

Upon notice duly given under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431, et seq., as amended, the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hakim called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Tom Heflin of Faith Fellowship Community Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Bruck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Bruck, Clark, Duvall (via telephone), Hakim, Medrano, Ring

Council Absent

Shutts

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

HUMAN SERVICES/TRANSIT DIRECTOR: Susan Betts

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Pawan Agrawal

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR: Vacant

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Vacant

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER: Vacant

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to 8 members of the Bullhead City Challenge Soccer Team recognizing their achievements at the AYSO National Games.

Mayor Hakim presented certificates of appreciation and a city pin to each of the members of the Challenge Soccer Team recognizing their dedication, athleticism, sportsmanship, positive attitude, and team spirit in representing Bullhead City at the AYSO National Championship Soccer Games in Torrance, California.

Mohave County Supervisor and Assistant Coach Steve Moss thanked the coaches and parents for making this happen, and thanked the City of Bullhead City for providing all of the phenomenal facilities for the youth of the community.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Hakim opened the call to the public.

David Hayes, KTOX Radio, expressed his displeasure regarding comments from Councilor Ring placed on a recent Facebook posting. He said she also made a false statement regarding emails that she received from citizens supporting a proposed tax increase. He requested that Mayor Hakim stop contacting his ex-wife.

Barbara Pape stated that she was against the proposed contract for prosperity. She said the language was unclear and it contained unintended consequences with loopholes. She said there were no formulas or calculated amounts included in the model. She said she sees it putting more taxation on property owners.

Chris Barton, Executive Director of the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce, said they recently held a membership event and recruited 163 new business members. She thanked the 100 plus volunteers who assisted the Chamber with this event, and said they were now almost a 700 member organization.

Mike Lipshultz stated that he was opposed to the proposed sales tax increase. He said the City Council has never proposed a sales tax specifically dedicated to streets, and asked the Council to tell the truth about Proposition No. 2014-1.

Jim Zaborsky stated that he represented SOS-Save Our Streets, and was in favor of Proposition No. 2014-1. He said the city needs to provide safe, drivable roads for the citizens and the businesses of the community. He said so much mis-information has been going out, and said the city has forecasted the cost of doing street repairs for the next seven years.

Eva Corbett stated the Friends of the Bullhead City Animal Shelter would hold pet adoptions on Saturday at Tractor Supply. She said they received a donation of \$600 to provide dog beds.

Baryalai Badary stated his home on Chaparral Drive was getting cracks due to the construction project on Chaparral Drive. He asked Mayor Hakim and staff to stop by his home and look at the cracks that have occurred to his foundation and walls. He said he has contacted the city and has not heard back from anyone in a few weeks.

Penny Reisner stated she lived on Via Arroyo and said the properties in that area were being damaged due to the construction on Chaparral Drive. She said they were inhaling a lot of dust, and said they would like a representative to come out and look at the condition of some of the properties.

Rich Patrick stated he lived on Via Arroyo and said his block wall had recently cracked due to the construction on Chaparral Drive. He said he would like someone knowledgeable about the situation to communicate with his neighbors regarding the situation.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Hakim closed the call to the public.

Mayor Hakim requested that City Manager Cotter look into the neighborhood situation and contact the residents living in the Chaparral Drive construction area.

Mayor Hakim stated he never contacted David Hayes' ex-wife. He said she contacted him and asked if she could use his name as a reference on a job application, because she could not use her ex-husband's name.

Mayor Hakim asked Mr. Lipshultz to produce the confidentiality letter he received from Republic Waste while he was Chairman of the Franchise License Commission.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Councilor Bruck made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Councilor Medrano seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring NAYS: None
ABSENT: Shutts

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Neighborhood Street Improvement Project 25 Update

City Manager Cotter stated the Neighborhood Street Improvement Project (NSIP) 25 construction project began on June 1 and was closed on June 12, and said approximately 23% had been completed by Sunland Asphalt. He said only six surface sealing projects were completed due to problems with the application of the micro-surface and equipment breakdowns. He said the weather was now too hot to complete those applications. He said the original contract amount with Sunland Asphalt was \$617,000, and said the total work completed amounted to \$140,000. He said they deducted \$11,500, and paid Sunland the balance for their work. He said the 12 streets not completed under the contract would be completed soon under a re-bid process. He said \$488,000 remains in the HURF budget to complete the street reconstruction and maintenance work. He said the city demands the highest quality of work from every contractor.

