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MEETING MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.
City of Kingman Council Chambers
310 N. 4th Street Kingman, AZ 86401**

**HYBRID MEETING **

Members of the public can attend either in-person or through remote conferencing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING:

Members of the public can submit written comments or register to call in via Zoom by contacting ameredith@cityofkingman.gov by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Please be sure to include your name, email or phone number using to call in, and address for the record, as well as the meeting date and agenda item number if applicable.



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Bullhead City, Arizona**
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sheehy at 10:30 a.m.

- 1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Sheehy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. **Roll Call and Introduction of Special Guests**
(*Present via remote conferencing)

Lake Havasu City:
Council Present
Cal Sheehy, Mayor
Jeni Coke, Councilmember
Cameron Moses, Councilmember

Staff Present
Jess Knudson, City Manager
Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Allison Blum, Senior Executive Assistant
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant*
Sarah Lojewski, LHMPO

Bullhead City:
Council Present
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Dan Alfonso, Vice Mayor
Karen Dallman, Councilmember*
Jason Newlin, Councilmember
Staff Present
Travis Pruitt, Assistant to the City Manager



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City of Kingman:
Council Present
Ken Watkins, Mayor
Shawn Savage, Councilmember
Jamie Stehly, Councilmember
Smiley Ward, Councilmember

Staff Present
Tina Moline, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director
Annie Meredith, City Clerk
Sarah Hall, Communications & Marketing Coordinator



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Others Present
Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager
Judy Sulltrop, Senator Mark Kelly's Office*
Kevin Adam, Rural Transportation*
Todd Steinberger, Arizona Department of Transportation
Michelle Beggs, Arizona Department of Transportation
SueAnn Mello, Mohave County Treasurer
Wade Stephens, Mohave County Chief Deputy Treasurer
Tom Belshe, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*
Rene Guillen, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*
Don Martin, Mohave County District 4 Supervisor
Linda Owens, Mohave County Board of Supervisors Staff
Marianne Salem, Mohave County Board of Supervisors Staff
Melissa Palmer, Mohave County Director of Public Health*
MaryAnn Deminsky, Arizona Attorney General's Office of Community Engagement
Bobbie Kimelton*
Mayor Howard Ream, Colorado City*
Linda Alfonso



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3. Call to the Public

MaryAnn Deminsky from the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Community Engagement shared that she wanted to come out and introduce herself to the cities and county leadership. She said that she is looking to participate in any community outreach events that the cities are planning. She offered her assistance in navigating the Attorney General's Office departments.



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Approval of the Minutes from the January 15, 2025, Tri-City Council Meeting

Mayor Watkins moved to approve the January 15, 2025 Tri-City Council meeting minutes. Mayor D'Amico seconded and it carried unanimously.

5. Updates from Mohave County Board of Supervisors and other Elected Officials

Mayor Sheehy asked if Supervisor Don Martin would like to share a few words, and Supervisor Martin said that he was just here to learn.



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Mohave County Treasurer Susann Mello shared an update on the tax deed sale. She said that there were 829 parcels and they sold all but 5, which brought \$2.4 million into the County coffers. She said that the remaining 5 will be available over the counter at the Clerk of the Boards office.

Marianne Salem shared an update for Supervisor Travis Lingenfelter. She said that there is some good news about the Hualapai Valley Basin designation. She said that the Supervisor looks forward to quarterly meetings with Kingman to discuss future concerns and to collaborate.



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6. Legislative Update - League of Arizona Cities and Towns

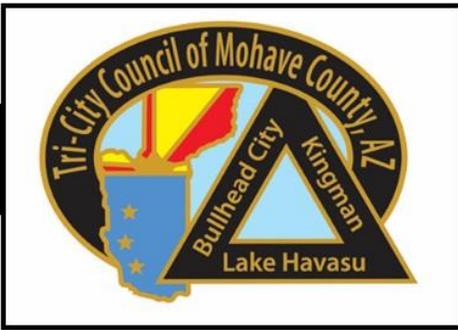
Director Tom Belshe shared that they appreciate the opportunity to address the Tri-City Council. He said that they are in the midst of policy committee set up, so if any of them are interested to please let him know. He said that they also will be sending out additional information about the League Conference and look forward to everyone joining them there.

Deputy Director Rene Guillen shared that if they were on a previous committee, that does not mean that they still are so they will need to reapply. He also shared that the Annual Conference will be held a week earlier this year. He shared an update on the Governors moratorium on signing bills until a bipartisan solution was presented to fund the Department of Developmental Disabilities. He said that they have resolved that issue and a bipartisan solution was found. He said that they now have the regular legislation and the budget negotiations to work through. He shared that they have not heard how the budget negotiations are going, but that the updated two sector forecast is showing a \$303 million-dollar surplus. He shared that the good news is that they have not heard anything about them taking shared revenue streams that the cities rely on. He said he has four bills to get them up to speed on: HB2221- Anti Defund the Police Bill has passed out of the Senate and will go back to the House for a final vote; HB2222- States that Certain Settlement Agreements and Contracts from Cities, Towns, Counties, Executive Agencies, and Attorney General have to be sent to the Legislature for review and make changes if they want to, has passed out of the Senate and will go back to the House for a final vote; SCR1008- this would be a ballot measure that is trying to be Prop 108 for local government, saying that if Cities, Towns, or Counties want to raise fees it has to be approved by a super majority vote. He said that this one has seemed to have stalled in the



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Legislature; SCR1014- He shared that they refer to this one as Tabor, which stands for tax payer bill of rights. He said that this would create a formula in statute that would require a budget surplus to be partially used for a reduction in tax rates.

7. Arizona Department of Transportation Update

Assistant District Engineer, Todd Steinberger shared some of their current construction projects to include the West Kingman TI at US-93/I40, East Kingman TI westbound bridge deck replacement; Rancho Santa Fe TI getting detours in place and expanding the west bound bridge, grading for Rancho Santa Fe Parkway; I-40 California to Flagstaff broadband project; SR-95 raised median from Palo Verde to Price Rd. He said that they anticipate awarding that project in May and construction starting in the summer. He shared additional projects including the I-40 Needle Mountain to Lake Havasu City TI; I-40 California Border to Needle Mountain TI; US-93 Cane Springs paving project; US-93 Cholla Canyon Ranch Rd. to Oldeup Hillside pavement preservation. He shared some pictures from the West Kingman TI work; Holy Moses wash; US-93 West Kingman TI expansion; the system to system interchange for I-11 West Kingman TI; I-40 East Kingman deck replacement; Rancho Santa Fe TI work; the Rancho drainage channel and detours; Needle Mountain TI and Lake Havasu City TI; and Cane Springs four lane divided highway work. He shared some of the upcoming pavement preservation projects to include: US-93: Sanctuary Rd. to I-40; I-40: US-93 to Silver Springs Rd.; I-40 Holy Moses Wash to Rattlesnake Wash; US-93: Placeritas Creek to Date Creek. He shared some modernization projects to include: US-93: Tony Avenue to Bonanza Dr.; Lake Havasu City various safety improvements; US-93: Milepost 175-177. He shared some future expansion projects to include: Big Jim Wash- 4 lane divided highway; US-93 Vista Royal four lane divided highway; I-40 Kingman Crossing TI; and US-93 Gap A four lane divided highway.



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Mayor Sheehy thanked Mr. Steinberger for the cleanup partnerships.

Mayor Watkins thanked Mr. Steinberger and asked about the port of entry headed to Las Vegas and if there is any pavement preservation coming.

Mr. Steinberger said that is what they call Sanctuary Rd. to I-40, and that it is in the program for FY26. He said that he anticipates advertising in July for construction. He said that they are maintaining and doing temporary maintenance overlays to hold it together for now. He said that the project will cover from the turn off at Pierce Ferry Rd. to I-40. He said that if they have any complaints, to direct them to ADOT.

Mayor Watkins asked what mile marker Sanctuary Rd. is at.

Mr. Steinberger said it is approximately mile post 48.



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Lake Havasu City Manager Jess Knudson thanked Mr. Steinberger for all he is doing. He asked about the timing for the raised median in Lake Havasu City.

Mr. Steinberger said that it has been advertised and the bids have been opened. He said that they anticipate to start late summer, early fall.



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8. Rural Transportation Update - Kevin Adam

Kevin Adam shared that the State Budget is the area that has the most impact as far as transportation is concerned. He said that the Finance Advisory Committee meeting did suggest a far more cautious approach to the budget this year. He said that it is a positive level compared to last year. He said that he doesn't think they will see any reductions in HURF or claw backs to transportation. He shared that if they are cautious with the one-time revenues, it will lower what they are able to provide to transportation. He said that there has been some focus on electric vehicles and trying to implement a highway user fee to them. He shared that Representative Biasiucci was proposing a bill that would direct any tax revenue generated at the vehicle charging stations would be dedicated to transportation rather than the state general fund. He said that bill has been amended to address another topic, but that he is still working on something. He shared that the one-time revenues are the only potential to increase transportation revenues. He said that they have been successful in having transportation prioritize the last few years. He shared that they are continuing at the RTAC level to get as much funding as possible for transportation. He said that they are also looking at the Arizona Smart Fund to provide state funding to rural communities to go after federal funding. He said that to date about \$60 million has been awarded and translated to \$140 million in federal funding. He shared that there is only about \$15 million left in the Smart Fund. He shared that they are asking for \$33 million from the legislature and that the Governor has \$13 million appropriated in her budget for the Smart Fund and Representative Martinez introduced a bill that would provide \$10 million and that there is bipartisan support for transportation funding.



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9. Mayors' Reports – City Updates

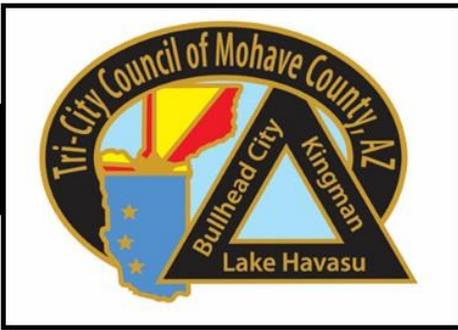
Mayor Howard Ream from Colorado City shared that they are doing well. He said that they are currently in the final stages of their airport taxiway. He said that the city budget is facing some of the same challenges, but that they are making it work with less resources. He shared they have some CDBG projects that have come to completion. He said that they have had some turnover in some of their department that presents challenges.



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Mayor Watkins shared that the Needles City Manager and Councilmembers visited their downtown streetscape to get ideas on what they will be doing in their downtown. He shared that Councilmember Stehly led the tour. He said that there are several restaurants getting ready to open, including El Pollo Loco opening Memorial Day weekend; Tropical Smoothie Café opening Labor Day weekend; Bosa Donuts opening in



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November/December; and WZ Asian buffet opening in the fall. He shared the progress on Rancho Santa Fe Parkway which has had a name change to Flying Fortress Parkway and the history behind that name selection. He shared progress on the West Kingman TI and the traffic issues with that. He shared that the Citizens Academy is in the final weeks, and that they offer the program twice a year and have had 71 citizens graduate so far. He said that the Parks department installed zip line at Centennial Park and invited everyone to visit it. He asked if the Mayors minding him having Communications & Marketing Coordinator Sarah Hall share a video on historic Kingman that won first place in the Mohave Community College Film Festival.

Ms. Hall shared the video and history of the contest and documentary.

Mayor Watkins shared it won first place in the film festival. He said that they are very proud of the rich history in Kingman.

City Clerk Annie Meredith let them know that they will be able to show the video in chambers, but that anyone on Zoom that wanted to see it would need to go to the YouTube link.

Mayor Sheehy said they were commenting on the way in about how good the downtown looks.

Mayor D'Amico shared that they just had the ribbon cutting for their senior center addition. He said that they just installed three right hand turn lanes on Hwy 95 and are under construction for another one right now. He said that they just got the splash pad back under operation. He shared that they are almost completed with ADA access to the river. He said they have a multi-million-dollar project going on with their new animal shelter. He shared that they have their summer camp getting ready to fire up at fieldhouse with many activities. He said they had the ribbon cutting for the Optimum Community Center. He shared that they had a ribbon cutting for the pavilion amphitheater and that it was a community and county partnership. He said that they sent all of their employees to customer service training and their leadership team to training with the college. He said that they had the Mayhem Bike Run in Bullhead City, kicked off by the Mayors ride. He said they are kicking off their 2 new hotel projects on river. He said that on the 8th they are having their budget session and ribbon cutting for affordable housing project on Clearwater. He said that on May 15th and 16th they are hosting the Arizona Transportation Board in Bullhead City and there will be a dinner on the 15th in Laughlin. He suggested that people attend the transportation board meeting. He said they just had a county auction and one big lot was bought by Matt Laughlin and the other one was postponed to June 17th and that it is a part of their Emerald Bay project with Jack Nicholas golf course. He said they just completed laying concrete for an RC car track in Rotary Park.



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Mayor Sheehy shared that in Lake Havasu City they have a lot of road work going on. He said that last weekend they hosted Desert Storm with record crowds of people. He shared there was a traumatic boat crash and they are thankful that there were only minor injuries. He said that they have refinanced their sewer debt to get a lower interest rate that will save \$1.2 million a year that they can invest in additional infrastructure. He said they also opened the Main Street Commons in the center of downtown. He said they will move their First Fridays and other event to that area. He said that in May they are celebrating 30 years of their Aquatic Center. He shared that last year 65k people attended open swim and that there will be an event this weekend with free swim. He said they are working on a couple of large developments. He said that one is known as the waterfront, and that it is a result of the state trust land auction last year. He shared that they have had two community meetings and it will have mixed use development. He said they anticipate it coming to their Planning & Zoning Commission this summer or early fall. He said last week they also had an auction of 630 acres of state trust land that was purchased on northern end of community. He said it is in the county and they will go through their process for anything they want to do with that.



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ADJOURN- Chairman Mayor Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 11:49 A.M.