

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Council  
City of Yuma, Arizona  
180 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona  
**April 3, 2002**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Mayor Nelson** called the Council meeting to order.

**Invocation/Pledge**

**Sam Norris**, Pastor of the Stone Ridge Baptist Church, gave the invocation. **Shoop** led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

**Final Call**

**Mayor Nelson** made a final call for the submission of Speaker Request Forms from members of the audience.

**Roll Call**

Councilmembers Present:	Shoop, Brooks, Johnson, Norma Nelson, Hansberger, and Lawrence Nelson, Mayor
Councilmembers Absent:	Hill
Staffmembers Present:	City Administrator, Joyce Wilson Various Department Heads or their representatives Assistant Director of Administrative Services, Pat Wicks Assistant City Administrator, Martha Dempsey Assistant Director of Public Works, Roger Gingrich City Attorney, Steve Moore City Clerk, Brigitta K. Stanz

**Mayor Proclamations and Awards**

**Irene Stillwell**, Executive Director of Arizona Senior Olympics, thanked the City of Yuma, Steve Bills, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Joe Cox, Recreation Program Supervisor for their outstanding work on Senior Olympics in Yuma. She introduced Joe Swicklik, Games Director for Senior Olympics. Swicklik presented Mayor Nelson with the Mayor's Cup, awarded to him for winning the 2002 Arizona Mayor's Race.

**Mayor Nelson** commended Jacob Strickland and Leslie Padrnos. They have been chosen as two of Arizona's top student volunteers in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Prudential Spirit of Community awards. Ms. Padrnos raised approximately \$6,000 through a 24-hour fast to raise awareness of world hunger through the Feed the Children Foundation, Peace Corps. Mr. Strickland planned and coordinated a community-wide campaign that collected more than a mile of socks, which were donated to the Crossroads Mission. **Mayor Nelson** proclaimed April 3, 2002 as "Leslie Padrnos and Jacob Strickland Prudential Spirit of Community Recognition Day in Yuma, Arizona."



**Brooks** asked whether other border cities are using the NAD Bank for infrastructure improvements. **Gingrich** could not confirm that situation. **Brooks** stated that, while in Mexico City, he was asked about Yuma's use of NAD Bank. The City of Brawley, California is using NAD Bank, as are other southern border cities. **Gingrich** stated that, originally, NAD Bank was not making any grants. Their rates for financing were higher than commercial rates. They have an application process that, in some cases, has taken 24 months to complete. They have changed, however, and are now offering grants.

Roll call vote: passed 6-0.

### III. Adoption of Ordinances

At the direction of the Mayor, **Stanz** read the following title:

#### **Ordinance O2002-21**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing that a certain parcel of real property, hereinafter described be acquired by the City of Yuma, by gift, purchase, easement or under the power of eminent domain, for the reason that such property is necessary for public improvements and authorizing payment therefor, together with costs necessary for the acquisition of said parcel of real property (property being an easement for sanitary sewer and waterline to Falls Ranch Unit No. 2) (PubWks/Eng)**

**Stanz** stated that no Speaker Request Forms have been submitted in connection with the above ordinance.

**Motion** (Norma Nelson /Brooks): To adopt O2002-21 as presented. Roll call vote: passed 6-0.

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**Stanz** read the following title:

#### **Ordinance O2002-22**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing that certain parcels of real property, hereinafter described, be acquired by the City of Yuma, by gift, easement, purchase, or under the power of eminent domain for the reason that such property is necessary for public improvements and authorizing payment therefor, together with costs necessary for the acquisition of said parcels of real property (several parcels of property being right-of-way along Zone 1 Water Transmission Line alignment; CIP 7.0101) (PubWks/Eng)**

**Motion** (Hansberger /Johnson): To adopt O2002-22 as presented. Roll call vote: passed 6-0.

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**Stanz** read the following title:

#### **Ordinance O2002-26**

**An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing**



that certain parcels of real property, hereinafter described, be acquired by the City of Yuma, by gift, easement, purchase, or under the power of eminent domain, for the reason that such property is necessary for public improvements and authorizing payment therefor, together with costs necessary for the acquisition of said parcels of real property (properties on Ave. A between 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets for CIP 5.9701) (PubWks/Eng)

**Motion** (Shoop /Johnson): To adopt O2002-26 as presented. Roll call vote: **passed 6-0.**

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At the direction of the Mayor, **Stanz** read the following title:

**Ordinance O2002-27**

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yuma, Arizona, authorizing and directing that real property, hereinafter described, be exchanged by the City of Yuma for the reason that such exchange of real property is in the public interest and would be of public benefit; and authorizing payment of all costs necessary for the exchange of said real property (property owned by Jim D. Smith located at 94 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and City-owned property at 155 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.) (AdminSvcs)

**Stanz** stated that one Speaker Request Form has been received in connection with the above ordinance.

**Motion** (Brooks /Johnson): To adopt O2002-27 as presented.

**John T. Kretzer, Jr.**, 2045-69 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, suggested that the ordinance have a fourth section that would recognize that the fact that a portion of the property being acquired by the City is a part of the Connor House property. He offered to provide copies of the Sanborn map of Yuma from 1911 that depicts the Connor property as being Lots 8 and 9 of Block 13. Charles Connor purchased Lot 9 in 1889. In 1899, Alice Connor purchased Lot 8. In 1934, following the untimely death of Alice Connor in a pedestrian traffic accident, the property became the property of her sons. This property accompanies the historic house that sits on the property that was built in 1896. The City has more than adequate parking for the new municipal complex; 525 spaces are proposed and only 320 are needed. A recent newspaper article described the Connor House as being endangered. This property should be added to the present Connor House property to restore its proper context.

**Johnson** asked whether the legal descriptions in the ordinance are correct. **Moore** stated that the legal descriptions of the property are correct. **Hansberger** asked whether the original house sat on the property addressed by the ordinance or whether the existing guesthouse is what stands today. **Moore** stated that the attending City staff members do not know the answer to that question.

Roll call vote: **passed 6-0**