2. Splash Pad Project

City Manager Cotter stated the city has been working with the Legacy Foundation and the Kiwanis organization to complete the splash pad project. He said they anticipated opening the splash pad to the public within the next month.

3. Back to School Safety

Police Chief Williamson stated that school will be starting soon and said an increased number of children will be near the roads. He urged citizens to pay attention to school zones and crosswalks. He said child safety is a community issue and asked the public to keep their eyes open while driving by the bus stops and report any questionable activity. He said students should remove their headphones and be aware of their surroundings when crossing the streets.

4. November 4 General Election Publicity Pamphlet

City Manager Cotter stated the November 4 ballot measures would include Proposition No. 2014-2 General Plan Update, Proposition No. 2014-3 Southwest Gas Franchise Agreement, Proposition No. 2014-4 Unisource Election Franchise Agreement, and Proposition No. 2014-5 Initiative I14-03

Contract for Prosperity. He said citizens could submit arguments for or against these measures to the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2014. He said there was a \$100 fee to submit an argument for or against each ballot measure, and said those arguments would be included in a publicity pamphlet distributed to households with registered voters before the November election.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

CURRENT EVENTS

Councilor Clark stated the Bullhead City Council recently approved a resolution in opposition to changes proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to the Clean Water Act. He said since they approved the resolution, a number of other Arizona entities have also come out in opposition to the measure. He said they will be making a presentation to the Greater Area Mayors Association (GAMA) in regards to this issue next month. He said a number of entities across the country have also come out in opposition to this rule change, and said some of them have called it a "land grab." He said it was good to see that Bullhead City was in the forefront of another national issue.

Councilor Medrano stated another resolution recently passed by the Bullhead City Council regarding the transfer of public lands was also adopted by the Lake Havasu City Council in a joint effort to have public lands transferred back to the State of Arizona.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Clark made a motion that Item No. 1 on the consent agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Councilor and without further discussion. Councilor Medrano seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring NAYS: None
ABSENT: Shutts

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of the two Special Council Meetings held on June 17, 2014, the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 17, 2014, and the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 1, 2014. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill a term beginning on July 15, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2016. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein stated the applicant, Ken Gregory, has expressed an interest in serving on the Board of Adjustment for another term. She said he has made sure there were no conflicts of interest with his position as a part-time judge in order to serve on this board.

MOTION: Councilor Medrano made a motion to appoint Kenneth Gregory to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill a term beginning on July 15, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2016. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring NAYS: None
ABSENT: Shutts

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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the General Services Agreement with Bauer's Intelligent Transportation, Inc., for the provision of commercial charter and school buses and transportation management services for participant shuttling needs for the 2014 Bullhead City River Regatta in an amount not to exceed \$157,284.00, and direct the City Manager to execute all required documents and resultant payments. (Recreation Manager Heath)

Recreation Manager Heath stated the city sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for special event transportation management services for the 2014 River Regatta in December 2013. He said based on the three responses received, staff recommended contracting with Bauer's Intelligent Transportation, Inc. for those services. He said 40 commercial charter buses and 30 school buses and drivers would be made available. He said they would also be working with all of the local school districts to use as many buses and drivers as possible.

Councilor Medrano asked how this contract compared to last year's contract. Special Events Coordinator Catalfamo stated the total amount of chartered buses last year was 34 and this year there would be 70 chartered buses. He said this year GPS would be in every unit and they would know where every single bus is at every second. He said the tracking system would be a complete overhaul from last year, as well as provide an increased number of coordinators and an incident command system.

Councilor Bruck asked if the local school buses would also be controlled under the same GPS system. Special Event Coordinator Catalfamo confirmed.

Vice Mayor Duvall asked if the cost of this service would be recouped with the event registration fee revenue. Special Event Catalfamo stated that was one of the reasons the registration fee amount increased this year in order to cover this cost, and said the amount was included in their budget.

MOTION: Councilor Bruck made a motion to approve the General Services Agreement with Bauer's Intelligent Transportation, Inc., for the provision of commercial charter and school buses and transportation management services for participant shuttling needs for the 2014 Bullhead City River Regatta in an amount not to exceed \$157,284.00, and direct the City Manager to execute all required documents and resultant payments. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring NAYS: None
ABSENT: Shutts

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

4. Discussion and possible action to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2014R-41 pledging support in the amount of \$100,000.00 for dedicated airline service and supporting the efforts of the Mohave County Airport Authority to attract scheduled air service to Bullhead City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter stated that adoption of this resolution would pledge the Council's support in an effort to attract scheduled air service to the Laughlin Bullhead International Airport. He said the pledge amount of \$100,000 would come out of the \$6.2 million general fund contingency budget if it was needed this fiscal year. He said after July 1, 2015, that amount would be included in next year's fiscal budget as a line item.

Mayor Hakim stated the city pledged \$25,000 to support a similar effort to attract scheduled air service in 2008 and never used it.

John Hastings, President of the Mohave County Airport Authority, stated they were a governmental entity, but did not benefit from any tax revenue. He played a short video used in promoting the airport and the region by the local economic development authority. He said he has received numerous and diverse pledges from businesses, organizations, and residents, as well as those from out-of-state. He said those pledges are used to contribute cash down the road after they win the award and contract for services. He said, as an example, if they only spend 10% of the pledges, the remaining 90% could be used for another program or refunded.

James Barber asked if the Authority looked at all of the available options for airport hubs. Mr. Hastings confirmed, and said Los Angeles was considered the primary location as a hub for travelers to make their connecting flights throughout the country and internationally.

Lance Ross, Director of Community Relations for Valley View Medical Center and a General Member of the Mohave County Airport Authority, stated a lot of studies must be completed to determine the right market to fill the aircraft for scheduled service. He provided a brief history of regional airport activities in Kingman and Bullhead City that began 85 years ago.

Heather Brennan, President of the Colorado River Women's' Council, stated they were in support of this resolution and have pledged \$1,000.

Lisa McCabe, President of the Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority, read a newspaper article that described the importance of the airport upon local economic development. She said she could just imagine what the city could be with scheduled air service. She said their Board of Directors voted to pledge \$25,000, as well as \$15,000 in "in-kind" services.

Ray Shanahan stated he was a small business owner and supported the resolution. He urged small businesses and individuals to show their support and make a pledge toward this effort.

Jim Zaborsky, member of the Mohave County Airport Authority, invited the Council members to join them on the first scheduled flight.

Barbara Pape stated she has been coming to Bullhead City for 44 years. She said she has flown out of the airport before and said scheduled air service would have a domino effect upon economic development within the region.

Jeremy Keating, Laughlin Bullhead International Airport Director, provided his contact information to the public in order to submit their pledges.

Larry Tunforss stated that Murphy Broadcasting would support the effort with a pledge of \$96,000 of "in-kind" services.

James Barber asked how the team would be assembled and what direction they would take in leading this effort.

John Hastings stated the team was the Mohave County Airport Authority representatives who meet face-to-face with individual carriers, together with a group of consultants.

Eva Corbett asked if the resorts across the river were making pledges. Mr. Hastings stated the Laughlin Town Board and the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce have made pledges, and said the casino properties would also participate in this effort. He said two of the resorts are currently spending about \$45 million per year to promote the area through chartered service.

Mayor Hakim stated the city would be receiving letters of support from both the City of Kingman and Lake Havasu City.

MOTION: Councilor Medrano made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014R-41 pledging support in the amount of \$100,000.00 for dedicated airline service and supporting the efforts of the Mohave County Airport Authority to attract scheduled air service to Bullhead City.

Councilor Medrano stated he looked forward to seeing scheduled air service come back to Bullhead City. Councilor Clark stated he agreed with Councilor Medrano and said the city needed scheduled air service to help the economic development efforts within the community. Councilors Ring and Bruck urged individuals to pledge whatever amount they could. Vice Mayor Duvall stated he hoped that the city pays the \$100,000 to have the air service it needs to grow. Mayor Hakim stated it would increase the economic value of the community as well as individual real estate values.

Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Shutts

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **Councilor Bruck made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Medrano seconded the motion.**

VOTE: AYES: Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Shutts

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 15th day of July 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of August 2014.



Susan Stein, CMC, CPM
City Clerk