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MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Kingman Regional Medical Center
3269 Stockton Hill Rd. Kingman, AZ 86401**



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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Mayor Gates.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

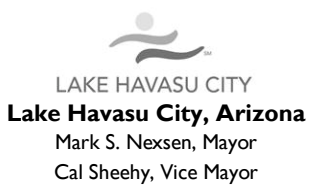
Chairman Mayor Gates led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Lake Havasu City

Council Present
Mark S. Nexsen, Mayor
David Lane, Councilmember

Staff Present
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Jeri Bracamonte, City Administration
Brian Davis, LHC Police Department
Vinny Gallegos, LHC MPO



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Bullhead City

Council Present
Tom Brady, Mayor

Staff Present
Sue Stein, City Clerk
Keegan Littrell, Public Works Director



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Jamie Scott Stehly, Councilmember
Stuart Yocum, Councilmember

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Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager
Annie Meredith, Deputy City Clerk
Sydney Muhle, City Clerk
Evan Kunert, Kingman Police Department
Rusty Cooper, Kingman Police Department



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Others Present

Sonny Borrelli, Senator
Regina Cobb, Representative
Sue Ann Mello-Keener, Mohave County Treasurer's Office
Todd Steinberger, Arizona Dept. of Transportation
Michelle Beggs, Arizona Dept. of Transportation
Megan Wolford, Erin Collins and Associates
Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor
Leo Biasiucci, Lake Havasu City
Kristi Blair, Mohave County Recorder
Jamie Hernandez, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Jean Bishop, Mohave County Supervisor
Gregg Martin, Unisource Energy
Mary McCord-Robinson, LD5 Candidate
Jaime Morgaine, LD5 Candidate



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3. Introduction of Kingman City Manager Ron Foggin

Mr. Foggin said that he has been on the job since May 16th in Kingman. He said that we are doing some great things in Kingman. He said that he has a Political Science degree and Master's in Public Administration. He has been in this field for 21 years. He said that he worked in Utah and Oregon. He said that he is happy to be back in the desert. He said that he is happy to be here. He said that he has a home here and they are excited to be settling into Kingman. He said that he is glad that we come together as a region and wants to be a part of our success. He said thank you for the warm welcome. He said that their success is our success and our success is their success. He said that he is really happy to be a part of the team here.



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4. Call to the Public

There were no requests to address the Tri-City Council.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the April 18, 2018 TCC Meeting



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Mayor Brady moved to approve the April 18, 2018 Tri-City Council meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Nexsen seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Election of Chairperson for 2018-2019 year

Mayor Monica Gates nominated Mayor Tom Brady. Mayor Nexsen seconded. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion Carried.



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7. Introduction of Special Guests

Representative Regina Cobb addressed the Council. She said that she doesn't get an opportunity to address this committee between May and June. She said that she and Senator Borrelli are pleased to attend this one and will continue to do so throughout the session times. She said that they were able to get a lot done this year and work with counties and cities. She said that was one of their major accomplishments this year. She said that they still have a lot of work to do in the area of water. She said that they will be working on that.

Senator Borelli said that once they get past the primary it will be easier for them. He said that water issues are the big thing and no more HURF sweeps on counties and cities.

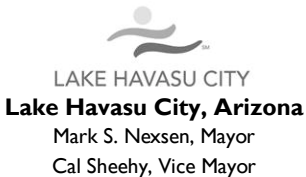
Representative Cobb said that on the HURF sweeps this year, in the past they have structurally balanced the budget since 2018 and have been able to keep the HURF sweeps in control but they were just one-time monies. She said that this year in the budget they were able to reverse that into ongoing. She said that they also got extra funds this year.

Senator Borelli said that when Governor Ducey took office they went out with a three-year budget.

Representative Cobb said that they still have to change it every year but gives them a better picture of what they are going to be doing in the future.

Greg Martin from Unisource asked about clean energy for the Healthy Arizona Initiative.

Representative Cobb said that it is not a good initiative. She said that they get a lot of bills and change them through the process. She said that initiatives are as is. She said that she just got a request to change Prop 206 and you can't change them. She said that the big thing is how can you justify saying you have to have a certain percentage



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of solar without a funding source. She said that all of the electrical and energy people will have to raise fees.

Senator Borelli said that the other issue is that they can only change it legislatively to further the cause. He said that another disaster is the Invest in Ed issue. He said that it will tie the hands of the legislature and it will collapse the system.

Representative Cobb said that they only wanted to change the index to affect the rich but they are hitting the poor. She said that both sides are looking at it that it is a bad initiative.

Senator Borelli said that it is a job and small business killer.

Supervisor Jean Bishop said thank you for what they are doing with the water initiatives for our communities. She thanked Senator Borrelli for his fight on the hemp bill, because it is a water conservative plant. She asked if anyone in their position spoke to the people in Maricopa about them not conserving water. She said that we do all the water conserving but they don't there. She asked if anyone was doing anything about it there.

Representative Cobb said that it has been an issue that has been brought up but it gets put under the rug. She said that you have to be able to get all of the rural communities together. She said that the rural caucus still has disagreements on water issues but they still disagree on some of the water issues. She said that this year they are going to be looking at water issues a lot. She said that they try to split up as much as they can to accomplish what they can. She said that every time there is a fallowing she tries to put it on her website. She said that they have won a few battles but they have many battles in front of us.

Senator Borelli said that one of the things they got out of the meeting at the county was he sat next to a Representative from Yuma and they discussed how they will be next. He said that hopefully she can pull her caucus together to have a conversation. He said that it takes coalitions and building relationships and a lot of times the minority would rather oppose.

Senator Cobb thanked her for the water question.

Mayor Gates asked the new comers to introduce themselves.

8. Supervisor Update- Supervisor Jean Bishop

Supervisor Bishop said that there are two main water issues in the County. She said the assault on Colorado River and increased usage in the Hualapai Valley and Golden



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Valley basins. She said that between January 2012-December 2017, 163 wells have been drilled in the Red Lake area. She said that was in a space of 6 years. She said that it has become a farming basin. She said that ADWR reports that the estimated agricultural usage has raised the annual deficit which is almost 4 times the annual recharge for this aquifer. She said that USGS doubled down on their assessment and said that it was 32,580-acre feet and could exceed 100,000-acre feet per year. She said what Mohave County is doing. They are addressing water issues and have signed with a lobbyist firm to represent Mohave County and Colorado River in groundwater issues. She said that they have met with state and local government officials and meet with the governor's office. They will continue to do so and get legislation to help protect groundwater. She said that they intend to create a new rural groundwater management area to have local goals and objectives so we can be better stewards of groundwater. She said that they look forward to working with everyone.



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Representative Cobb said that she has a comment. She thanked Supervisor Bishop for the details. She said that the county has been working significantly with them on it. She said that Supervisor Bishop has been the legislative liaison and worked with her. She said that they have been introducing this rural management area slowly to get them used to it. She said that there are some that don't agree with it. She said that Supervisor Wakimoto has also been appointed to the DCP- Drought Contingency Plan committee to come up with our plan to go with the other states. She said that is a big honor.

Supervisor Bishop said kudos to Supervisor Wakimoto. She said she is very knowledgeable and doesn't give up. She said that Supervisors Watson and Wakimoto do a good job of representing them.

Mayor Gates asked about the unintended consequences and how do we get them to understand our plight. She said that she was surprised that people from our community hadn't even visited the Red Lake area.



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Representative Cobb said that one of the things she has done since then is videotaped the Red Lake area and sent them to the chairs of those committees. She said that they are the ones that decide if our bills even get heard. She said that we got an informational hearing last year and that was it. She said that every time we come at them as elected officials we need to be sending them information consistently. She said that they are not thinking that anything they do there will affect here. She said that a rural management could be modified to what each of them needs.

Senator Borelli said that will be subject to change also because Griffin is running for House of Representatives. He said that he is lobbying for her to be elected majority whip. He said that conversation will get a lot easier.



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Mayor Gates said that she extended an invitation for them to come back up to Kingman and take a helicopter ride over the area so they can see the impact they are having.



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Vice Mayor Miles said that when the committee was here she did call for the Rural Management area. She said that she is so glad to hear them talk about it today. She said it will allow for flexibility and it can be written in a way to tailor to all areas. She said it is less restrictive than an AMA and will give us policies and protocols. She commended the county and county treasurer on the steps they have taken on the assessment of the wells and taxation on the wells. She said that makes them think twice before keeping on drilling wells. She said that efforts in that direction are very positive. She said that water shouldn't be free when in high demand use. She said that she is pleased with this conversation. She said that we are on the right path.

Mr. Foggin said that from the City of Kingman standpoint, the message that we are sending is that water is a resource that is finite and a huge issue to our community and our success now and well into the future. He said that there is a phrase that continues to be used and they are going to continue to champion any kind of conservation and responsible use. He said that when he hears farming best practices it sends him through the roof. He said that they are different across the nation and best practices would indicate that there is not farming as they are seeing in the red lake area. He said that he cannot understand other than the fact of the business of growing what is being grown here without paying the cost of the water and the water that is coming out of the ground is absurd. He said that Kingman will continue to be out there and ringing the alarm bell to be successful now and well into the future. He said that we will continue to champion water conservation.



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Supervisor Bishop said that the County agrees with that. She said that they don't want to see farmers out there using overhead sprinklers. She said that she thinks best practices mean drop sprinklers.



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Mr. Foggin said that he doesn't mean any disrespect and is thankful for the County.

Jeanne Kentch said that they have over 80 wells that they have picked up that were valued at \$30,000 and are worth about \$1 million apiece. She said that you can't tax water but nothing says you can't tax the well. She said that they are now experts and being asked around the state on how to assess them. She said that if it is teaching the other Assessors how to do it then it puts us in a better place.

9. Northern Arizona Employee Benefit Trust Update- Megan Wolford

Megan presented the championship fit bit challenge belt to Lake Havasu City for the third time in a row.



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Mayor Nexsen accepted the belt and said thank you.

Megan welcomed Manager Foggin to the challenge.

10. Rural Transportation Summit- Vinny Gallegos

Mr. Gallegos gave background on the MPO and history on the Rural Transportation Summit. He said that for the last 20 years this summit has taken place and give a one time a year check in about rural Arizona. He said that a main discussion item is funding. He said that HURF sweeps have been a main tropic the last several years. He said that they have a lot of local elected officials make this a priority. He said that this is an invitation. He said that when he got here he met with Mayor Nexsen and asked if they would support getting the summit out here. He said thank you to Mayor Nexsen. He said that because of that it really does bring all of the decision makers around the state to Lake Havasu City. He said that last year they had a legislative caucus discussion. He said that this year they have key note speakers including Governor Ducey tentatively for Thursday dinner. He said that they are hoping to have the luncheon key note speaker, former US Transportation Secretary Victor Mendez. He said that they will have Senator Fann and Mayor Nexsen doing the introduction. He asked that everyone attend. He said that he gave them the save the date and overall agenda. Date of the event is October 24-26, 2018. He said that the director of ADOT will be there. He asked that they please consider attending. He said that his contact information is on the flyer and if they have any questions please contact him.

Jennie Kentch asked if there is a charge.

Mr. Gallegos said yes, it is \$275 early bird and \$325 after.

11. Arizona Department of Transportation Update- Todd Steinberger

Mr. Steinberger said that he had a power point that did not work. He gave an update of the ADOT work in the Northwest District area.

Mayor Gates asked about the West Kingman traffic interchange slated for construction in 2024. She said that every weekend we have a bottle neck and asked what opportunities there are to expedite this project.

Mr. Steinberger Todd said that they are aware of it and working with management diligently. He said that they will see what they can do to move the date up as soon as possible.

Mayor Gates said that she appreciates that.



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Mr. Foggin said that Nevada will be taking on a bottle neck for their section as well. He said that if it's not already bad it will be 5 times worse.

Representative Cobb asked if that interchange is part of I-11 and can they get federal funding.

Mr. Steinberger said it is. He said that the whole interchange is federal funding.

Mayor Brady asked where they stand on Aztec.

Mr. Steinberger said they are still waiting on the Governor's office. He said that they should have an answer to them in November.

Vice Mayor Miles said that the KAMMA has had a speaker at the transportation meetings on the Quest traffic interchange and it is a huge safety issue and an economic issue. She said that the concern is that people are going to just decide to find another route so we don't want to have that happen of course. She said that if it is economic and safety they can.

Mr. Steinberger said to come speak to the transportation board.

Senator Borelli asked if he had any data for LaPaz County

Mr. Steinberger said no.

Supervisor Bishop asked about highway 93 and Pierce Ferry road. She said that there was another accident there and asked about an overpass or traffic light. She asked to get with him and Michelle Beggs later.

Ms. Beggs said that they have some improvements coming soon. She said that they have met with residents and heard concerns. She said that it is very important.

Supervisor Bishop said that she will get with them.

Mayor Nexsen said that they are underway on a project called Havasu Riviera and a traffic light on 95 is needed for entry into that project. He said that traffic light will probably be 4-6 weeks delayed from when the road is actually complete. He asked if there is a process for them to use a right turn in and out prior to that light being functional so they can use the new Arizona state park. And if the answer is yes, who does he talk to.



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Mr. Steinberger said that he can coordinate with him. He said that they will look at that. He said to have staff submit the request. He said that he will reach out to Jeremy Abbott and start working on that.

Mayor Brady said that political signs are going up and how far they should be from ADOT right of ways.

Mr. Steinberger said that it would be preferential to keep them out of the right of way. He said that they will pick them up if they are in the area doing work and will remove them if they are in the way.

Ms. Beggs said that they don't police for that. She said that if they are blatantly in the right of way they will be removed.

Mr. Brady said that he can point out a few.

12. Opioid Lawsuit Updates- Mayor Gates

Mayor Gates said that Mr. Cooper could not attend. She said that last night she had Patrick Webb make a presentation at the Kingman City Council meeting. She gave background on Mr. Webb and this project.

Mr. Webb said that they were directed to do a problem within their community and do a problem analysis. He said that he chose the opioid epidemic. He said that it is a problem facing rural cities and counties like Kingman and Mohave. He said that most of the focus is on larger cities and counties for awarding the grants. He said that when the federal government opens a grant for the opioid epidemic Kingman and other cities get overlooked. He reviewed the policy options he came up with. He said that he spoke at the city council meeting last night about options that they can get involved. He said that there is only one facility in Kingman that doesn't have a lot of beds. He said that they don't dispense methadone so they have to go 45 minutes away to access it. He said that Governor Ducey approved \$10 million dollars to go to medications which is great for bigger cities that have those things in place, but Kingman doesn't. He said that it is a complicated endeavor to convince the medical practitioners to start prescribing medications for treatment. He thanked them.

Representative Cobb said that the opioid bill was something she worked on very closely with. She said that there were a lot of things that he said that touched on what they did. She said that the \$10 million dollars is for the non-insured people. She said that another thing they worked on was they are getting behavioral health center in Bullhead City so we will have two. She said that she got the funding for that out of AHCCCS and there was fighting within our community about the location between Bullhead City and Kingman. She said that she had to go back to the table and find a



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different route to get the funding for that. She said that some of the good things that happened in that bill were the \$10 million dollars and money for the second behavioral health facility. She said that one problem they have is Mohave County has a stigma because we don't have the number of pain management doctors here that they have in other places. She said that what the bill did negatively was provide a back door to the other physicians that say don't prescribe because your name will be out there that you're giving pain management. She said that they need to be able to address end of life issues, cancer issues and pain issues but not go to the extremes they have seen in the past. She thanked him for doing his thesis on our area.

Senator Borelli said that there were some bills that followed it up to do some fine tuning.

Representative Cobb said that there will be some more bills this year to do some additional fine tuning.

Mayor Gates said that she read it and it was a well-deserved A.

Senator Borelli asked if he focused on prescription medication or/and the illegal drugs out there.

Mr. Webb said that he based it on general opioid addiction. He said that you can target the medical prescribing but also the negative outcomes.

Mayor Gates said that our council acted last night and had a presentation from Dan Menture of Keller Worbeck and directed staff to begin the process to create an agreement where the city will be the plaintiff taking action against big pharma and if there is action the money will come to Kingman to offset the cost. She invited Deputy Chief Rusty Cooper to make any comments.

Deputy Chief Cooper said that about 15 years ago they noticed a significant increase in heroin usage. He said that Chief DeVries has been very much involved in the MSTEPP program. He said that they became aware of this and is pushing the issue. He said that Mohave County is very high in the opioid issue. He said that on the law enforcement side they are not only seeing the druggery in the alley but all over the socioeconomic spectrum. He said that in 2016 they implemented the Narcan program, something that fire and EMS have been doing it since the 60's. He said that it is relatively new and they support the initiatives going on. He said that they have seen success in that and the needle exchange. He said that it is out of the box but they sometimes need to change their paradigm in how they do things. He said that the Governor is also pushing the Angel initiative and we are looking at that to see what it might look like in Mohave County and Kingman. He said that it is not putting them in jail because it doesn't solve anything. He said that if they implement it then people



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can come to the police department with their drugs/paraphernalia, and hand them off to someone and get them into treatment. He said that we have a few places but it is complicated to get them in there. He said that they support that kind of approach. He said that they support the lawsuit. He said that it is aggressive out of the box thinking. He said that it helps address the issue we are facing.

Mayor Brady said that they have had a proposal from a law firm but it wasn't the same firm. He said that they will probably enter into something but haven't done so yet.

Mayor Nexsen said that it doesn't appear that they will. He said that they are still evaluating the plusses and minuses. He said that it seems like there might be more of a cost than benefit. He said that they will continue to evaluate it.

Mayor Gates said that the attorney they spoke with assured them that there is no cost to the city. She said that the City of Kingman and Mohave County have done such a good job with data collection, that that part is already done. She said that the agreement they are looking at has no negative financial impact to the city. She said that it will be on a contingency basis.



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Supervisor Bishop said the County is not doing anything they are aware of.

Deputy Chief Cooper said that to him there is no downside to doing something like this. He said that there is a downside to doing nothing or what they have done before. He said that it is foolish to think that doing the same things will improve it. He said that if they make big pharma mad who cares.

Senator Borelli asked Deputy Chief Cooper how the communication is going on with DPS since they have control over that.

Deputy Chief Cooper said that he can't speak to that. He said that there are things in place but not sure if it is effective.

Representative Cobb said that the border strike force is another area that the Governor is working towards the opioid crisis. She said that the other night at their debate they received numbers on what has been collected from heroin, fentanyl, and prescriptions.

Deputy Chief Cooper said that if we tighten up our own business it creates an opportunity for the cartels. He said that the fentanyl is being laced and is resulting in deaths.

13. State Office Candidate Introductions

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Mary McCord-Robinson addressed the Council. She said that she has lived in Mohave County for 14 years. She said that she lives in the county. She said that she comes from a background of 40 years in corporate arena in information technology. She said that one of her biggest focuses was federal and state government. She said that she is running for office. She said that she may not align with Representative Cobb and Senator Borrelli but she thinks of that as bringing a different perspective. She said that there are a lot of things happening in this legislative district over that last few years. She said that she is on a different side of supporting Red for Ed and we need to improve it. She said that her platform is very big with immigration.



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Jaime Morgaine addressed the council. She said that she is a democratic candidate for Legislative District 5 Senate. She said that she has been here for about 4 years. She said that public service is very important to her. She said that she served under Ronald Reagan in the Army National Guard. She said that she has served as a CASA. She said that she is a big supporter of Red for Ed. She said it is important to her as an educator. She gave her background in education. She said that she is a political activist who prides herself on agitating the status quo. She said that what she wants to speak to just briefly is the water sustainability. She said that the elephant in the room is not about farming best practices; there are no best practices in a dry arid climate. She said that there should never have been commercial agriculture zoned and allowed in this county. She said that it is not a sustainable plan. She said that she is researching precedent for a class action suit for Mohave County. She said that the political rhetoric across the state should stop. She thanked them for the opportunity to speak.



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Leo Biasucci addressed the Council. He said that he is born and raised in Lake Havasu City. He said that he runs a family traffic school business in Lake Havasu City. He said that he got involved in the political field a few years ago when water and education were a big deal for him. He said that it gave him a taste of what was involved in legislation. He said that California wanted to move the class to online so he worked with Senator Borelli on how it affected the industry and if it was safe. He said that eventually the bill was killed. He said that he has been a part of Planning and Zoning in Lake Havasu City and is now on Parks and Recreation. He said that for him the biggest reason he is running is because he wanted to be someone that was born and raised in that district representing them at the capital. He said that you need teammates down there working together. He said that when you don't have that it is a struggle. He said that Representative Cobb and Senator Borrelli have been doing a tremendous job. He said that the Tri-City Council is a perfect example of coming together and working for our district. He said that we need to be sure we are fighting against the metro cities in water and HURF funds. He said he wants to help everyone get things done.



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Representative Regina Cobb addressed the Council. She said that she has been the Vice-Chair of health for 4 years. She said that she was on appropriations and worked on the budget. She said that she is also for education and one of the things that came out of this was that if she isn't Red for Ed she isn't education and that isn't true. She said that the budget this year was totally an education budget. She said that what she is not for with Red for Ed is a unionized organization coming in and making demands on the state. She said that they don't pay the teachers, the school districts do. She said that they then came back for five amendments that were unfunded mandates for school boards. She said that she is for getting qualified and educated teachers. She said that education is a big part of what she does with healthcare and water issues. She said that water and opioids are a nonpartisan issue and they are working together on them. She said that they are able to reach across the sides and come together on a lot of things. She said that she thinks they can do the same with the water issues. She said that it is not necessarily a republican and democrat issue. She said that she has done a lot in the last four years and people are really paying attention to us in Maricopa County and the southern part of the state.



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Senator Sonny Borelli addressed the Council. He said that he was in the house for four years and this is his first term in the senate. He said that they have gotten a lot of things through. He said that he supports education and really resents the implication that if they don't support Red for Ed they don't support education. He said that the teaching came out against. He said that if they would have voted the way Red for Ed wanted then it would not have been good. He said that they wouldn't have been able to vote on extending on prop 301. He said that bringing the classroom side fund to \$440 million dollars. He said that the Red was not for Ed. He said that out of 90 legislators, only 4 democrats voted for the budget. He said that every republican voted for education funding. He said that Maricopa County gets the lion share of funding. He said that there is Phoenix Unified high school that spends \$10,838 per child and their graduating rate was 83%. He said that the Lake Havasu City K-12 graduation rate is 98%. He said that the difference in rural Arizona and metro is that the money gets hoarded by the districts and not funneled down to the classrooms. He said that these are garbage arguments because we are out performing the schools in Phoenix and Tucson. He said that he would love to get support from the teacher's association. He said that people think that the lottery goes to K-12 education but it goes to higher education. He said that it doesn't have anything to do with teaching kids but power control. He said that the big goal that they have is to disband the school districts around the state and make it one big school district. He said that they booed our teachers for not shutting down the schools in Mohave County. He said that then we aren't having conversation about public policy.



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14. Open Meeting Law Updates- Kingman City Clerk Sydney Muhle

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Mrs. Muhle said that she apologizes how this is listed on the agenda. She said that she and the city attorney were going to do it but he had an appointment. She said that this is going to be an update based on the memo we received from our third party attorney in Phoenix Gust Rosenfeldt. She said that there is one minor change that codifies what a lot of clerks are doing around the state. She said that the big change that affects all of them is the definition of a meeting in open meeting law. She said that they are adding that the definition also includes one-way communication to a quorum of the body. She said that electronic communication is also being reviewed by the Attorney General to include social media. She said that it is taking it from the Mayor being able to push one-way information out and it will be coming directly from staff. She said that Gust is recommending refraining from emailing or Facebook with anyone that is serving on the same public body as you are. She said because of splintering a quorum. She said that this law is going into effect August 3, 2018.

Mayor Nexsen said that one of the questions for years has been when a person of the public body goes on the radio and indicates what their opinion is. He said that the League and Attorney General say it is permissible because they are not speaking to a public body. He asked how that is different.



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Mrs. Muhle said that with this they are looking at trying to get members of a public body to refrain from following each other on social media and participating in serial discussion. She said that a radio interview will be aired once and is for a different style of audience. She said that it does not address radio communication. She said that they are trying to go after social media and email communication.

Mayor Gates said that she has something on Facebook and then councilmembers hit like and if that is considered communication.

Mrs. Muhle said that it does not define that and will be hashed out later.

Mayor Gates said that is a form of communication.

Mrs. Muhle said that they are trying to get away from these discussions happening on social media and not in a public meeting.

Mayor Gates said that it still sounds fuzzy to her.

Mayor Brady said go to his website for Mayor and it has his opinions.

Mrs. Muhle said that they are not prohibited from posting; it's to get them to stop following each other and commenting. She said that they can't tell if you just see something. She said that there are some things that you can't police. She said it is catching the law up with technology.



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Mayor Nexsen said that you can post your thoughts but as long as they don't post a conversation.



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Mrs. Muhle said commenting, liking, etc. She warned of saying they saw something. She said that it spurs councils to police themselves a little bit more.

Mr. Gallegos asked what the consequences are.

Mrs. Muhle said a \$500 fine per violation and the Attorney General's office can impose sanctions.

Jeanne Kentch asked about not being on a board and putting something on Facebook and others like it would she be in violation.

Mrs. Muhle said that she wouldn't be violating but they would.

Ms. Kentch said that every year it changes.

Mrs. Muhle said it is about getting councils to be conservative of their social media. She said that if they are commenting, sharing opinions and tagging others is where you start getting into the issues.

Supervisor Bishop said that you could block the other council members.

Mrs. Muhle said that you could.

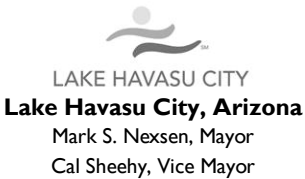
Mayors Brady and Nexsen said that it is illegal to block.

Mrs. Muhle said that it is illegal to block.

Councilmember Lane said that the purpose of this is to make sure that they are not in the back room making decisions not in the public view. He said that Facebook is in public view. He said that if you start having a conversation it is one thing. He said that it doesn't make sense to him. He said that he doesn't comment on social media but he reads everything.

Mrs. Muhle said that she can't imagine that they can come after you for reading something.

Councilmember Lane said that he makes comments on some things.



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Mrs. Muhle said that it isn't saying to get off of social media but it is saying please don't be friends with fellow councilmembers on Facebook or follow them on social media platforms.

Representative Cobb said that this isn't necessarily law but administrative with the Attorney General's office.

Mrs. Muhle said that it has been codified.

Representative Cobb asked if Mrs. Muhle would check and see.

Mrs. Muhle said that it was passed this legislative season.

Representative Cobb said that they had to do a bill this year with LaPaz County because of open meeting law. She said that it was a staff driven budget and they couldn't communicate with each other on it. She said that staff gave incorrect information and they had to pass a bill to help them out financially so they wouldn't go bankrupt. She said that their biggest issue was that they couldn't communicate on the budget and were relying on staff. She said that there are unattended consequences.

Mrs. Muhle said that she will find it and share it with the group.

Representative Cobb said that she doesn't remember it ever going through them. She said that sometimes they can change policy without it ever going into a law.

Mrs. Muhle said that this codifies what the Attorney General's opinion has been since 2000. She said that this makes it part of the open meeting law.

Senator Borelli said that he is frustrated with this because it shuts down dialogue and communication.

Mrs. Muhle said that she errs on the side of caution with open meeting law and trying to make sure that those discussions are not happening on social media because not everyone has it. She said that if you are more comfortable having that discussion on social media versus in front of your public in a meeting that has been noticed and agendized then we have a problem.

Mayor Nexsen said that the bill was HB2065 this year. He said that it called public meetings definitions and penalties. He gave a summary of it.

Mrs. Muhle said that she will pull it up as soon as she gets back to the office and send it to the group.



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15. League Booth Update- Kingman City Clerk Sydney Muhle

Mrs. Muhle said that our league booth will be outdoor recreation theme as it ties all cities together. She said that they are putting a stay and play theme on it and will do business card drawings this year. She said that they have a golf weekend for four and mountain bike weekend. She said that they will be packaged with hotel stays. She said that Bullhead and Lake Havasu City are working on theirs as well. She said that the display will have golf, mountain biking and other outdoor recreation stuff. She said that our free giveaway will be a stadium cup with the Tri-City Council logo. She said that Black Bridge brewery will be onsite with beer and will serve out of our booth. She asked for questions.



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Mayor Nexsen asked if the hotel was ok with that.

Jerri Bracamonte asked about the space.

Mrs. Muhle said it will be a double with two tables.

Kingman Deputy City Clerk Annie Meredith said that she shared the information on the event and the liquor rules with Black Bridge Brewery.

Mayor Gates said thank you to the clerk's offices.

Mrs. Muhle said she is happy that it is simpler this year.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Request from Needles

Mayor Brady passed out a hand out to the mayors. He said that they were all copied on the letter from the Mayor of Needles. He said that it looked as though Amtrak funding was cut for the outlying areas. He sent a letter to congressman to make sure we don't lose funding. He put it on this agenda to do a resolution to support the effort. He said that Kingman and Needles both have Amtrak service. He said that Bullhead residents use the Needles station. He said that he doesn't know if it is all that important for us but it is another Mayor asking for support.

Mayor Nexsen said that he doesn't have any issues with it. He said that he read an article from Amtrak saying they weren't going to discontinue service.

Mayor Brady said that he thought he read that Trump was talking about cutting it back.

Mayor Gates said that she doesn't have a problem supporting it.



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Mayor Brady said that he had his clerk put something together and if in agreement they can send it to Mayor Padgett and say they are open to helping it out.

Councilmember Yocum said that he has taken the southwest chief and would be supportive of adoption of the resolution.

Vice Mayor Miles said that she agrees.

Supervisor Bishop asked if the Kingman station was in jeopardy.

Mayor Brady said that it was the whole route.

Supervisor Bishop asked for him to send it to her to get on the county agenda.

Mayor Brady said that he rode it the first time in November and it was a wonderful trip.

Supervisor Bishop said that she rode it once too from Kingman to Los Angeles.

Mayor Brady asked for any additional comments.

Mayor Nexsen made a motion to pass this resolution. Mayor Gates seconded. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion Carried.

17. Discussion and Possible Action for Tri-City Council Support of National Historic Route 66 Trail Designation

Mayor Gates said that the Route 66 road trip to raise awareness for National Trail designation will be in Kingman on Sunday, July 29th from 3-5pm. She said that they will have a petition available and will also be available electronically. She said that we have included a letter that we can get support from the cities endorsing Route 66 as a national trail.

Mayor Brady said that he supports it for Route 66 designation.

Mayor Gates said that she would like everyone to join them at the Powerhouse to welcome this group. She said that this is great not only for the City of Kingman, but the entire area. She said that data shows that Route 66 is a tremendous draw and will highlight the whole Mohave county area if we get this designation.

Mayor Nexsen said that he supports it.



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Mayor Brady made a motion to support the Route 66 National trail designation. Mayor Nexsen seconded. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion Carried.



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18. Individual City Updates

Mayor Brady said that he is happy to announce that air service is coming to Bullhead City tomorrow. He said that Elite airways will begin twice a week service on July 19th. He gave flight information. He said that this is only twice weekly but the hours and days make more sense. He said that the nice part is that they came to Bullhead City with no incentives like American airlines. He asked that everyone pass the word.

Senator Borelli asked how much.

Mayor Brady said \$99 each way which is kind of high. He said that perhaps the prices may fluctuate with time. He said that the regatta is coming up on August 11th and 22,000 people coming to Bullhead City. He said that Marnell gaming has taken it over. He said that they are above where the city was with registrations at the same time of year. He said that they are charging a lot more than the city did. He said that they got approved with the coast guard closure permit. He said that he hopes that they are very successful. He said that he is fearful that if there are any hiccups this year that the new owners might now want to do it again next year. He said that the city is also in a fight with Epcorp Water Company about rates. He said it amounts to a 104% increase in 3 years' time. He said that consolidation means that they want one rate for all districts and if they want to do any rate adjustments they wouldn't have to file 11 separate filings, just one. He said that they are very upset and the proposals they have been given show significant increases in their water bills. He said that their water attorney said that they need to think about buying them out. He said that they will review it at their next city council meeting. He said that they are trying to gather all facts before deciding to place it on the ballot. He said that they will be down there as an intervener in the water fight. He said that they are fighting with everything they got and hope they are successful.



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Representative Cobb asked how the visit went with Arizona Corporation Commission.

Mayor Brady said he was very disappointed. He said that when they went around the room and asked everyone what their opening comments were and said they already met with the companies and have their recommendations before hearing from any of the interveners or public comments. He said that he wasn't really happy with the process the way it appears to be working.

Mayor Gates said that on July 6th they had the lighting ceremony for the gateway arch on Beale St. She said that there were over 1,400 residents at the event. She said that



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departments from the city shared what services they provide. She said that it took this council to say they are finally doing this. She said that if you have been to the airport since the city has taken it over they continue to make improvements on a daily basis. She said that there is a lot of clean up and maintenance going on. She said that they are in the process of hiring a permanent airport manager as well as an economic development director working for the city at the industrial park. She said that they have started a branding and marketing campaign and a new fire station is in the works. She said that coming up is the annual Andy Devine Days celebration on September 28th & 29th.

Mayor Nexsen shared a funny story about being in the parade in Kingman.

Mayor Gates shared a story about riding in someone's viper and not being able to see over the dash.

Mayor Brady shared a story about riding in the parade too.



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Mayor Nexsen said that in Lake Havasu City the new hotel that they have been waiting for is finally going to open in the next week or two. He said that it is located at the English village. He said that they will use it for the rural transportation summit. He said that the other area moving along quickly is the Havasu Riviera where the new state park will be located along with a private development that will include another hotel, 6-700 new homes, restaurants and commercial area. He said it is expected to open in November-December time frame. He said that development will bring about \$1 billion dollars of economic activity to Lake Havasu City. He said that it is a significant project. He said that Run to the Sun will take place on October 20th and the Lord Mayor of London will be here. He said that they will take him to the event to present a trophy. He said that the Governor is expected to attend that. He said that they will visit the ASU campus in preparation for the program to send three students from London to ASU. He said that he went to London. He said that he is allowed to take sheep across the London Bridge. He said that this honor goes back 8-900 years. He said that it was to allow people to do business in the original city of London.

Representative Cobb said that she knows people that own sheep.

Mayor Nexsen said that just like Kingman is doing home rule this year, Lake Havasu City has Prop 409 which is a permanent base adjustment. He said that they chose that because they know what the buildout of their city will be. He said that they will go to the voters one time and will be good forever. He said that there is a PAC that has raised money to help it pass. He said that they are receiving support from their community.

19. Discussion and possible action regarding Future Agenda Items

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Mayor Brady asked if anyone in the audience had any ideas for possible agenda items.

Bullhead City Clerk Sue Stein said that City Manager Toby Cotter was contacted by someone from the Arizona Corporation Commission wanting to have a presentation at the next Tri-City council meeting.

Mayor Gates thanked everyone for being here today.

Mayor Nexsen made a motion adjourn. Mayor Brady seconded. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.



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