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MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

**Arizona State University
100 University Way, Santiago Hall, Room 109
Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403**



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CALL TO ORDER

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayor Brady led in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Lake Havasu City

Council Present

- Cal Sheehy, Mayor
- David Lane, Vice Mayor
- Jim Dolan, Councilmember
- Michele Lin, Councilmember
- Jeni Coke, Councilmember

Staff Present

- Jess Knudson, City Manager
- Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
- Kelly Williams, City Clerk
- Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant
- Brian Davis, Fire Chief
- Vinny Gallegos, Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director

Bullhead City

Council Present

- Tom Brady, Mayor
- Kathy Bruck, Councilmember

Staff Present

- Toby Cotter, City Manager
- Sue Stein, City Clerk
- Anthony Kozlowski, Government Relations Administrative Analyst

City of Kingman

Council Present

- Jen Miles, Mayor



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Travis Lingenfelter, Vice Mayor
Sue Ann Mello Keener, Councilmember

Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager

Others Present

Coleen Haines, Public Affairs Coordinator
Derrick Cooper, Erin Collins & Associates
Barbara Pope, Bullhead City GOP
Laurie Besick, Bullhead City GOP
Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor
Ron Gould, Mohave County Supervisor
Cindy Landa Cox, Mohave County Treasurer
Alvin Stump, Arizona Department of Transportation
Michele Beggs, Arizona Department of Transportation
Brandon Messick, Today's News Herald
Gregg Martin, Unisource Energy Services
Terri Harber, My Daily News
Brian Babiars, Western Arizona Council of Governments
Gina Whittington, Western Arizona Council of Governments
Jaime Hernandez, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Lisa Krueger, Lake Havasu City Chamber of Commerce



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3. Call to the Public

Mr. Derrick Cooper, representative with Erin Collins and Associates, presented the championship belt to Lake Havasu City Mayor Sheehy.

4. Introduction of Special Guests

There was no discussion under this item.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the October 17, 2018 TCC Meeting

Mayor Miles moved to approve the October 17, 2018, Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Sheehy, and carried unanimously.

6. Updates from Mohave County Supervisors: Supervisor Ron Gould

Mohave County Supervisor Ron Gould introduced himself and spoke extensively about his background. Supervisor Gould said in 2011 he ran a bill that would have allowed concealed permit holders to carry a firearm on college and university campuses; however, it was vetoed by Governor Brewer. He added that he was a former Lake Havasu City Councilmember and served four terms in the State Senate as a Judiciary Chairman, Retirement Rural Development Chairman, and a Transportation Chairman. He said he is fond of transportation because it is an area that affects everyone and where the people's tax dollars are best put to use. Supervisor Gould said he is the new



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unofficial Mayor of Fort Mohave where the most common issues are transportation, potholes, and code violations. Supervisor Gould said he has been sworn in for two months and is familiar with serving in local government and state government. He said in 2012 he ran for Congress and added that county government operates differently than city government. He added that he was rated number one conservative in the legislature by the Goldwater Institute for seven out of eight years, number one with the Americans for Prosperity (AFP), and has an A+ rating with the National Rifle Association and 100 percent pro-life voting record.



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Mayor Brady asked Supervisor Gould what major issues he sees facing Mohave County this year, to which Supervisor Gould replied transportation, the round-about on Aztec in Fort Mohave, flooding in Golden Shores, changes to US-93 to US-11 by expanding the 2-lane road, and improving cell phone service. Supervisor Gould added that economic development is also a major issue on the I-40 corridor.



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7. Update from the Arizona Department of Transportation

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Northwest District Engineer Alvin Stump outlined the following in his presentation:

- Northwest District – Completed and Future Projects
- Current Area Projects:
 - US 93 Detrital Wash – Santa Maria River Crack Seal / \$1.8 million
 - US 93 White Hills to 11th Street Pavement Preservation and Shoulder Widening, Fisher Sand & Gravel / \$19 million
 - US 93 Carrow-Stephens Widening, FNF Construction / \$31.3 million
 - I-40 Haviland Rest Area Rehabilitation, Technology Construction / \$3.6 million
 - Lake Havasu Avenue to South Palo Verde Widening, Fann Contracting / \$1.1 million
- Upcoming Projects:
 - SR 95 Kiowa Boulevard Right Turn Lanes and Raised Median / \$730k
 - US 93 11th Street to Windy Point – Pavement Preservation and Shoulder Widening – FY 2019 / \$21 million
 - Windy Point to Mineral Park – Pavement Preservation and Shoulder Widening FY 2020/ \$7.5 million
 - Pierce Ferry Road – Lloyd Street to Ironwood Drive Roadway Widening & Intersection Improvements – FY 2020 / \$1,723,000
 - Swanson Avenue, Acoma Boulevard – Smoketree Avenue Pavement Preservation and Sidewalks - FY 2019 / \$1.9 million
- Stockton Hill Road Spot Repair – Maintenance Funding
- West Kingman TI Update
- Enhanced Design Concept Report – I-40/US 93 (Kingman TI) System Interchange, Prior DCR Concept



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- Beale Street and US 93 – Service TI Concept
- I-40 and US 93 – Ramp EN Crossing I-11 Concept
- I-40/Beale ST TI - Phase II Concept

Ms. Barbara Pope, Bullhead City resident, asked about the groundbreaking for the West Kingman TI, to which Mr. Stump replied that it would be in Fiscal Year 2023. Ms. Pope asked if residents from the Tri-City area would be hired or if ADOT plans to seek employees out of state, to which Mr. Stump stated that they do not have any control on who the contractors hire.



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Mohave County Assessor Jeanne Kentch spoke about the interstate change on Beale Street and thanked Mr. Stump for putting that on the agenda. She also thanked ADOT for the addition of the on and off ramp and asked if potholes and road maintenance from Lake Havasu City to I-40 could be added to their schedule, to which Mr. Stump stated that last year they did identify one section but it has not been added into the program yet.



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Mayor Brady stated that Bullhead City has been fixing potholes because their city cannot afford to wait until ADOT can fix them. He said in years past there were crews that came out on a timely basis and asked if the delays now are due to budget cuts, to which Mr. Stump said it is mostly due to the amount of potholes. Mayor Brady asked if they will be receiving more money in the coming months for maintenance, to which Mr. Stump replied yes but said it would mainly be used for surface treatments.

Lake Havasu City Manager Jess Knudson asked for more detail on the timeline for the Swanson Avenue Improvements, to which Mr. Stump said the bid opening would occur next week.



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Ms. Pope asked about the plans for paving improvements on Highway 95 and Mohave Valley, to which Mr. Stump said if it shows up in the schedule it would be two to three years out. Ms. Pope asked what can be done to expedite the process, to which Mr. Stump explained the process by which ADOT presents the projects to the case management team in Phoenix.

Supervisor Gould asked how the State Transportation Board prioritizes projects, to which Mr. Stump explained that projects go through a “Planning-to-Program” which tracks projects by expansion or preservation and through a ranking system to be scored. Supervisor Gould asked if this method gives ADOT some methodical way of prioritizing road projects, to which Mr. Stump replied yes. Supervisor Gould noted that the legislature does not have any control over that process, to which Mr. Stump replied that was correct.

Mayor Brady asked how projects are put on a 5-year plan, to which Mr. Stump said it would go through this system by staff recommendation to the board for approval. Supervisor Gould stated it is better to go through the transportation board versus



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politicians.

Vice Mayor Travis Lingenfelter said Kingman has been going to the state transportation board for over a year to make their case on increasing safety and mobility, economic development, and the financial aspect.

Mr. Stump noted that ADOT is moving towards a preservation program and more money is going towards maintenance; however, the reality is they are still behind.



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8. Update from Brian Babiars, Executive Director of the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG)

Western Arizona Council of Governments Executive Director Brian Babiars, introduced himself and Ms. Gina Whittington and gave a brief overview of WACOG. He said WACOG was formed in 1971 for the purpose of individual governments trying to solve problems on a cooperative and regional basis, and was primarily designed for smaller communities that were being absorbed by the larger communities as a result of staffing issue.



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They outlined the following in their presentation:

WACOG

- Human Services
- Head Start
- Community Development Block Grant
- Transportation
- Planning
- Area Agency on Aging

HEAD START

- Comprehensive Pre-School program for low income families.
- Programs promote school readiness by building the social, cognitive and physical health of children and strengthening families.
- Program currently serves ages 0-5

HEAD START HIGHLIGHTS

- 90 % of families served have income below federal poverty guidelines
- 10% of enrollment reserved for children with special needs
- Literary/numeracy enriched learning environments
- Preparation for kindergarten
- Individual, development health and dental screening and assessment
- Education plans
- Nutritious meals and snacks



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- Strengthening families
- Child Care Partnerships
- Policy Council: Client based governance



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OUR CENTERS

- Mohave County
- La Paz County
- Yuma County

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN 5 PRIMARY AREAS

- Social/Emotional
- Physical
- Language
- Literacy
- Cognitive



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WACOG HUMAN SERVICES CAP AGENCY

- Case Management Education & Financial Assistance
 - Rent/Mortgage Assistance
 - Energy Education
 - Utility Assistance
 - Homeless Prevention
 - Homeless Rapid Rehousing
 - Stabilization
- A Hand Up Housing Counseling
 - Housing Counseling
 - Pre & Post Purchase
 - Financial Literacy
 - Fair Housing
 - Reverse Mortgage Counseling
 - Asset Building
- Housing Energy Efficiency
 - Weatherization
 - Utility Repair/Replace
 - Asset Building
- WACA (non-profit sister corporation)
 - WAHP
 - IDA Program
 - Asset Building



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DEPARTMENT FUNDING SOURCES

- Human Services – Addressing Poverty

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- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Emergency Solutions Grant, Temporary Shelter & Rapid Rehousing (ESG)
- Housing Trust Fund, Rapid Rehousing/Homeless Prevention (HTF)
- Utility Funding for Bill Assistance, Arizona Community Action Association
- HUD Housing Counseling Funds
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Utility Funding for Weatherization (APS, SWG, Unisource, MEC)

CASE MANAGEMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Homeless Assistance; Rapid Rehousing & Temporary Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rent/Mortgage Assistance
- Utility Assistance

HOMEOWNER CONNECTIONS

- A Hand up Housing Counseling
 - Housing Counseling
 - Pre & Post Purchase
 - Financial Literacy
 - Fair Housing
 - Reverse Mortgage Counseling
- WACA (non-profit subsidiary) Asset Building
 - WAHP
 - IDA Program
- Housing Energy Efficiency
 - Weatherization
 - Utility Repair/Replace

CDBG PLANNING

- WACOG is the designated planning Agency for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in Region IV for non-entitlement communities.

WACOG AREA AGENCY ON AGING

- Aging and Disability Helpline
- Central Intake
- Case Management
- Service Authorization
- Contracted Services

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- Internal AAA Programs

DEPARTMENT FUNDING SOURCES

- Area Agency on Aging
 - Older Americans Act, OAA federal funding
 - Social Services Block Grant, SSBG
 - State Independent Living, SIL
 - NCOA Benefits Enrollment Center Grant



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AAA INTERNAL PROGRAMS/SERVICES

- Family, Aging & Disability Resource Center – 1-800-782-1886
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program
- Senior Medicare Patrol (Fraud Prevention)
- Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Rider Assistance Program
- Family Caregiver Support Program
- Case Management
- Knox Box



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CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Home and Community Based Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Congregate Meals
- Transportation
- Adult Day Care
- Legal Services



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TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT PLANNING LA PAZ AND MOHAVE COUNTIES

- Assist Member Entities and Native American Tribes to Secure Funding
 - Transportation Related Infrastructure
 - Planning Projects
- WACOG also provides coordinated Planning and Technical Assistance
 - Highway and Local Roadway Improvements
 - Population, Data Collection & Projection
 - Regional & Local Transit Studies
 - Coordinates between all Transit Programs

Supervisor Gould asked who has the keys to the Knox Box, to which Ms. Whittington responded that each fire department has their own key and code to the boxes.

Councilmember Lin asked if citizens could contact the 1-800 number if they need



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assistance from Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), to which Ms. Whittington replied yes and added that the 1-800 number will connect them to the right service that is needed.

Ms. Pope asked when WACOG would be based out of Bullhead City, to which Ms. Whittington replied that they have an office in Kingman and lease office space in Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City that they travel to as needed.

Councilmember Lin asked if they accept walk-ins at the offices in Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City, to which Ms. Whittington said that citizens would not be able to walk-in but would begin the process by calling the 1-800 number.

Mohave County Treasurer Cindy Landa Cox asked about the types of outreach and services available to the elderly that do not have family nearby, to which Mr. Babiars explained that the services available are intended to keep the elderly in their homes and case workers are assigned to better assist the individual.

Councilmember Lin asked if they are experiencing issues in Mohave County regarding finding places for the homeless, to which Ms. Whittington said there is not enough resources that allow them to work with the person until they are sustainable so they are reaching out for grant funding services.

Mayor Sheehy asked how often the 1-800 number is monitored, to which Mr. Babiars said five days a week with a return call within 24 hours.

Mr. Knudson said Lake Havasu City uses CDBG funds for housing rehab and asked how others are using CDBG funds, to which Mr. Babiars said others are using it for roads; however, it must benefit low and moderate income people to be used for roads. He said the reason you can do housing throughout Lake Havasu City is because the person has to be categorically eligible. Mr. Knudson asked if it is an equal distribution, to which Mr. Babiars said it is a formula based on the number of low and moderate income people within the community.

Mayor Miles asked if all of their program information is available online, to which Ms. Whittington replied yes.

9. Presentation on the 2020 Census Activities – Bullhead City

Bullhead City Manager Toby Cotter advised that this item is to give everyone information on what Bullhead City is planning for the 2020 Census. He said once every 10 years the community needs to be counted for the census, and said there are only 16 months until the 2020 Census. He said there is nothing bigger than the problems the cities are going to face with the next census. He said citizens are going to receive a piece of paper that tells them to go online to be counted, but how many



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are really going to do that? He said the last all-mail ballot for the last Bullhead City Fire Department Election resulted in only 6,500 people that voted. Mr. Cotter said what they are hearing from the Census Bureau is that they are planning to hire half the amount of people and pass this work to the cities. He said it is a huge problem that means real money. He said if the cities do not continue to grow at a same percentage increase as the larger cities, it means that they will receive a less percentage of revenue. He said currently cities receive \$121.10 per person in state shared revenue based on one thing – population. He said if the cities are undercounted it means less dollars in state income tax alone.

Mr. Cotter said Bullhead City has created a Census 2020 Committee and has the next 16 months to get this right and communicate with the citizens to go online to complete the census. He said there will still be a paper process and census workers knocking on doors; however, this time they will be relying on other governmental records that they have on the cities. He said the online requests will be difficult and there is also a concern with safety.



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Mr. Cotter talked about the use of kiosks and electronic devices and said the cities cannot rely on the Census Bureau to give a complete and accurate count. He said the cities can help the Census Bureau by recruiting workers, going door to door talking to people, and talking to some of the regional and state leaders about the bill for outreach efforts. He said this is all about marketing. He said the census track has had an undercount of approximately 26 percent, which means less money, less services, and less amenities to the communities.

Councilmember Dolan said it sounds like an undercount happens across the board so the more effort the cities are able to put in, the better the outcome will be. Mr. Cotter added that the cities really need to band together and market the census.



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Vice Mayor Lingenfelter said he appreciates the effort that Bullhead City is doing and would like to see a way for all three cities to band together to market the census as this is, for most cities, the second largest revenue source. He said for Kingman it is even more important as they do not have a property tax and are dependent on local property tax and state shared revenues which are population driven. He said in Kingman there are residents that live in outside areas, like the New Kingman-Butler and Golden Valley area, that are using the city's services but the city does not receive any funding.

Supervisor Gould asked if the long or short form will be used, to which Mr. Cotter said the short form will be used. Supervisor Gould said he believes the participation will be better if they do not have to wade through a long form.

Mr. Cotter asked that the Tri-City Council talk about this again at future Tri-City Council meetings to share ideas of what is working and what the cities are doing. He said he strongly encourages the cities to create their Census 2020 Committee by asking each



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councilmember to nominate two citizens from the community to assist in collecting the census data.

Mr. Cotter encouraged Mohave County to look at where population matters and where the cities can partner with the County.

Vice Mayor Lingenfelter noted that a regional approach to the censuses would be a great idea.

Mr. Knudson said one issue for Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City is the winter visitors, and in the past the Census has referred to residency as where someone is living for six months and one day, so the push will be educating the citizens.

Chairman Mayor Brady adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

10. Discussion on topics/issues for the Tri-City Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2019

Government Relations Administrative Analyst Anthony Kozlowski requested a list of regional issues for the upcoming Tri-City Legislative Day on February 6, 2019.

Public Affairs Coordinator Coleen Haines stated that Kingman is running a specific bill about write-in candidates sponsored by Representative Regina Cobb due to the issues in the election with the non-partisan race for write-in candidates. She said another issue that is a bigger concern for Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City is with short term rentals. Ms. Haines added that another bill is regarding municipal judges on the ballot which takes away local control where they would actually be voted if they are retained in office or not. She also spoke about the West Basin Water Users Committee and said they will be testifying because it affects groundwater uses in Kingman; however, she said they plan to work with Representative Cobb because it involves Mohave County and La Paz County. She also spoke about the bill regarding municipalities having to solicit bids from small businesses for contracts for services that exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Knudson explained the "Sports Vending Bill" being run by Senator Borrelli that uses existing compacts that the tribes have for auto licenses to replace those licenses with kiosks off-site from the casinos in our local communities, in restaurants or sports bars. He said people would be able to go to the kiosk and place a bet on a sports book and the dollars go back to the tribes based on their license and dollars would go back to cities for some sort of tax revenue that would be generated.

Kingman City Manager Ron Foggin said one piece of legislation that came up is the proposed 25-cent increase in gas tax. He said they are working on gathering more



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information and are supportive of any kind of funding for transportation. He said there has been debate on the \$32 fee versus \$18 fee versus not having it at all, and said anyone that attended the summit last Fall recognizes that we are not expecting to see any kind of transportation revenue this year and the fact that this launched today is good because they all share transportation issues.

Lake Havasu City Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Director Vinny Gallegos said he would follow up after this meeting on what that bill is covering. Mr. Gallegos spoke about the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) meeting that was held with state representatives and senators. Mr. Gallegos spoke about Representative Campbell, the author of bill and the House Chair of Transportation Committee. He explained that the bill will increase 10-cents the first year, 10-cents the second year, and 5-cents the third year, and after that it will be based on inflation connected with the economy.

Mr. Gallegos said depending on who you talk to there is controversy in how the bill was rolled out and the Governor took it and turned authority over to the ADOT Director which then increased it above and beyond what was originally intended. Mr. Gallegos said there is some strategy on how to address the vehicle increase that is taking place and now with the gas tax increase they are trying to figure out how to package it as a user fee even though it is increasing the gas tax.

Mayor Sheehy said it is important to talk about transportation funding and how important it is to local communities and thinks the cities can stay united on not repealing the vehicle license tax, but said there are too many unknowns for us to offer our full support. Mayor Miles stated that perhaps the cities could offer our support in principle but would need more details before giving any kind of blanket agreement. Mayor Miles said after attending the conference and knowing the need for infrastructure she said she believes they can support maintaining the \$32 fee.

Ms. Haines said the cities are following over 80 bills that involve a tax, repeal of a tax, TPT, or anything that takes away local control. Ms. Haines said they are aware of everyone's time and what they need to focus on; however, when the Governor has already come out and said multiple times that he is not going to sign anything repealing the highway safety fee, they will continue to monitor it but do not know if it should be in the front-lines of our communication for our cities lobbying efforts with the elected officials when there are other important concerns including water, the drought contingency plan, and short term rentals.

11. Mayor's Reports – City Updates

Mayor Sheehy reported that the Lake Havasu Unified School District adopted a classical education academy for next year in which one of the elementary schools, for Kindergarten through 6th grade, will offer classical education in liberal arts. He said major road



construction is currently underway on Lake Havasu Avenue and is scheduled to be completed in May 2019. Mayor Sheehy stated that the Lake Havasu City Council held a Council Planning Session with the newly elected councilmembers. He reported that the Partnership for Economic Development is working on how to re-purpose parts of the mall area by adding a job center, retail, and possibly other things to create job growth. Mayor Sheehy reported that the Royal Canadian Air Force is in Lake Havasu City conducting flight training. He said they bring two different groups at two different times which creates an economic boom for Lake Havasu City. Mayor Sheehy reported that he will be attending the State of the State Luncheon with Governor Ducey on February 11, 2019. He announced the following upcoming events: Winterfest on February 9 and 10, Western Pyrotechnics Show on February 13 through 17, and the Rockabilly Reunion on February 15 through 17.

Mayor Miles reported that the City of Kingman hosted the Arizona Transportation Board on January 17 and 18 where they discussed the I-40 interchanges, focusing on the need to construct the Rancho Santa Fe interchange and the need for the Beale Street interchange to be expedited. Mayor Miles said the city has asked the Board to put Rancho Santa Fe on their five-year plan and to be a fiscal partner, contributing \$20 million to the project. She said that during their presentation, the city stressed the importance of a second ingress and egress from the industrial park as a huge safety issue. They also highlighted the strong positive economic impact that will be generated by industrial development. Mayor Miles also reported that there are transportation issues on Stockton Hill Road due to traffic volume, road work, and water infrastructure. She said Kingman has done a great job of keeping the community informed regarding the road work. Mayor Miles reported on the injection well that is under design for effluent use. She also reported that the Airport condemnation case is finalized and the transition has gone well. She stated that Kingman's new Economic Development team will help the Airport Industrial Complex move forward. Mayor Miles reported on the issue regarding write-in candidates which will be resolved this year through legislation.

Mayor Brady reported on the issues with water as Bullhead City relies on EPCOR to provide water service. He said in 2015 EPCOR raised the rates by 38 percent and in 2017 they presented a rate hike with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to combine all 11 of their districts into one rate case so that after five years all the districts are all on an equal basis and pay the same amount. He said Bullhead City has been fighting this as consolidation does not make any sense and means the citizens of Bullhead City would be forced to pay approximately \$3 more per month to subsidize the bigger cities. He said since August 2017 they have filed over 11,000 pages with the Arizona Corporation Commission for all of their 11 districts and finally came to head on January 25 when the ACC Board could not come to a decision, it was a two-to-two split and failed. Mayor Brady said Bullhead City is determined to condemn EPCOR and reported that out of 91 cities in Arizona, 66 own their own water companies. Mayor Brady also reported on the legislation proposed in the House and Senate for the Laughlin Land Exchange. He further reported



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on the new Laughlin/Bullhead City Bridge, and said almost 16 years ago Bullhead City funded close to \$80,000 to explore siting for a new bridge; however, last December the new Laughlin Town Board voted to not spend any more unexpended funds on the bridge. Mayor Brady said Bullhead City has already purchased \$3.1 million in bonds to build the city's portion of the road leading to the bridge when they heard the news. He said now everything is on hold and they are waiting for the new commission member to be appointed that represents the Laughlin Board Township. Mr. Cotter reported on the new homeless shelter that will be breaking ground tomorrow morning, and added that the school's new sports stadium, which seats approximately 4,500 people, will be opening at the end of February.



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12. Discussion and possible action regarding Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Lin asked if all three cities could come together to report and share information on how they deal with homeless issues in their city.

Vice Mayor Lingenfelter asked for the census update to be continued at the next Tri-City Council meeting.

Mr. Gallegos stated that he would like to give an update at the next meeting on the safe driving campaign for Mohave County.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mayor Brady adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.



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