

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, August 2, 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 invited Pastor Rob Lee of Hope United Methodist Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Bruck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark (via telephone), D'Amico, Duvall (via telephone), Ring, Shutts

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Pawan Agrawal

HUMAN SERVICES/TRANSIT DIRECTOR: Susan Betts

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Larry Tunfors thanked the street crew for quickly repairing the damage at Silver Creek Road and Bullhead Parkway. He said multiple phone books were being delivered to some neighborhoods, and said several books and plastic bags had been piling up in the driveways of homes where no one was living. He said the same problem occurred with newspaper boosters being thrown into driveways of empty homes. He said he would like the city to schedule a workshop with Frontier and News West to discuss how to minimize those problems.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor D’Amico made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, D’Amico, Duvall, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: Clark (lost phone connection)

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. 2016 River Regatta

Special Events Coordinator Ed Catalfamo provided an informational presentation on the 2016 River Regatta event. He discussed the challenges experienced over the last ten years, and explained how the city had improved on safety, registration, crowd management, transportation, economics, and trash/cleanup over the years. He said they hired professional law enforcement and security company, lifeguards, PWC operators, and incorporated a safety zone on the river. He said the city purchased special event cancellation insurance in the event of inclement weather or a terrorism threat.

Special Events Coordinator Catalfamo said registration had improved from the beginning when they used printed logs to check people in, and said now their web-based technology took only ten seconds to register a participant. He said in 2007, there were 583 registered participants, and said last year (2015) there were 26, 215. He discussed the growth from year to year since the inception of the event in 2007. He said they have learned how to manage the growth economically by increasing the registration fee and no longer providing tee shirts to participants.

Special Events Coordinator Catalfamo said there were four school buses with volunteers managing bus staging and transportation in the first year. He said now they have seen success through the hiring of a professional transportation management firm to operate and manage a fleet of over 105 buses and expanded routes from four to six this year.

Special Events Coordinator Catalfamo stated growth of the event had contributed to a huge trash problem in 2011. He said they have spent a lot of time improving this issue in order to keep the river and city parks clean. He said the trash clean up continued to improve since 2011, and said it had been incorporated into the incident management system. He said dumpsters, residential trash cans, and two garbage trucks would be onsite at both Rotary and Community Parks the day of the event. He said they also began handing out mesh bags to allow participants to collect trash during the float. He said a river clean-up crew would be situated at the end of the float to collect trash floating past the park. He said additional city crews and volunteers worked after the event to insure the parks were cleaned by the next morning.

Special Events Coordinator Catalfamo said they were excited about the new Regatta app and electronic message display boards in Las Vegas. He said the downloaded app would provide users with maps of the parks; shuttle bus schedules; locations of golf cart pick-ups, first aid stations, food,

and ice; social event information; and the ability to locate friends through Facebook. He said the app also allowed the city to push out any information in real time during the event to keep participants informed. He noted the event provided an economic impact to the community of \$20,427,400 last year.

Special Events Coordinator Catalfamo said volunteers continued to be the backbone of the Regatta. He thanked the City Council for their continued support, the Police Department, and city staff for all of their help before, during and after the event.

2. Homelessness Initiative Update

City Manager Cotter stated he was pleased to announce that Catholic Charities would be taking over the relationship with the homeless resource center. He said Catholic Charities had a robust program dealing with the homeless in the community. He said the center is open nearly every day and said at least a dozen people were receiving services there last Saturday. He said all community organizations needed to partner in order to continue support of their efforts to help the homeless.

3. General Plan Proposition

City Manager Cotter said the General Plan Update would be placed on the ballot for approval by the voters at the August primary election. He said they have received no objections from anyone during the public comment periods. He said staff would be happy to answer any questions about the General Plan before voters went to the ballot box.

4. August 30th Primary Election

City Clerk Stein provided information on requesting an early ballot by mail, early voting dates, hours and locations. She said the Bullhead City elections were non-partisan and said all registered voters, no matter which party they belonged to, would be able to vote for local City Council candidates and the General Plan update. She provided information about the Bullhead City publicity pamphlet. She said on Election Day, August 30, there would be four voting centers open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and said voters could visit any one of the four locations to vote that day. She said the locations to vote on Election Day were Hope United Methodist Church, Desert Shores Community Baptist Church, Seventh Day Adventist church, and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mayor Brady stated most of the former polling sites were closed due to a cost saving measure implemented by Mohave County. He said it was determined that most people were voting early by mail and that it was not cost effective to keep all of those sites open. He said the city hoped to see a cost reduction for elections services due to this change.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Shutts invited everyone to attend Cameron Broadcasting's Men and Women in Blue Appreciation Dinner to be held on August 3rd at Mohave Steak House.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, D'Amico, Duvall, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: Clark (lost phone connection)

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 19, 2016. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2016R-33 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Colorado River Union High School District No. 2 (CRUHSD) and the City of Bullhead City for the utilization of School Resource Officers; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. (Police Chief Williamson)

Police Chief Williamson said this agreement was to renew the long-standing agreement with the School District to have a school resource officer on the Mohave High School Campus.

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

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016R-33 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Colorado River Union High School District No. 2 (CRUHSD) and the City of Bullhead City for the utilization of School Resource Officers; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D’Amico, Duvall, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2016R-34 adopting the 2016 Mohave County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Police Chief Williamson)

Police Chief Williamson stated the plan was designed to keep track of and list mitigation activities important to the city based on the most probable and most often seen situations or disasters. He said he was confident the plan kept them on track to mitigate any situation that may come their way.

Mayor Brady said the plan called for a possible warning siren system at a cost of \$250,000. He said he hoped there might be a possibility to obtain grant funding, but said he found none. He said, in researching this topic further, most places are doing away with siren systems because they were not effective or cost efficient.

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

MOTION: **Council Member Shutts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016R-34 adopting the 2016 Mohave County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.**

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D’Amico, Duvall, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Gary Keith Park Plan and planned improvements. (Recreation Manager Heath)

Recreation Manager Dave Heath said the Gary Keith Park Improvement Committee presented an initial concept plan to the Council on April 5, 2016. He said since that time, they have met with staff a number of times and have come up with a revised plan.

Olivia McCormick said she was the Chairperson of the Gary Keith Park Improvement Committee. She introduced Scott Seabury of Seabury Fritz Architects. She said the revised plan reflected the concerns initially addressed, and said it turned out to be a great project.

Ms. McCormick stated the event center area was relocated to the center of the park plan. She said the move was a result of discussions with the high school district as well as its new proximity to the restroom facilities. She said the flag pole area was re-designed because the original plans included multiple flag poles and raised planters. She said considering the cost of flag maintenance and replacement, the Committee removed all additional flags and reconfigured the walking path from the Gary Keith sign up to and around the existing flag incorporating landscape and identifying markers for civic organizations to be identified as the “Civic Walkway.” She said additions to the

ramada/stage structure included a bathroom, storage and dressing area behind the stage. She said the stage had been reduced in size and the side ramadas repositioned to allow better visibility of the stage. She said the final design component was the shade structure spanning the front of the stage area from ramada to ramada. She said this element minimized the west setting sun and provided shade for spectators. She said the temporary parking area would be used for additional event parking with minimal ground cover until such the city had a use. She said, after discussion with city staff, the Committee determined the most effective source for water delivery for the project to be an on-site well. She said preparations for the drilling and installation were underway.

Ms. McCormick said the next step would be to proceed to survey the project boundaries with engineering to follow. She said restrooms have been engineered, leaving the ramada/shade structure as the final structural engineering component. She said the committee was preparing to contract with a lighting engineer and landscape architect to prepare final design and costs. She said they had been working with local organizations to look at potential grants. She said they anticipated a project budget to be finalized within the next 60 to 90 days.

Council Member Clark thanked the committee for their work on the project, and said the revised design put the park in a better position for future events held on this site. He asked if the “vendor” areas were temporary or permanent structures. Ms. McCormick stated no structures were planned for that area, but said the space would be reserved for vendors. Council Member Clark asked if there would be adequate power for the areas outside of the actual structures. Ms. McCormick stated that subject had not been addressed at this time, but said the engineer was planning to design a complete power plan for the site.

Mayor Brady thanked the entire team that worked diligently and came up with a great plan for the park.

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

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt the Gary Keith Park Plan and planned improvements as presented. Vice Mayor D’Amico seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D’Amico, Duvall, Ring, Shutts NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2016R-35 concerning an Environmental Assessment regarding the Fertility Management Pilot Project for Wild Female Burros; authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution; and direct the City Manager to submit the resolution to the Bureau of Land Management for the record as part of the official comment period. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter stated the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had an open Environmental Assessment (EA) comment period with a short window. He suggested those interested in learning about the program to visit the Kingman BLM website. He said the EA specifically discussed the fertility management of female burros in the Black Mountain ecosystem. He said the management

level was set at 478 burros in the region, but said there are now 1,500 to 1,800 burros in the area. He said BLM anticipated the burro population would double before the program ended. He said the resolution supported the EA efforts called out in the report, but recommended that BLM re-evaluate the potential trap sites and locate those trap sites within the city limits or near the city limits where vehicular accidents have occurred and take other immediate steps to reduce the burro herd in and around Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady stated County Supervisors Angius and Moss went to Washington and met with Senator McCain and bureaucrats and explained to them what was happening in the area. He said the response was to conduct a study, and said Senator McCain asked them to wait until the fertility study came out. He said they waited but when they read the study, it indicated they would treat 65-115 jennies over the next five years. He said the trap and bait station locations were included in the report. He said several sites were located in the Oatman area, most of the sites were in Golden Valley, and two sites were within ten miles of Bullhead City. He said the herds near the city would not be affected by this assessment. He said they applauded the Federal government taking some action, but hoped they would reevaluate the trap locations and bring them closer to where the problems were occurring. He said he met with Senator McCain last week and personally asked him for his assistance in this matter.

Mayor Brady said only Congress and the Federal government could act on the burro problem. He said the city and county could not take any action whatsoever on the issue. He said they were glad they were looking at a non-lethal solution to the problem, but said the problem was out of hand and they needed the federal government's help.

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

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016R-35 concerning an Environmental Assessment regarding the Fertility Management Pilot Project for Wild Female Burros; authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution; and direct the City Manager to submit the resolution to the Bureau of Land Management for the record as part of the official comment period. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-10 by reference, approving amendments to Sections 12.12.030 and 15.38.030 of Titles 12 and 15 of the Bullhead City Municipal Code, respectively, as set out in the "Glass Prohibitions in Parks and River Accesses 2016," and declaring the measure to be a public record pursuant to Resolution No. 2016R-36. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter stated at their last meeting, Council directed staff to make an additional change relating to penalties for possession of glass in the parks. He said the Council wanted to make this a petty offense, but did not take action at that time on that provision because the same type of conduct provided for punishment as a class 1 misdemeanor under the city's parks ordinance.

He said the proposed amendment would address the reduced penalty for a glass violation in both the parks and river access points.

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

MOTION: Council Member Shutts made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-10 by reference, approving amendments to Sections 12.12.030 and 15.38.030 of Titles 12 and 15 of the Bullhead City Municipal Code, respectively, as set out in the "Glass Prohibitions in Parks and River Accesses 2016," and declaring the measure to be a public record pursuant to Resolution No. 2016R-36. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Duvall, 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 6:55 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 2nd day of August 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of August 2016.

Susan Stein
Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk