

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, April 21, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brady 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 Clark led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, 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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring April 22, 2015, as "Earth Day," to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and urged all citizens to do their part in helping to protect the environment.

2. Proclamation declaring May 2, 2015, as a day for safe bike riding and the 20th Annual Carrie A. Edgmon Bicycle Safety Rodeo.

Mayor Brady read and presented the proclamation to Bullhead City Community Services Officer Lorrie Duggins and Bullhead City Fire Inspector/Investigator Barbie Barrett-Skeen. Ms. Duggins stated that each participant in the Bicycle Rodeo would receive a free helmet, and said they were providing free bike repairs and giving away bicycles. Ms. Barrett-Skeen stated that a clown show would feature information on water and bike safety for the summer.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend a taco dinner fundraiser for the Bullhead City Fire Department's Emergency Response Team to be held at Mohave Steakhouse on May 5. She said the Mohave County Sheriffs' K-9 unit was selling calendars to raise funds for the K-9 unit.

Tamara Powers stated the last Bullhead City Farmer's Market would be held on May 2 at Community Park. She invited the public to attend the event, and she provided contact information for potential vendors. She thanked all of the volunteers and Cameron Broadcasting as media sponsor.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady 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 McClure seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Skate Park Lights

City Manager Cotter stated the lights at the former volleyball court location were moved to the skate park in Rotary Park. He said Mohave Electric would energize the lights in a week or so, and said when that happened, the entire community would be invited to the re-grand opening to flip the lights at the skate park.

2. Micro Surfacing Project

City Manager Cotter stated that the project would continue for a few more weeks and thanked the public for their patience with the city and the contractor during construction. He said information on the work being done on individual streets could be found on the city's website.

3. SB1241 - Plastic Bags

City Manager Cotter stated that Governor Ducey recently signed Senate Bill 1241. He said the bill dealt with the regulation of "auxiliary containers," or plastic bags. He said this was an issue of statewide concern, and said this meant that the city could not ban plastic bags.

4. Regatta 2015 Update

Bullhead City Event Coordinator Ed Catalfamo stated the written agreement with Laughlin was in the final review stage, special event cancellation insurance had been procured, the transportation Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was put out, all permits for park use, and land lease agreements had been submitted, and said the city signed on with Event Bright to provide a state-of-the-art registration and ticketing system. He said logistics meetings would begin next week, and said staff

was beginning to get quotes for supplies for all of the volunteers. He said online registration would begin on May 1. He unveiled the logo for the 9th Annual Bullhead City River Regatta with the theme of "Round Up Regatta."

5. BATS Award Recognition

City Manager Cotter stated Human Services/Transit Director Betts and Transit Operations Supervisor Peluso recently attended a conference in Phoenix, where the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) received the Arizona Transportation Association Excellence Award for "Outstanding Rural Transit System." He said the system provided approximately 180,000 rides each year to Bullhead City residents.

6. Laughlin River Run

Police Chief Williamson stated the Annual Laughlin River Run would bring more than 25,000 motorcyclists to the area over the weekend. He said all public safety personnel were working together to provide a safe environment for this event. He urged drivers to consciously look for motorcycles and urged motorcyclists to adhere to the rules of the road.

City Manager Cotter stated that a Hazardous Items Drop Off event would be held on May 2 at the Motor Vehicle Department located on Alona's Way.

Vice Mayor Duvall asked if the city was monitoring the micro surfacing work because on Friday he noticed a lumpy patch of road on Marina Blvd. after it was treated. Public Works Director Agrawal stated the city was monitoring the process, and said he thought the project was looking good for the price of 10 cents on a dollar. City Manager Cotter stated corrective work was done on Sunday, and said he reported a clumping at Lakeside/Marina, but within an hour it was gone.

Councilor Shutts asked City Manager Cotter to explain to the public where the funding for the micro surfacing project was coming from. City Manager Cotter stated they were spending all of the \$1.4 million in gas tax revenue dedicated to street resurfacing. He said part of the funds came from a project not completed from last year, all of the money budgeted for this year, and the HURF contingency funds. He said they would be starting over from zero with this year's budget.

Mayor Brady stated he took a tour with Public Works staff and observed the micro surfacing being applied, and said some of the applications appeared rough at that time. He said Public Works Director Agrawal assured him that given a little time, the road would smooth itself out as traffic ran over it. He said he observed the same location after a few days, and said that road was substantially smoother than when it was first applied.

Councilor D'Amico stated that Mayor Brady and he both drove and walked the areas being re-surfaced, and said he had also observed that the roads smoothed out after being driven on.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Vice Mayor Duvall stated he met with the Camino Del Rio property owners regarding their concerns about the Regatta, and said the city was addressing their issues to make this year's Regatta a better event and avoid some of the problems they experienced in the past.

Mayor Brady stated the Fort Mohave Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution would honor past residents laid to rest and add eight pioneer nameplates to the historic Hardyville Cemetery on April 25. He said members and volunteers conducted research and discovered and additional eight names that had been confirmed to be in the cemetery. He said the Arizona Game & Fish Department would hold public meetings on May 1 and 2 in the Bullhead City Council Chambers. He invited the community members to attend and learn more about what this state department was doing throughout the surrounding area, and to take the opportunity to voice their opinions. He said the city hoped to take them on a tour of the Section 10 Nature Center and urge them to work some of the things already planned at the backwater bay area in Section 10.

Councilor Ring reminded the public to pay attention to the motorcyclists and to drive safely over the weekend.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Brady requested that Item No. 2 be withdrawn from the consent agenda for discussion.

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 D'Amico seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2015R-20 approving the amendment to Administrative Regulation 4-1, Section 1.4 (B) re-expressing the city's policy of nondiscrimination in hiring practices and in treatment of employees in regards to sexual orientation or gender identity. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter stated the resolution was an amendment to the City's administrative regulations making it clear that no city department would discriminate against sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mayor Brady asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one from the public spoke.

Councilor D'Amico asked if this resolution was basically enforcing policies already in place. City Manager Cotter confirmed, and said it provided additional clarity to the city's employment handbook and administrative regulations.

Mayor Brady stated that the city does not discriminate, and said they were now making the policy decision official.

MOTION: Councilor Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015R-20 approving the amendment to Administrative Regulation 4-1, Section 1.4 (B) re-expressing the city's policy of nondiscrimination in hiring practices and in treatment of employees in regards to sexual orientation or gender identity. Councilor D'Amico seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

3. **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 application for a new Series 12 Liquor License submitted by James Stephen Theodoredis for The Bearded Gentleman Pub and Grill, Inc. located at 1884 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

James Theodoredis stated he was excited about the opening of a new pub and grill, and to be able to offer additional employment opportunities in the community.

Councilor D'Amico said he was impressed that the establishment participated in the Taste of Bullhead event to offer sample tastings from their new restaurant menu.

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

MOTION: Councilor Clark made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a new Series 12 Liquor License submitted by James Stephen Theodoredis for The Bearded Gentleman Pub and Grill, Inc. located at 1884 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Councilor D'Amico seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

None

Other Business

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2015R-21 in support of the Black Mountain Herd Management Area planning effort for burros in and around the Bullhead City area. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter stated there was still an opportunity for the public to submit their comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding burro herd management. He read the proposed resolution, and said the significant increase in burro activity has posed a safety issue to the burros and the traveling public. He said the resolution would support the efforts of BLM to control the burro herds in the Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Fred Eck stated he promoted many events in Oatman, Arizona. He said Oatman residents were very concerned and did not want to lose their resident burros. He said it was important to the tourists that visit from all over the world who visit Oatman to see the burros. He said the residents of Oatman would sign a petition to BLM regarding their concerns.

Councilor McClure encouraged the public to voice their concerns to the BLM before the public comment period ended on May 2.

Mayor Brady stated this was an ongoing problem which was becoming worse, and said there have been injury accidents. He said he would be speaking at the Arizona Game and Fish Department meeting, and would present the resolution to them as well as BLM.

MOTION: Councilor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015R-21 in support of the Black Mountain Herd Management Area planning effort for burros in and around the Bullhead City area. Councilor McClure seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilor McClure made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, McClure, 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 6:24 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 21st day of April 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of May 2015.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk