

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, January 5, 2016 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 delivered the invocation. Mayor Brady led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, Ring, Shutts

Council Absent

McClure

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

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Bullhead City 2015 Population – 40,088

City Manager Cotter stated the new population estimate was 40,088, and said this was the first time the city has exceeded more than 40,000 persons.

2. Update on Highway 95/Laughlin Bridge Construction Project

City Manager Cotter stated this project was an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) project, and said the city would be coordinating with ADOT, but not running it. He said the project was anticipated to begin on February 1 and be completed by the end of April 2016. He said there was flexibility to halt construction during major events in the community, and said ADOT planned to perform most of the construction at night. He said most of this project would be surfaced in concrete, but said the section east of the bridge would be surfaced in asphalt in order to maintain the two-lane traffic flow at that part of the bridge during the daytime hours. He said ADOT would be sending out more information within the next few weeks to educate the public.

Councilor Duvall asked if the posts separating the oncoming lanes of traffic that were removed by ADOT could be replaced to maintain safety during construction. City Manager Cotter stated that ADOT had planned to construct a permanent median at that location, and said that work was planned to occur as soon as the project started. Public Works Director Agrawal stated that the city would provide temporary posts at that location.

3. Update on Burro Issues

City Manager Cotter stated recently three more burros were hit by vehicles along Bullhead Parkway. He said the cold weather was forcing the burros out of the Black Mountain Range, and said the city could not do anything to remove the animals. He said the burros were protected, and said the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had recently trapped 30 wild burros in this area. He read a BLM report on the trapping and removal process and provided contact information for citizens to voice their concerns.

Mayor Brady encouraged the public to contact BLM with their concerns and said he hoped something could be done before someone is seriously injured in an accident with a burro.

4. Update on Bullhead Parkway Sectional Asphalt Repairs

City Manager Cotter stated city crews have been resurfacing the worst sections in disrepair on Bullhead Parkway. He said more repair work would be completed over the next few months, and said a lot of the right hand lanes were in the worst shape and said those sections would be repaired first. He said the city realized some savings on gas and the NSIPs, and said they would keep repairing as much as they could afford over the next few months.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Councilor D'Amico encouraged the public to not feed the burros because it made the problem worse.

Councilor Clark stated the city had set aside \$200,000 for turf removal this fiscal year, and said approximately \$13,000 has been spent on turf replacement projects. He said the city would pay 50 percent of the cost to remove turf in an amount up to \$5,000 for a residential project, and up to \$10,000 toward a commercial project. He said this was a way to help conserve water in the city, and encouraged the public to take advantage of this reimbursement program.

Mayor Brady stated the city should be proud of the job it was doing on graffiti removal. He said the city had a program in which people could report graffiti and said city staff would remove it within a very short time. He reminded drivers that when the pedestrian stop light on Highway 95 turned red, drivers must come to a stop; but said when the light was flashing red, drivers could proceed. He said he was proud at how successful the city was in 2015, and said he had the greatest hope for the future success of the community.

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 Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on December 15, 2015; and the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 15, 2015. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

2. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 6 Interim Permit and Person Transfer for Liquor License No. 06080006 submitted by Randy D. Nations for the Pour House located at 845 Hancock Road in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

James Atwood stated he was the owner of the Pour House and the Sand Bar in Bullhead City, and would answer any questions.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady 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 application for a Series 6 Interim Permit and Person Transfer for Liquor License No. 06080006 submitted by Randy D. Nations for the Pour House located at 845 Hancock Road in Bullhead City. Councilor Clark seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

3. Discussion and possible action to approve: 1) the Final Plat for Canyon Trails at Fox Creek, Tract 5190 (Unit 1); 2) the Financial Assurance through the Property Escrow Agreement between Brookfield Canyon Trails, LLC and the City of Bullhead City; and 3) the Appraisal Report (File # DAG-011590) dated December 19, 2015; and to authorize the Mayor to sign all accompanying documents. (Public Works Director Agrawal)

City Manager Cotter stated this was a solid new development in the community at Fox Creek, and said they were looking forward to more great things this year.

Public Works Director Agrawal stated Fox Creek was a 640-acre master planned community, and said the Canyon Trails subdivision was a 15-acre site with 35 single family lots and open space areas. He said this item was a request for approval of the final plat, improvement plans, financial assurance, and an allocation of Colorado River water for the subdivision.

Don Anderson, representing Anderson-Nelson, Inc., stated the development was located at the east side of Laredo Drive and the north side of Canyon Drive. He said he would answer any questions.

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

MOTION: Vice Mayor Shutts made a motion to approve: 1) the Final Plat for Canyon Trails at Fox Creek, Tract 5190 (Unit 1); 2) the Financial Assurance through the Property Escrow Agreement between Brookfield Canyon Trails, LLC and the City of Bullhead City; and 3) the Appraisal Report (File # DAG-011590) dated December 19, 2015; and to authorize the Mayor to sign all accompanying documents. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2016R-01 approving Amendment No. One to the Joint Project Agreement/Intergovernmental Agreement No. 11-152-I with the State of Arizona Department of Transportation for additional ADOT fees to review, approve and permit the Riverview Drive project from the western end of Riverview Drive adjacent to Rotary Park to State Route 95 utilizing STP grant funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration, with the city's additional estimated share at \$1,745.00; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. (Public Works Director Agrawal)

Public Works Director Agrawal stated the city currently had a joint project agreement with ADOT to improve Riverview Drive. He said the funds were federal which flowed through the state. He said ADOT was managing the current design phase and would also manage the construction phase. He said the current estimate of the total project was \$3.2 million. He said the city's responsibility was approximately \$247,232 of the total cost. He said the first agreement with ADOT estimated lower engineering costs, but said ADOT was coming back and asking for more money for those costs. He said the overall construction cost estimate was likely to be under the initial estimate, and said the city's total exposure would not increase even though the city would pay ADOT \$1,745 now for the design share. He said overall this agreement did not change the city's responsibility, and said more of the money was going to the design phase now and less money for the construction phase.

Public Works Director Agrawal said the project called for a three-lane road on Riverview Drive. He said originally five lanes were planned when the bridge was initially proposed. He said the project would run from Highway 95 to the entrance to Rotary Park at Balboa Drive. He said construction would most likely start within three to six months, and said this was an ADOT managed project.

Councilor Duvall asked if the original design included a connection to North Oatman Road. Public Works Director Agrawal stated once the bridge was off the table for Riverview Drive, the North Oatman connection and improvements were dropped.

Councilor Ring asked if the proposed construction included a sidewalk along Riverview Drive. Public Works Director Agrawal stated a 10-foot wide multi-use path was included.

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

Eva Corbett asked if the project cost could be reduced if the project was changed from five lanes to three lanes. She asked if the project would include improvements at the end of Balboa Drive.

City Manager Cotter stated the city planned to make the improvements at the end of Balboa Drive which would be faster and at a much reduced cost. He said using federal and state agencies to oversee a project took a lot of money from the project, and said this was not what the city does. He said even though there had been a reduction in work; historically on federal and state projects, costs have only gone up because the federal and state agencies were paying a consultant and also paying themselves which reduced the scope of the project.

MOTION: Councilor Clark made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016R-01 approving Amendment No. One to the Joint Project Agreement/Intergovernmental Agreement No. 11-152-I with the State of Arizona Department of Transportation for additional ADOT fees to review, approve and permit the Riverview Drive project from the western end of Riverview Drive adjacent to Rotary Park to State Route 95 utilizing STP grant funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration, with the city's additional estimated share at \$1,745.00; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. Councilor Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 5th day of January 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of January 2016.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk