

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, June 6, 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 Bruce Rahlf of the River Chapel Assembly of God 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, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

Council Absent

Clark

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 Congressional Appreciation Award from Congressman Gosar's office to a Bullhead City Police Officer for outstanding service.

Teresa Martinez, a representative from Congressman Gosar's office, presented a Congressional Appreciation Award to Bullhead City Police Sergeant Kenneth Williams for outstanding service. She read Sergeant Williams' biography. Mayor Brady congratulated Sergeant Williams, and said the city should be proud of the members of the Bullhead City Police Department.

2. Proclamation recognizing the historical significance of the 242nd Anniversary of the United States Army.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to U. S. Army Sergeant First Class Curtis Weems. Sergeant Weems thanked the members of the City Council and the community for their support.

3. Retirement Presentation to Bullhead City's Human Services Director Susan Betts.

Mayor Brady and City Manager Cotter presented Human Services/Transit Director Betts with a vase and plate to recognize her 32 years of service to the city.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Royanne Ortiz said the County's Animal Shelter Needs Committee recently met with the County Board of Supervisors and requested funds for an animal shelter. She said Lake Havasu City was building a new animal shelter, and asked why the county did not support Bullhead City's animal shelter.

Nick Parsons of Bullhead City said the city was doing a great job in improving the community. He said the Police Department needed help with responding to night calls. He said there were too many people living in one residence, and suggested the city create a law to limit the number of people living on a particular property.

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 Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. American Airlines Report by John Hastings

John Hastings said the status of the brand new air service varied day by day. He said no statistics were available that could be used to compare local regional air service to similar established services. He said in the first quarter (Feb, March, April) occupancy and load factors averaged about 50 percent; and said the airline carried a total of 5,080 passengers by the end of April, and 6,800 by the end of May. He said the on-time performance averaged 90.3 percent for 220 flights; and said the average performance for all other carriers was 79 percent. He said the seasonality of the service was currently unknown, and said the numbers fluctuated due to the variety of fares offered at the time reservations were booked and baggage fees. He said the future looked good, but said it could always look better.

Mr. Hastings said it was important to market the service to the top 30 cities, and said the airport had spent \$170,000 in marketing expense. He said Airport Director Keating and their consultant met with hundreds of reservation agents in Dallas in order to familiarize them with the new service. He said they had a great amount of support from the Laughlin casinos. He said the airport staff had spent a lot of time in marketing the service throughout the entire county and made presentations to numerous civic organizations. He said it was important to continually remind the community in order to increase awareness of the service. He said 15 percent of their funds were spent in the first

quarter. He said it appeared, if the current pace did not change, they would still have some money in the bank by November 2018.

Mayor Brady urged the public to support the local air service.

2. Laughlin Bridge/Highway 95 Paving Project Update

Public Works Director Agrawal stated the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was managing the paving project. He said construction would begin on the evening of June 11th with significant traffic restrictions from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for the following five days.

3. Riverview Drive Construction Update

Public Works Director Agrawal stated the Riverview Drive construction project would not be completed on time as it had experienced continuous delays. He said they have urged ADOT to take all possible measures to facilitate the work.

4. City Neighborhood Street Paving Project

Public Works Director Agrawal said the city's micro seal and slurry seal operation began last October, and said the project was very successful. He said there had been no issues whatsoever, except over the last two weeks when the temperatures approached 110 degrees.

5. International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference 2017

City Manager Cotter said Mayor Brady, Council Member Clark, and Council Member Wegmann and he attended the ICSC conference held in Las Vegas last week. He said they set up a booth and talked with many parties interested in Bullhead City.

6. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from GFOA

City Manager Cotter congratulated Finance Director Vera and staff for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

None

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Shutts 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 Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the consent agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 15, 2017; the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 16, 2017; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 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 Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bullhead City and the Bullhead City Fraternal Order of Police Officers' Association; and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU on behalf of the city. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this item represented a request for the final determination of compensation and benefits to the Fraternal Order of Police Officers' Association (FOPOA) members. He said the city had a great relationship with the FOPOA.

Detective Andrew Sevillano, FOPOA President, said the association had worked with the city for a long time and had a good relationship. He thanked the City Council, Police Chief Williamson, and City Manager Cotter for their support.

MOTION: **Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bullhead City and the Bullhead City Fraternal Order of Police Officers' Association; and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU on behalf of the city. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Primary Public Defender) to Anthony J. Mullan; and Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Relief/Conflict Public Defender) to Delores Petica McKee; all in the amount of approximately \$166,500; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and make resultant payments. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said a Request for Qualification for legal services was issued and four responses were received. He said a panel interview with all four attorneys was held to rate the candidates. He said the agreements were for an initial period of one year with the possibility of two additional one-year extensions at the discretion of the city.

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

Royanne Ortiz said she and her son had a negative experience with one of the public defenders. She said she was surprised the contract was being renewed.

MOTION: **Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Primary Public Defender) to Anthony J. Mullan; and Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Relief/Conflict Public Defender) to Delores Petica McKee; all in the amount of approximately \$166,500; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and make resultant payments. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River in the amount of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the city. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the city entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on September 20, 2011, with the Boys and Girls Club to provide funds to conduct after school programs. He said the parties have annually extended the agreement since that time up and to the proposed sixth amendment for the upcoming fiscal year. He said the amendment would extend the original agreement for an additional year with a contribution of \$50,000 as directed by the Council at recent budget hearings.

Mayor Brady said last year the city increased the contribution from \$40,000 to \$50,000. He said the public had access to the new gym which was mostly used for pickle ball, and said this was a

fine use of the additional \$10,000. He said the Boys and Girls Club provided important services and was a great asset to the community.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River in the amount of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2017-2018; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the city. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the sole source purchase of one odor control unit from EcoVerde Technologies of Tempe, Arizona, for the 18-2 Lift Station in the amount of \$50,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Agrawal)

City Manager Cotter said the city had been receiving numerous reports of odors in the vicinity of Merrill Avenue. He said they met with homeowners and determined there was a problem.

Public Works Director Agrawal said when the lift station was built five years ago, there were no homeowners in the vicinity and no odor control system was required at that time. He said they had verified there now was an odor issue, and said they had located a control system in stock. He said an easement would be required which would come before the Council at their next meeting. He said they were ready to install the unit very quickly to address the odor issues as soon as possible.

Vice Mayor D'Amico asked about the life span of the system. Public Works Director Agrawal said the system required maintenance from time to time, but said the system could last up to 50 years.

Council Member Wegmann asked about the warranty for the system. Public Works Director Agrawal said he was not aware of any warranty needs from previous systems. Mayor Brady said the system had a standard 18-month warranty.

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 approve the sole source purchase of one odor control unit from EcoVerde Technologies of Tempe, Arizona, for the 18-2 Lift Station in the amount of \$50,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with Premier Backhoe, Inc., of Fort Mohave, Arizona, for the Original Bullhead Gravity Sewer Main Replacement Rebid Project 16-E-105 in an amount not to exceed \$94,412.68; and authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Agrawal)

Public Works Director Agrawal said the city previously experienced an issue with a collapsed ductile iron pipe in the vicinity of Riverview and Lakeside Drives. He said since that time, staff had conducted an inventory of the ductile iron sewer lines, and said it was determined that 143 linear feet of pipe was severely corroded and in need of immediate replacement. He said the line was located close to the airport property to the south and ran across Highway 95 adjacent to Home Depot.

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 contract with Premier Backhoe, Inc., of Fort Mohave, Arizona, for the Original Bullhead Gravity Sewer Main Replacement Rebid Project 16-E-105 in an amount not to exceed \$94,412.68; and authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2017R-19 approving the temporary extension of the suspension of certain commercial building fees through December 31, 2017. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said Bullhead City was the retail hub of Mohave County and southern Clark County, Nevada. He said last October, because of external competition, the Council agreed to temporarily suspend the collection of certain commercial building fees. He said since that time, local businesses had benefited in the amount of \$97,000. He said now they had the opportunity to extend the suspension of those fees through the end of the calendar year. He said the city was a business friendly community that wanted to help commercial entities. He said the temporary suspension of fees was anticipated to increase revenues in the future by ensuring that businesses located within the city limits; thereby creating additional sales tax collections in the future.

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

Council Member Ring said the program had been very successful, and said she supported the extension.

Mayor Brady said they heard comments at the ICSC conference about how business friendly Bullhead City was in comparison to other cities.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017R-19 approving the temporary extension of the suspension of certain commercial building fees through December 31, 2017. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2017R-20 adopting the tentative budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for the fiscal year 2017-2018; authorizing and directing the publication of statements and schedule of the tentative budget, together with notice of hearing on said budget and notice of date of final adoption of said budget. (Finance Director Vera)

Finance Director Vera said the public budget workshops were held on May 15th and May 16th. He said the tentative budget presented for adoption was \$73,618,861. He said the city's fiscal year would begin on July 1, 2017, and end on June 30, 2018. He said with the adoption of the tentative budget, the Council would set the maximum limits for expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. He said a special public meeting would be held on June 20th to adopt the final budget.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Royanne Ortiz said she read the entire budget and thanked City Manager Cotter for scheduling meetings with city staff in order to answer her questions. She said the city was doing a very good job in managing public funds.

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

MOTION: Council Member Shutts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017R-20 adopting the tentative budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for the fiscal year 2017-2018; authorizing and directing the publication of statements and schedule of the tentative budget, together with notice of hearing on said budget and notice of date of final adoption of said budget. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2017R-21 authorizing City Clerk approval on behalf of the City Council for Charitable Group Special Event Liquor License Applications. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said the Council had previously discussed this item in a workshop held on May 2nd. He said this was another effort for the city to be more business friendly and said approval of this resolution would help expedite liquor license applications.

City Clerk Stein said the proposed process would streamline the special event liquor license application process for charitable organizations.

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 adopt Resolution No. 2017R-21 authorizing City Clerk approval on behalf of the City Council for Charitable Group Special Event Liquor License Applications. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

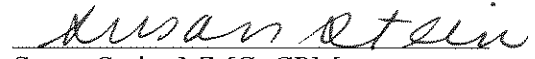
MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 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 6th day of June 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of June 2017.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk