

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 Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

Council Absent

Clark

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Pawan Agrawal

RECREATION MANAGER: Dave Heath

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion with the citizen committee regarding the future development of Gary Keith Park.

City Manager Cotter said Olivia McCormick would update the Council on the challenges and opportunities for the future of Gary Keith Civic Park.

Olivia McCormick distributed an updated site plan to the Council. She said a community partners' meeting was scheduled to be held on May 3rd to look at options for project phasing and community resourcing. She said in September 2015, they initiated the committee process and said they now had a completed package and cost estimate. She said their objective was to design something the community would be proud of. She said after the Council had given them the green light, they had applied for a \$1,042,000 grant from the Leroy Sorenson Legacy Foundation of Cedar City, Utah, for the stage. She said they applied for a \$126,000 grant from WCS/MEC to fund the lighting for the event center and the parking lot.

Ms. McCormick provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed civic walkway, open space events center, and the outdoor performing arts pavilion. She said there was open space and circulation throughout the entire park. She displayed examples of art-oriented signage and said art students would assist in designing the signs. She said they had discussed additional grant opportunities with Lowe's and Home Depot, and said they have identified major and general donors. She said they would initiate a major donor "ask" and begin a community wide capital campaign in the near future.

Scott Seabury of Seabury Fritz Architects said he had commissioned some structural engineers to assist in the project design. He provided information on the construction of the project. He said the site was approximately 23 acres containing three major components including a civic walkway, open space events center, and outdoor stage. He said they designed the structures to be sustainable, prefabricated and low-maintenance. He said the parking lot on the west side would provide 388

spaces and said there was overflow parking to the south.

Council Member Wegmann asked about the wall between the highway and the event center. Mr. Seabury said it was a 12-foot high masonry curved wall that wrapped along the back of the two covered pavilions, and said the wall would serve as a sound barrier.

Mayor Brady asked about the well site. Mr. Seabury said the well would be located by the rest rooms and will have a storage tank with a surrounding block wall.

Council Member Wegmann asked about the sound system. Mr. Seabury said they had an opportunity to purchase used equipment from a casino, and said that cost was included in their estimate.

City Manager Cotter said the overflow parking area should be reserved for a future city facility. He said having the connectivity to the high school lot would provide additional parking.

Ms. McCormick said they put the current cost estimate together specifically for the Sorenson grant application. She said the costs were estimates, and said the costs could be reduced significantly if required. She said even though the project turned out to be on a larger scale than originally discussed, the project was doable and would be completed in phases. She said they would like to partner with the city and requested the Council take this project into consideration during the budget process for the next fiscal year. She said the committee looked forward to working with the city in the future.

2. Discussion regarding the Special Event Liquor License Application approval process.

City Manager Cotter said this initiative had recently come up in light of Governor Ducey's desire to help businesses cut red tape.

City Clerk Stein discussed the possibility of adopting procedures that would help to streamline the special event liquor license application and approval process. She said the city recently received a notice from the State Liquor Board supporting the process for local governing bodies to adopt a resolution approving a designee to process the applications which did not require Council approval on each application, only that the procedure used was approved the Council. She said this would eliminate the need for a public hearing and the need for formal Council approval.

City Clerk Stein said the Clerk's Department received and processed the applications and fees, and directed them to the Police Department and Planning and Zoning Department for approval or disapproval recommendations. She said those recommendations were included as an attachment to the applications and placed on a Council agenda for a public hearing and approval. She said after approval, she submitted the application packages to the state. She said sometimes this process placed the applications on a very short time frame before the event. She said the elimination of a few steps would reduce processing time from 40 to 60 days to 30 days. She said the proposed resolution provides the ability for any special event liquor license be placed on a Council agenda for consideration in the future if it warranted additional discussion.

Mayor Brady asked if special events, fairs, and extension of premises applications would be included in the resolution. City Clerk Stein explained the application process for extension of

premises and said those applications did not require Council approval. City Attorney Emery said the extension of premises approvals were previously authorized to be completed by the City Clerk many years ago. He said under the statute, these types of licenses did not require a public hearing, only new liquor licenses.

Council Members Ring and Wegmann agreed the process would assist the charitable groups in the community. Mayor Brady said he could not imagine denying an application, but said they had the opportunity to bring an application before the Council at any time in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 3:41 p.m. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body for legal advice and consultation with city staff pursuant to A.R.S. § 431.03(A)(3)&(7), in the matter of a pending development and lease of city property for a hotel and conference center in the vicinity of 1300 Silver Creek Road.
4. Annual evaluation of the City Clerk pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 2nd day of May 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of May 2017.


Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

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, May 2, 2017, 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 Gene Stouffer of Mohave Valley United Methodist Church to deliver the invocation. Vice Mayor D'Amico led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark (joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.), D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

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

1. Presentation of a check in the amount of \$50,000 from the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 397 Tournament Board for soccer field lights.

Steve Moss presented a \$50,000 check to the city from the AYSO Region 397 Tournament Board. He said the check represented profits earned from the two soccer tournaments held this year. He said more than 100 community volunteers participated to make this work, and said the city did a lot to make these tournaments happen and attract youth sports to the community.

Mayor Brady said the donation would be used toward facility improvements in Rotary Park. He said the AYSO had been instrumental in helping the city, and said it was a wonderful organization.

2. Proclamation recognizing the "Honor and Remember Flag" to be flown during the month of May 2017.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Cindy Frizelle, President of the Tri-State Military Moms organization.

Gold Star Parents Rod Hall, Gloria Salazar, and Debbie Nuchols spoke in remembrance of their sons who were killed in action.

Mayor Brady said these families had experienced the ultimate sacrifice, and said they could not express enough appreciation for their sons' bravery and service to our country.

3. Proclamation declaring the week of May 14-20, 2017, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Week," and May 17, 2017, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day."

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Bullhead City Police Detective Andrew Sevillano and Sergeant Reid McNally. Sergeant McNally invited the public to attend the Bullhead City Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony to be held on May 17th.

4. Proclamation recognizing the 49th Anniversary of the signing of the Fair Housing Act, and affirming the promotion of equal housing opportunity in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Human Services Director Susan Betts.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Royanne Ortiz said she met with Transit Manager Michael Peluso and said he was very helpful in providing the information she needed. She said she attended the Bullhead Area Transit System Commission meeting on May 1st and provided her comments at the call to the public. She said she had indicated that she wanted to speak about other items on the agenda at that time, but said the meeting was adjourned before she could talk.

Greg Miller said he was concerned about the manhole covers located at the intersection of Bullhead Parkway and Adobe Road because they were not up to grade with the road. He thanked the city for re-stripping Bullhead Parkway.

Eva Corbett said the National Day of Prayer would be held on May 4th. She invited the public to attend the Saving Animals In Need Together (S.A.I.N.T.) fundraising events on May 6th and May 11th.

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 Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. State Route 95 and Laughlin Bridge Intersection Project

City Manager Cotter stated the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) began a major road reconstruction project at the intersection of Highway 95 and the Laughlin Bridge. He said all of the work would be performed at night over the next few weeks from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said he had heard there was a possibility of constructing a future roundabout at that location. City Manager Cotter said there had been discussions about a potential roundabout at that location and the other side of the bridge in Laughlin, but said they had not seen any plan or design at this time.

Mayor Brady said the medians would also be reconstructed, and reminded the public this project was a state project, not a city street project.

2. Water Safety Video

City Manager Cotter stated a mandated water safety video recently became part of the city's ordinance. He said they would watch the proposed video and requested that any comments on the video be provided as soon as possible. The nine-minute water safety video was played for the public's information. He said the video would be shown to all personal water craft renters beginning on May 15th. He said this video would be available on the city's website and all social media provided by the city.

Council Member Shutts said many people operated their personal water crafts, and said she hoped they also would watch the video to help improve safety on the river.

Mayor Brady said the Council considered the safety of everyone who visited the city as a priority.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

None

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Clark 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 Bruck seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann 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 18, 2017. (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

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Assignment and Assumption of Agreement for Rebate of Transaction Privilege Tax Revenues generated by new commercial development; and authorize the City Manager to execute the consent to assignment on behalf of the city. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said in 2006, the city entered into a development agreement with the developers of the Target Crossing Center rebating some of the sales tax. He said the property was recently sold to a new owner, and said the agreement would be assigned to Mohave Crossroads, LLC, a California limited liability company. He said the assignment would expire in March 2018, and said they were excited about the new ownership.

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

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to approve the Assignment and Assumption of Agreement for Rebate of Transaction Privilege Tax Revenues generated by new commercial development; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the consent to assignment on behalf of the city. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017R-16 advising that the city does not have any comments on the draft Environmental Assessment; and that the city supports the development of the Arizona Heritage Trail System. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this \$6 million project, all grant funded, was awarded to the city to complete the trail on the Bullhead City side. He said an environmental assessment had been completed. He said Mayor Brady and Council Member Clark had been involved in a number of meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation, National Parks, and Mohave County. He said the resolution would indicate the Council's and the public's support of the proposed trail. He said there was no fiscal impact to the city.

Council Member Clark said this was a great project for the city. He said a 12 and one-half mile loop from the Nevada side to the Arizona side would be created, and said the project would provide a non-motorized boat launch into Lake Mohave.

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. 2017R-16 advising that the city does not have any comments on the draft Environmental Assessment; and that the city supports the development of the Arizona Heritage Trail System. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the modifications to Community Park, removal of the ballfield, and to allow greater public access to the Colorado River. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said upon the recent Council approval of the Section 12 plan of development, they met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and submitted the plan for approval. He said before they went any further with the project, they wanted another opportunity for public comment. He said the plan called for turning the ballfield area into beach access. He said the aging ball field had not been fully functional for a while, and said the development plan called for more ball fields to be developed across Highway 95. He said the grassy area of the field would remain for use as a picnic and recreational area, and said more beach access would be available by this summer.

Mayor Brady said they developed the plan only a few months ago, and said they received a quick approval from the BLM so they could begin this work. He said staff had cleared a large area of shoreline that should be available for the public's use in the near future. He said it was a wonderful addition to the community.

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

Barbara Pape spoke in support of the project. She asked if the city would consider providing a type of windbreaker on the east side of the park.

Eva Corbett asked about the cost of the project. City Manager Cotter said that much of the current work would be done by city staff and with in-kind labor and materials from the community.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the modifications to Community Park, removal of the ballfield, and to allow greater public access to the Colorado River. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

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COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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


MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 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 May 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of May 2017.


for Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk