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Editor, Yuma Sun:

Over the years often I have encouraged folks to attend Yuma city council meetings if for no other reason than the sheer entertainment value. It's quite a mixed bag of goings-on that usually includes mystery, intrigue, handwringing, finger pointing and a healthy dose of good old fashion slapstick. The most recent council work session, however, added a whole new dimension that can only be described as jaw dropping awe.

Without again plowing the ground of how the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC) property deal was spawned, including ordering an appraisal, signing the purchase contract and issuing taxpayer earnest money, absent any council knowledge or direction whatsoever, the gem that overshadowed all of the previous unauthorized actions and sprang to the forefront was presented (unintentionally?) at that unforgettable work session.

During the presentation of an update on the PAAC, in response to a query by a member of the council, we were excitedly informed that all would be completed in sixty four days, and that the business plan being developed in conjunction with a private consulting firm was in its "final throes." The plan we were further advised was to assure the success of the project. Stop and think about that. Let that soak in.

The unilateral land deal by the city administration for \$1.6 million was approved by council after the fact. The council then sold \$14 million in bonds via the Municipal Property Corporation, thus circumventing the good voting folks of Yuma. Now that we are within sixty four days of completion we are told that a plan for success is in its "final throes."

Is the irony of this backward twist lost on me? If only I could convince my friendly banker to grant me a loan on the city's model.

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