

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 Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter  
CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden  
INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the construction contract with CEMEX Construction Materials South, LLC, of Yuma, Arizona in an amount not to exceed \$3,030,317.40 for construction of the Bullhead Parkway Extension to the New Bullhead-Laughlin Bridge and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments; or alternatively reject all bids for the project and/or discuss redefining the project and its scope, and provide staff with guidance for future actions. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said Mayor Brady and he attended the Laughlin Town Advisory Board meeting on December 11th. He said at that meeting, the Board recommended to the Clark County elected officials and the Regional Transportation Commission that the bridge project be stopped. He said since the beginning of his project, the city had committed to paying for and building the infrastructure on the Arizona side. He said the shoppers had already paid for the current road by the Target Center through a sales tax rebate infrastructure program in the amount of \$2 million. He said at the last Council meeting, another \$3 million was authorized to complete the infrastructure to the bridge landing location. He said it had always been the agreement that the Nevada infrastructure would be paid by Nevada. He said the scope, design, and cost of the bridge had changed from the time they originally had bridge builders tell them the cost would be approximately \$20 million. He said they were now finding out the price had increased to \$28 million. He said not once had there been a conversation about bringing more Arizona funding to build the bridge. He said they could also re-look at the scope and design to build a two-lane bridge. He said he thought the Nevada infrastructure was causing the issue in Nevada, but said it was mostly blamed on Arizona and Bullhead City. He said the Nevada cost of the project had increased by \$30 million. He said the project started in 2004 when an intergovernmental agreement was signed by all parties to work together on the project. He said more than \$20 million dollars in federal funding had been allocated to the project. He said the total amount spent to date by all partners was \$6.4 million. He said the city was at the point of awarding the contract for the road extension to the bridge. He said today the recommendation was to reject all bids and rebid the project. He said the city had committed to

build the 800-foot side road to the field house, but said there was no other obligation to extend the road to the river. He said the city still had a great relationship with Clark County, and said this one issue should not ruin decades of friendship. He said they would continue to meet with the partners, and said there was still optimism for the future of this project.

Council Member Clark asked if the Laughlin Town Advisory Board vote meant that Clark County would be backing out of the bridge at this time. City Manager Cotter said the ultimate decision would come down to the Clark County Board of Commissioners. He said there were times in the past when the Commissioners had agreed with the Town Board and sometimes had not. He said there were more options to work together and have additional conversations. Council Member Clark said he did not have a problem with rejecting all bids, but if they decided to move forward with the bridge and piece-meal the project, it would ultimately cost the city more. City Manager Cotter said they would look at the phasing and re-scoping of the project and come back to the Council at that time.

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

Jackie Mazzeo, President/CEO of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce, said their Chamber supported the entire Colorado River region, and said their members' goals were the same as Bullhead City's. She said the Laughlin Town Advisory Board's recommendation was not the final decision. She said the Chamber had not formally come out with a press release. She said they were excited about continuing transportation south of Laughlin. She read a statement provided at the Laughlin Town Board meeting that indicated support of the second bridge project.

Mayor Brady said this decision was going to cost the city a lot of money due to this eleventh hour delay. He said the city had already purchased \$3.1 million worth of bonds and was ready to award the contract. He said they were very disappointed that this was not brought up months ago when unnecessary costs could have been avoided. He thanked Ms. Mazzeo for the fine job they were doing.

**MOTION:** Mayor Brady made a motion to not approve the approve the construction contract with Cemex Construction Materials South, LLC, of Yuma, Arizona in an amount not to exceed \$3,030,317.40 for construction of the Bullhead Parkway Extension to the New Bullhead-Laughlin Bridge; reject all bids; and direct staff to provide guidance on all future related actions. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:55 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 12th day of December 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2019.

  
Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk