

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, April 2, 2019, 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 George Lyman of Desert Shores Community Baptist Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Wegmann 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 DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring Saturday, April 13, 2019, as “BATS Free Ride Day” in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Scott Taylor from the Anderson Auto Group. He thanked the Anderson Auto Group for their tremendous support of the community.

2. Proclamation declaring the month of April 2019 as “Autism Awareness Month” in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Geoffrey Tubbs, Director of Special Services for the Colorado River Schools. Mr. Tubbs thanked the City Council for their support.

3. Proclamation declaring the month of April 2019 as “Fair Housing Month” in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Tara McMullen, Bullhead City Housing Specialist.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Karole Finkelstein, Vice President of the Colorado River Museum, announced they were holding a Honey Baked Ham fundraiser to raise funds to build a library in the museum, and provided contact information.

Arden Lauxman said Mohave Electric Cooperation (MEC) was conducting an online survey to determine member interest in MEC conducting a broadband/internet service feasibility study for the service area. He said letters were sent to all members, both residential and business, to request they complete the survey in order to ensure their collective wishes were understood by MEC. He discussed the proposed services that could be made available to users, and said service would be provided by local members.

Pastor George Lyman invited the community to participate in a "Jump-a-thon" and taco dinner to help raise funds for their after school program. He said they would like to build a covered playground for the kids to use on the church property.

Sue DeMarco invited the community to participate in a "Bowling for Pets" event on April 6th to help raise funds for Saving Animals In Need Together, and a pet adoption event on April 13th.

Scotty McClure said he wanted to contact the Better Business Bureau to complain about some companies in the city. He asked about the benefits of the public utility easements included in Agenda Item No. 2. He asked about the reason why Arizona Corporation Commissioner Kennedy abstained from the first vote on the EPCOR consolidation, and then voted a second time against the interim rate case. He said the water provided from EPCOR was not healthy for even pets to drink.

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

#### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None

#### **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 Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Recycling Education Forums - April 3rd at Noon, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers

City Manager Cotter said Republic Services would conduct two public meetings to discuss the recycling industry, their challenges, and their proposed plan for the future of recycling.

## 2. EPCOR: Interim Rates, Valuation Study

City Manager Cotter said the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) approved the interim rates last week. He said residents and businesses should prepare for a 38 to 50 percent rate increase. He said EPCOR would file another rate case by May 1, 2020, which would most likely include more proposals for consolidation and another rate increase. He said the City Council hired a consultant to begin an evaluation study of the assets of EPCOR to determine the fair value with the goal to either purchase or condemn those assets.

City Manager Cotter responded to an earlier question brought up at the call to the public and said they had no idea as to why a Commissioner would abstain from voting and then approve the interim rates. He said that question should be directed to the ACC.

## 3. Sports Tourism

City Manager Cotter said the city was in the middle of the high season for sports tourism, and said events would be taking place throughout the next two months.

## 4. Hazardous Waste Collection Day - April 6

City Manager Cotter said people could bring their hazardous materials to the Motor Vehicle Division on Saturday for disposal at no charge.

City Manager Cotter played a video commemorating the new Firebird Field donated by Fiesta Bowl Charities and the Legacy Foundation.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Member Clark said he recently spoke at the University of Arizona and the Arizona State Senate about the water issues in Mohave County. He said they had been hearing that it looked like there would not be a water shortage declaration for next year on the Colorado River. He said the probability was high for a shortage to be declared sometime in the near future.

Mayor Brady said he was a trustee of the VFW, and said their water bill would increase by \$850 due to the recent EPCOR interim water rate increase.

Mayor Brady said Hobby Lobby had a grand opening yesterday and encouraged everyone to visit their brand new 50,000 square foot store.

Council Member D'Amico assured the public there would not be a "toll road" on the Bullhead Parkway, and said this was an April Fool's joke that someone posted online yesterday.

## **ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Agenda Item No. 2 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

**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 March 19, 2019. (City Clerk Stein)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Discussion and possible action to accept two public utility easements as shown in the Grant and Dedication Public Utility Easement Section 16, T20N, R22W, G&SRM (Bullhead City Marina Partnership) and corresponding exhibits; and to record the easements with the Mohave County Recorder's Office. (Interim Public Works Director Johnson)

Jeff Wileman, Utilities Superintendent, said the easements were located behind Safeway and separated the existing sewer line from Georgia Lane. He said the acquisition of these easements would allow the city to hook up residents living on Georgia Lane to the sewer line.

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

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Ring made a motion to accept two public utility easements as shown in the Grant and Dedication Public Utility Easement Section 16, T20N, R22W, G&SRM (Bullhead City Marina Partnership) and corresponding exhibits; and to record the easements with the Mohave County Recorder's Office. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**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**

None

**Other Business**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve revisions to the Colorado River Museum's General Plan. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dave Heath said the Museum had grown to the point where it required additional enhancements. He said the proposed plan included a fence around the entire area between the Little Red School House and the Museum. He said the fence design was consistent with the Moss Mine headframe fencing. He said the outdoor displays from the Davis Camp location would be moved to the new location. He said the fencing would also allow both the Little Red School house and the Museum to be open at the same without staffing both sides of the area. He said all of the irrigation lines would be removed between the two buildings and decomposed granite would be installed. He said a sidewalk would be installed between both buildings, and said the city would perform the concrete work for the sidewalks. He said the Parks and Recreation Commission had recommended approval.

Elsie Needles of the Colorado River Historical Society said the Museum was very popular, and said they wanted to move the mining equipment, buggies, and the old general store to the new location.

Mayor Brady asked about the cost of fencing and asked if it was affordable.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said Larry Adams indicated that the Museum had the funding to construct the fence.

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

Eva Corbett asked if additional parking for the handicapped could be provided at that location.

City Manager Cotter said they would look into adding more handicapped spaces around the Museum area.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve revisions to the Colorado River Museum's General Plan. 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 6:14 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 April 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of April 2019.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk