cities and the county. He said that there is no way you wouldn't have known there was something going on in Bullhead City with the census. He said that it is getting harder to reach residents and that they were still going door to door last week counting people. He said that the census team failed miserably in their community. He said that they have already reached out to Senator Sinnema and Senator Gosar's staff. He said that they know they will have a problem with an undercount when the ans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Tri-City Council endeavors to ensure the accessil



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results are released. He said that they will remain positive and wait for the numbers to come out. He said that he was told that for households that weren't counted, they did use other identifiable information that the Federal Government has and that is the best possible thing that could have happened for Bullhead City. He said that they believe they have a severe undercount, especially for their hispanic population.

Mayor Miles said that would be good for all of them, and thanked them for the reports.

12. Mayor's Reports-City Updates

Mayor Brady shared that their City Council is expected to get two new city council members at an upcoming meeting. He said that they will be retiring Councilmembers Tami Ring and Sheila Shutts at the next council meeting and then inducting Dr. Waheed Zehri and Norma Brummett at the following meeting to replace them. He said that their homeless shelter took in their first family and is expecting to take in their second family in today. He said they expect to open day services to two days a week. He said that they are very anxious to see how it will impact their community. He shared that their Police Chief Brian Williamson has retired and they have an interim until he retires and then they will start the recruitment process. He said that the road to their new bridge that is going to be built on the South end of town is completed and they look forward to the progress on that road to connect the two communities. He shared that their \$7 million Heritage Trail project from Davis Dam to the Laughlin Bridge will start up again this week. He said that Bullhead City is on the move and they are experiencing a large amount of tourism.

Mayor Sheehy shared that Lake Hayasu City lifted their mask proclamation based on local data for businesses and schools. He said that they are still suggesting and encouraging people to wear masks when they can't socially distance themselves or when inside a public place. He shared that they have two new councilmembers that will be joining them, Cameron Moses and Nancy Campbell. He shared that they will be saying goodbye to retiring Councilmember Donna McCoy and thanked her for her strong leadership. He said that they will also be saying goodbye to Councilmember Gordon Groat. He said that they have a couple of new developments in the Havasu Foothills area that is expanding at a great pace, and the Riviera project. He said that the first phase has already sold out and the second neighborhood is now opening and there are plans for a third. He said that citizens and visitors will be able to begin using the launch ramp in state park facilities by next season. He said that council has rezoned an area downtown to allow for light manufacturing in the old K-Mart building and PMG is coming in and will allow for about 180 jobs. He said that they are excited about that. Mayor Sheehy shared that they have been doing some fantastic work with the Lake Havasu City Resource Alliance and asked Vice Mayor Lane to give an update.



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City of Kingman, Arizona Jen Miles, Mayor Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor Vice Mayor Lane said that the collaboration with the Lake Havasu City Resource Alliance is helping people, businesses and residents that have been impacted by COVID-19. He said that the city donated \$250,000.00 of their Cares Act monies and they also received \$70,000.00 in private donations to provide financial relief. He said that they don't grant dollars specifically to businesses, but they submit bills that get paid through the River Cities United Way. He said that they have spent a little over \$187,000.00 of the Cares Act dollars and helped 44 businesses and over 200 individuals. He shared that the Better Business Bureau has also given 12 grants to local businesses and the Alliance has distributed additional personal protective equipment to assisted living facilities.

Mayor Sheehy said that in addition of the resolution of the council to grant the Cares Act dollars, they did a resolution to suspend park fees for the gyms and fitness centers to move to their parks for working out.

Councilmember McCoy thanked everyone for the opportunity to get to work with them.

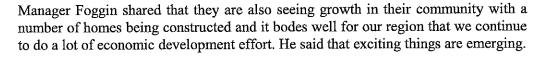
Mayor Miles and Mayor Brady shared that they are going to miss Councilmember McCoy.

Dr. Klippenstein shared with Mayor Sheehy that they met with Ryan and Isabella from PMG about some work force and short term training needs that they have.

Mayor Sheehy thanked Dr. Klippenstein for that partnership.

Mayor Miles shared that they will also have two new councilmembers, Cherish Sammeli and Keith Walker. She shared that Councilmember Wayt did not run for reelection and Vice Mayor Lingenfelter will be leaving to serve on the Board of Supervisors. She said that the City of Kingman is going to have a ballot measure on the General Election to get voter approval to sell land at the airport industrial park. She said that will be an important opportunity for the communities growth and that it is connected to the Rancho Santa Fe project. She said that the last piece is the development agreement with Sunbelt that will be coming to Council at the November 17th council meeting. She wanted to thank Manager Foggin and his team for their work on this project. She said that this will lay the foundation for Kingman's future and open them up for the multi-modal transportation. She shared that they set aside funds for small business assistance to include façade improvements and parklets/peddlets and what those programs include. She said that she feels it will generate more excitement downtown and for tourism. She said that the Adopt-A-Park program has really taken off and several groups have already adopted parks for clean ups. She said that they are starting a shop local campaign in collaboration with the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce. She asked if any other councilmembers or Manager Foggin had anything to share.





Mayor Miles said that she did want to ask Dr. Klippenstein to speak about their workforce development project at the industrial park.

Dr. Klippenstein said that they have worked with the City of Kingman staff on an advanced training center in the industrial park area. He said that they are looking to lease just over 10,800 sq. ft of training space for various areas of manufacturing and also their electrical and HVAC programs running out of that space. He said that they did survey 19 industry folks on what their need is and a number of individuals they would plan to send through the program. He said that is also one of the things they talked to the PNG group about. Dr. Klippenstein shared that they are beginning the renovation of 309 Beale Street and the Kingman Chamber and SBDC offices will be operating out of there.

Mayor Miles shared that the council did rescind the mask mandate and they will continue to work hard to educate the public on the important mitigation efforts to be followed. She said that she is disappointed but that is how it went. She noted that Supervisor Bishop has joined the meeting and asked if she would like to share anything.

Supervisor Bishop said goodbye to the outgoing councilmembers and welcomed the new ones. She shared that they are working on COVID-19 and mask issues, along with water issues. She said that they just got the USGS study and that was disappointing news but not news they didn't expect.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding Future Agenda Items

Mayor Miles said that they expected Suddenlink but they have confirmed for the next meeting. Mayor Sheehy said that is correct, they have confirmed for the next meeting.

Mayor Miles asked if there are any other items anyone would like to have and there were none mentioned.

Mayor Brady made a MOTION to ADJOURN. Mayor Sheehy SECONDED and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT --- 12:03 P.M.



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