

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, October 7, 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 Robert Jones of Community Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Mayor Hakim led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Bruck, Clark, Duvall, Hakim, Medrano, Ring, Shutts

Council Absent

None

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. Proclamation declaring the week of October 5 through 11, 2014, as “Fire Prevention Week.”

Mayor Hakim presented the proclamation to Thomas MacArthur of the Bullhead City Fire Department. Mr. MacArthur urged community members to make sure they have working smoke detectors in their homes. He suggested that all residents check their smoke detectors and batteries each year to make sure that they are operating correctly.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Hakim opened the call to the public.

Barbara Pape stated that she was disappointed that the voters did not pass the street tax and that the State of Arizona was totally shut out from receiving airport grants this year. She said the conditions of the roads would continue to deteriorate and said the community would be paying higher costs without the help of the winter visitors and tourists. She said her neighborhood was in need of slurry seal and said that area was not scheduled for sealing this year. She requested the Council to reconsider applying slurry seal on zone 4 this year.

Rodney Head stated Proposition No. 2014-5 included language regarding wastewater fees, rate increases, CPIs and other things. He requested the City Manager to provide additional information

at two upcoming public forums regarding current sewer rates and what actions or increases would be mandated if Proposition No. 2014-5 were to be passed by the voters.

Larry Tunforss thanked the City and the School District for publishing a 42-page booklet containing all of the youth activities that the city had to offer. He said the group "We Love Bullhead City" initiated Proposition No. 2014-5, but said he does not see anything in the document that showed that they loved Bullhead City. He said he asked the initiators of this document for a list of what they referred to be "pet projects," but said he has not received a response. He said under Proposition No. 2014-5, measures would require a two-thirds vote, and cost the City between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for each additional election required to change fees. He said the proposition was a nightmare and would leave nothing but court battles and unanswered questions, and urged citizens to read it before they voted.

Officer Troy Teste stated that he represented the Colorado Fraternal Order of Police and said he was from Colorado Springs. He said Colorado Springs voters passed "TABR," or Taxpayers Bill of Rights, which devastated the city and affected all services including staff and police services. He said the city was preparing a special election because the parks department had a surplus of funds and must go to a vote to refund each household \$5.00. He said the election would cost the city \$500,000. He said he and his group opposed Proposition No. 2014-5.

Jim Mann stated that he was the Executive Director of the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police. He said the language present in Proposition No. 2014-5 came from a proposition passed in Colorado Springs which was very similar. He said it ratchets down the revenue each time the reset period takes place. He said the revenue would keep going down but services were always at today's cost. He said Bullhead City Police care about the residents and that their officers are kept safe. He said revenue would be taken from public safety and said the ability for the city to provide public safety resources would also be reduced over time. He said if the measure passed, it would make Bullhead City a less safe place to live and work.

Fred Eck stated he was an event promoter in the area before he served as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce in 1981. He said he has been promoting the Oatman Egg Fry and the Laughlin Chili Cook Off for more than 20 years. He said he has not seen an event as organized as the 2014 River Regatta. He said the city needs to keep it going and said the event brings a lot of people from southern California. He said he has heard many comments from people that they loved the event and would come back next year.

Annette Wegmann stated the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River recently held a ribbon cutting for a thrift store, and said the proceeds would help the club and the kids. She urged the public to visit the store and purchase or donate items to sell.

Dave Borlan stated that not one person has spoken in favor of Proposition No. 2014-5. He said the city has a vast array of services it is responsible for. He said under this proposition, the city would be forced to cut police protection, eliminate parks, experience failed wastewater and street operations, and cut transportation, senior assistance programs and other non-essential services.

Steven D'Amico said he did not support Proposition No. 2014-5, and said he would explain his opposition at the upcoming candidate forum. He said the proposition was not good for the people of Bullhead City.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Duvall 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, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. National Night Out – October 7, 2014

Police Chief Williamson invited the community to participate in National Night Out which was currently taking place at Mohave Electric Cooperative and Target.

2. National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Police Chief Williamson stated the Police Department took in 30 pounds of drugs, and he thanked the community for their participation. He said drugs could be dropped off at the Police Department for disposal from Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

3. River Cities Homeless Resource Guide

City Manager Cotter stated Bullhead City and Laughlin public service personnel now have a comprehensive resource guide to use to assist individuals with shelter, food or other needs. He said the guide would be used by service personnel and not be handed out to individuals.

4. 2014 River Regatta Financial Report

City Manager Cotter stated there were 28,014 paid participants. He said total revenue was \$1,092,949.37, expenditures \$1,050,613.15, for a net profit of \$42,336.22. He said some of the highest expenses were for event security, city staff time, transportation, rentals, participant shirts, and registration related costs. He said revenue came from participants, sponsorships, Davis Camp, partnerships, parking, and vendors; and said every dollar was accounted for.

City Manager Cotter stated there were 3,295 exempt personnel hours at a cost of \$116,645, and in-kind sponsorships amounted to \$370,533.26. He said 164 volunteers worked during the Regatta for a total value of \$32,000. He said the city spent \$362,557 in Bullhead City, \$31,000 in Fort Mohave, \$28,000 in Lake Havasu City, \$17,000 in Laughlin, \$14,000 in Kingman, \$5,700 in

Mohave Valley, and \$2,700 in Oatman. He said sales tax revenue increased approximately 2 percent from August 2013 to August 2014. He said sales tax revenue increased by 16.9% from August 2010 to August 2014.

Councilor Clark stated he asked the City Manager to provide a sales tax revenue comparison from 2010 in order to obtain a more clear comparison of how much the Regatta has brought in. He said the city made over \$13,000 of revenue this year from the Regatta.

Councilor Medrano asked how much money was spent in Bullhead City to obtain the sales tax numbers for August 2014. Finance Director Vera stated \$29 million. Councilor Medrano stated people attending the Regatta helped to increase business and increase the sales tax revenue in Bullhead City.

Mayor Hakim stated the Regatta registration fee was increased by \$10 this year which helped realize the profit. He said the Rotary Club receives profits from providing Regatta services, but said those profits go back into improvements at Rotary Park. He said this event has put the city on the map and has given the city the reputation it was looking for. He said they had their 100,000 participant attend this year.

City Manager Cotter stated there were 15 new home permits in September in Bullhead City. He said a Mattress Firm store would be built across from Target and a new roller rink would be opened at the Riverview Mall. He said the Fitch bond rating agency reconfirmed the city's bond rating at A+.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hakim stated that Vice Mayor Duvall initiated the program to help the homeless and said he has done an incredible job and a wonderful service for the city.

CURRENT EVENTS

Councilor Medrano stated the BATS staff implemented many changes that added hours to the Red Line to serve casino workers at the boat docks. He said this change resulted in a 17 percent increase in ridership and said this did not cost taxpayers a dime. He thanked BATS staff for their efforts.

Vice Mayor Duvall reminded the public that October is Breast Cancer Month, and said he has made a commitment to honor his late wife each year by wearing pink in October.

Councilor Shutts stated she was a 20-year survivor of breast cancer.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Clark made a motion that items 1 through 3 on the consent agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Councilor and without further discussion. Councilor Shutts seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on September 10, 2014, and the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2014. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Approval of the redemption of the property located at 1726 Talc Road in Bullhead City, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Quit Claim Deed on behalf of the city. (Finance Director Vera)
3. Approval of the acceptance of the award from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$28,887.00, and to authorize the City Manager to sign the Subgrantee Agreement for Grant #140501-01. (Police Chief Williamson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

4. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to either approve or deny the Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Nola Faye Charles on behalf of the Southwest District Kiwanis, Kiwanis Club of Bullhead City, Morning Community Service Foundation, for an event to raise funds to support Kiwanis service projects to be held on October 24, 2014 located at 1251 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

Nola Charles invited the public to attend the Third Annual Pumpkin Moon event featuring celebrity waiters and Halloween table design and costume contests. She said the funds collected from their events would enable them to continue providing many amenities and services throughout the community.

Mayor Hakim opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Hakim closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Ring made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the Special Event Liquor License application submitted by Nola Faye Charles on behalf of the Southwest District Kiwanis, Kiwanis Club of Bullhead City, Morning Community Service Foundation, for an event to raise funds to support Kiwanis service projects to be held on October 24, 2014 located at 1251 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Vice Mayor Duvall seconded the motion.

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

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ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

None

Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor Medrano made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Duvall seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 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 7th day of October 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of October 2014.

Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk