

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 September 18, 2018, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

Council Absent

D'Amico

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Keegan Littrell

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Drexler

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Discussion regarding Mandatory Safety Fee for Watercraft Rental.

City Manager Cotter displayed a video presentation regarding the city's water safety program that was provided through an agreement with Contemporary Services Corporation (CSC). He said the city had paid for the entire river safety program over the past two summers. He said they would be discussing a potential mandatory safety fee for watercraft rentals to help defray the expense of the program. He played a video taken from a Mohave County Board of Supervisors meeting wherein Supervisor Hildy Angius stated she could not agree to county participation in the program, but suggested imposing a user fee to help cover the costs of the program.

City Manager Cotter said the program would cost approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year going forward. He said they were proposing a \$5.00 individual user fee, and said they believed there were about 50,000 transactions per summer. He said the city would enforce the program to make sure that each user paid the safety fee. He said this Labor Day weekend was the busiest on the river ever. He said the activity was great for the economy, but said the river had to remain safe.

Police Chief Williamson said the program had become a valuable tool for them on the river. He said the officers would be on boats and not on personal watercraft (PWC). He said the boating officers said they had not seen a summer that busy in a long time. He said the city would incur a shortage of officers and expend a lot of money on overtime if the city did not employ CSC. He said the CSC staff could immediately get into the water to help people because their PWCs could go places where a boat could not.

Police Chief Williamson said the prevention of accidents could not be quantified. He said the CSC staff made over 2,500 contacts with operators that prevented many accidents on the river this summer. He said the program was a very important part of the water safety program and they strongly desired to keep it going.

Council Member Shutts asked if the fee would also apply to Davis Camp and Laughlin. City Manager Cotter said the consumer protection form itself could be the transactional document. He said fees could be assessed at other locations, but said this could become complicated. He said they wanted the rental watercraft consumers to pay for the safety program. He said they would look into the possibility of creating an intergovernmental agreement between Mohave County and Clark County.

Vice Mayor Ring said she was in favor of the program. She said it would keep the river safe while freeing up law enforcement.

Council Members Shutts and Wegmann said they were in support of the program and hoped the counties would participate.

Council Member Clark said he was in favor of the program, and asked staff to keep looking for additional ways to save money.

Mayor Brady asked if the casinos would participate, rather than going through Clark County. City Attorney Emery said this was an option that might be the easier route. City Manager Cotter said the casinos had been very supportive of the program over the past two years by providing donations of rooms and food.

2. Discussion regarding Census 2020.

Administrative Analyst Anthony Kozlowski provided a presentation including a general overview and historical background of the United States census. He said the 2020 Census would have a new design for the 21st century. He said the program would motivate people to respond through social media, establish where to count, count the population, and release census results. He said the environment constantly became more difficult to track. He provided a video that demonstrated what to expect regarding the 2020 Census. He said they would begin to implement a communicational outreach plan in October 2018. He said a local Complete Count Committee would need to be formed to include a cross section of the government and community leaders from business, education, health care, and other community organizations. He requested that each Council Member come up with two people they would like to serve on the Complete Count Committee. He said census offices would open in late 2018, and community outreach would begin in early 2019.

City Manager Cotter said some of the census count processes begin now for the April 1, 2020 census. He said the number of people counted in the city affected the amount of funding the city received from the federal government. He said they had to let the residents know how important it was to count every one. He said Bullhead City was competing against all of the rapidly growing cities in Arizona. He said they were open to all suggestions as to what they needed to do to reach out to residents as well as help the Census Bureau.

Mayor Brady asked for a brief description of the responsibilities of members of the committee. City Manager Cotter said the Mayor and at least one Council Member would serve on the Complete Count Committee through April 2020.

Council Member Wegmann volunteered to serve on the Complete Count Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 4:54 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 18th day of September 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2018.

Susan Stein
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, September 18, 2018, 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 David Arnold of City Bible Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Shutts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark, 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 ADMINISTRATOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Keegan Littrell

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Glen Wiltse

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend the Pet Costume Contest to be held on October 20th at Tractor Supply in support of the Mohave County Sheriff's K9 Unit.

Royanne Ortiz invited the public to attend the Colorado River Republican Women's luncheon to be held on September 19th at Chaparral Country Club. She said a candidate forum would be held on October 6th, and said they were looking for voter registration locations.

Scotty McClure said he was still getting pushed around by the code enforcement department, and said the process was not as speedy as it was supposed to be. He said his claim submitted in April was held up in the code enforcement office for many months.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Council Member Clark made a motion to move Item No. 11 to the beginning of the agenda for discussion. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Ring 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, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Pest Abatement Update

Joe Iburg, Pest Abatement Manager, said the pest abatement program targeted blackflies, mosquitoes, and caddisflies. He said the black fly abatement program had been successful over many decades. He said he was helping the Clark County Vector Control Dept. train new staff. He said the mosquito program had been successful as he was working closely with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Mohave County Health Dept., Department of Emergency Response, and county farmers. He said the primary source of mosquitoes came from the farmers' flood irrigated fields in the tri-state area. He said rather than using pesticide, they used environmentally safe larvaecide on the fields. He said there were no chemical solutions to get rid of caddisflies. He said they stocked 110,000 trout into the river in 2017, and stocked 160,000 trout in 2018. He said they were still looking into other fish options for biodiversity. He said they have had other experts visit the area and learned a lot about the caddisfly species. He said he would continue to conduct testing and would be working on some large scale projects in the future. He encouraged the public to contact him with any questions or concerns via the city's website.

2. Sports Tourism for Fall 2018

Human Services Director Tipton provided information on upcoming sports tournaments to be held over the next few months. City Manager Cotter said the Council's vision to bring major sporting tournaments into the city was being realized, and said sports tourism was a big economic opportunity for the city.

3. Laughlin Ranch Boulevard Grand Opening

City Manager Cotter said the grand opening for the Laughlin Ranch Boulevard extension would be held on October 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

4. Farmers Market - New Season starts October 6th

City Manager Cotter said the new season for the Bullhead City Farmers' Market would begin on Saturday, October 6th.

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 Items No. 1 through 4 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member Wegmann 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 September 4, 2018. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Approval of Ordinance No. 2018-18, authorizing an amendment to Z06-004/S05-025, Ordinance No. 2014-18, Stipulation No. 9 to allow the applicant additional time (4 years) to record the final plat for a project known as The Overlook that is generally located south of Laughlin Ranch Boulevard and east of the Bullhead Parkway and described as a portion of Section 8, T20N, R21W. (Development Services Director Wiltse)
3. Approval of the preliminary plat for a project known as Laredo at Canyon Trails for a parcel of land that is described as a portion of Section 32, T20N, R21W. (Development Services Director Wiltse)
4. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-19, authorizing the repeal of Ordinance Nos. 2007-29 and 2013-13, and declaring the preliminary plat null and void for the project known as Zia Estates and described as a portion of Section 16, T21N, R21W. (Development Services Director Wiltse)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Franchise License Commission to fill a partial term effective immediately upon Council approval and expiring on December 31, 2019. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said the position was advertised to the general public and one application was received.

Eva Corbett said she was a community activist and wanted to assist the city by serving on this commission.

MOTION: Council Member Shutts made a motion to appoint Eva Corbett to serve on the Franchise License Commission to fill a partial term effective immediately upon Council approval and expiring on December 31, 2019. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) Commission to fill a two-year term effective October 1, 2018, and expiring on September 30, 2020. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said there was one applicant that wanted to be re-appointed to the commission.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to appoint Jared Gift to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) Commission to fill a two-year term effective October 1, 2018, and expiring on September 30, 2020. Vice Mayor Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

7. **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 New Series 12 Liquor License No. 29118 submitted by Wigberto Moises Coronel for Chochoeras Peruvian Restaurant located at 576 Marina Blvd. in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said staff had reviewed this application and had no objections.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann 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 No. 29118 submitted by Wigberto Moises Coronel for Chochoeras Peruvian Restaurant located at 576 Marina Blvd. in Bullhead City. Vice Mayor Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

8. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20 by reference, approving an amendment to Section 17.27, Mixed Use Overlay District, Title 17 of the Bullhead City Municipal Code; and adopting Resolution No. 2018R-47, declaring the code amendment a public record. (Development Services Director Wiltse)

Planning Manager Loera said this code amendment would bring the private lands along the west side of Highway 95 between 7th Street and the Laughlin Bridge into Mixed Use Overlay District A. He said it would allow the property owner to apply for a zoning map change in order to develop mixed use and commercial buildings, and allow them to build up to 5-stories or 60 feet. He said the applicant would still have to go through the zoning map change process, submit a development plan with elevations of the buildings that would be to be brought before staff for review, and then go before both the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for approval.

Don Anderson said he represented the developer. He said this was the first step towards development, and said they felt the time was right to develop this property.

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

MOTION: Council Member D'Amico made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20 by reference, approving an amendment to Section 17.27, Mixed Use Overlay District, Title 17 of the Bullhead City Municipal Code; and adopting Resolution No. 2018R-47, declaring the code amendment a public record. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2018R-48, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District and Bullhead City to facilitate FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners (“CTP”) grant funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (Public Works Director Littrell)

Public Works Director Littrell said this was the fourth round of flood control grants with Mohave County. He said they had been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct flood risk analysis, hydraulic and hydrological evaluations of numerous watercourses in the city, and prepare updated flood plain mapping.

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 adopt Resolution No. 2018R-48, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District and Bullhead City to facilitate FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners (“CTP”) grant funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Council Member Shutts seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a new Allen Bradley IntelliCENTER and software for the 16-2 Lift Station from Border States Electric Supply of Phoenix, Arizona in the amount of \$110,990.00 plus applicable taxes; and to authorize the City Manager to approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Littrell)

Public Works Director Littrell said this software would upgrade the electrical component at the 16-2 lift station located on Clubhouse Drive. He said the lift station was last updated in 2008 and said the current equipment was obsolete. He said the new equipment would coordinate with the equipment currently in use at the city’s wastewater treatment plants and other lift stations.

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 the purchase of a new Allen Bradley IntelliCENTER and software for the 16-2 Lift Station from Border States Electric Supply of Phoenix, Arizona in the amount of \$110,990.00 plus applicable taxes; and to authorize the City Manager to approve resultant payments. Council Member Clark seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

***Agenda Item No. 11 was moved to the beginning of the meeting for discussion purposes under “Agenda Modifications.”**

*11. Discussion and possible action to 1) adopt Resolution No. 2018R-49, approving the support for the Bullhead City land exchange with the Federal Government and authorizing City staff to engage in modifications to and implementation of the plan consistent with the agreement; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the City Council had previously discussed the land exchange process at numerous meetings. He said Congressman Gosar was the biggest supporter of this land exchange legislation. He said Mayor Brady would be testifying in favor of the land exchange in Washington, D. C.

Congressman Gosar said Don Laughlin had donated a large portion land in the Black Mountains to the city in 2015. He said the city would like to exchange the approximately 1,100 acres of the donated property for land currently being held within the Bullhead City limits by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He said the legislation had been discussed with Senator Kyl, who was the replacement for Senator McCain. He said they were ready to move this item forward.

Mayor Brady thanked Congressman Gosar for fighting for Arizona citizens every day in Washington. He acknowledged Matt Laughlin and his grandfather, Don Laughlin, for the most important donation given to the city.

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

Dave Lords said their dream was about to happen in another two years. He thanked the Laughlin family for their generosity. He said a reception would be held at the Laughlin Ranch Clubhouse after the Laughlin Ranch Boulevard ribbon cutting which would be sponsored by the contractors.

Scotty McClure said the property being swapped for the Laughlin property was not worth the same value of \$7 million. He said they city should be asking for additional property in the exchange.

MOTION: Council Member Clark made a motion to 1) adopt Resolution No. 2018R-49, approving the support for the Bullhead City land exchange with the Federal Government and authorizing City staff to engage in modifications to and implementation of the plan consistent with the agreement; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Council Member D’Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:13 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 18th day of September 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2018.

Doris Ogden, Deputy City Clerk
RSusan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk