

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, April 16, 2019, 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, Clark, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann (via telephone)

Council Absent

D'Amico

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recycling - Follow-up discussion with the City Council after Republic Services' Recycling Educational Forums

City Manager Cotter said two public recycling educational forums were held on April 3rd and April 11th, and said approximately 100 people attended. He said Mr. Kross from Republic Services did an excellent job in educating the public regarding recycling issues.

Matt Kross, General Manager for Republic Waste Services, said this city cared about recycling, and said people were also interested in maintaining their trash rates. He said their proposal locked in the trash rates for ten years. He said the cost of recycling had increased tremendously and said recycling was not sustainable. He said recycling was not free; it would cost \$10 additional per month, but said they would get clean, durable, and sustainable recyclable materials. He said they were committed to have two recycling drop off centers.

City Manager Cotter said they had heard some negative feedback from people who wanted to recycle but not pay the additional \$10 per month.

Mayor Brady asked Mr. Kross about the materials being recycled now.

Mr. Kross said as of March 2018, the whole recycling world changed due to what happened in China. He said paper was easily contaminated and not desirable. He said corrugated cardboard, aluminum and metal, and clear and white plastics were still recyclable. He said they did not recycle glass or flexible plastics which had a negative value. He said they had to take a huge step back and retrain everyone about what is recyclable. He said plastic bags were not recyclable and should be put into the regular trash containers, not the recycling bins.

Mayor Brady asked if anyone from the public would like to speak.

Tom Hixson said a suggestion was made to form a small committee that could help with informing citizens about the proper way to recycle. He said no education on this subject had been provided over the past six years. He said as a start, educational materials should be included in the city's sewer bills and Republic Services' trash bills.

Council Member Bruck said the plan was a good one for the city because it allowed those who wanted to recycle to continue recycling under the new program.

Vice Mayor Ring agreed, and said the city should not ask Republic Services to operate at a loss.

Council Member Clark said if things changed in the future, adjustments to the program could be made going forward. He said this was a good first step for those who wanted to recycle, as well as keep the rates down for the public who did not care about recycling.

Council Member Wegmann said this was a great plan, and thanked Mr. Kross for educating the community.

Mayor Brady said he had been receiving negative feedback from many people about the \$10 fee. He said he heard suggestions about possibly offering bi-weekly recycling at a reduced rate, but said he discovered this was not an option.

Mr. Kross said he reached out to his counterparts regarding the possibility of every other week pickups. He said people call all the time telling them they missed them. He said their company policy was that they would be back within 24 hours if a customer was missed even if it was not their fault. He said the problem with an every other week pick up was that people would be confused as to what week the service would occur due to holiday schedules and those months with five Wednesdays, for example. He said all their efficiencies would go down. He said the small decrease in the rate would not be worth jeopardizing customer relationships.

Mayor Brady said he would like the public to know the City Council was working to keep the rates down for as long as possible and said they were discussing more options. He said the city could either bid out the contract at expiration or keep the same service they have now.

Mr. Kross said the City of Needles signed a 10-year contract for approximately \$21.54, the City of Kingman for trash only at \$19.84, and Lake Havasu signed a 15-year deal at \$17.20 before China stopped taking recycling. He said he was comfortable with Bullhead City's rate of \$14.99 per month. He said his company would not allow trash to subsidize recycling any more.

Mayor Brady said if they began the program immediately, people would still not understand how to properly recycle. He said he had a problem with this. He said they should delay the process in order to educate citizens the best they could in the meantime. He said citizens would need more information in order to make an educated decision whether to opt into the recycling program.

Council Member Bruck asked about the process to sign up for recycling. Mr. Kross said interested customers could contact their office or sign up online through their website. He said they could sign up at any time, but said the commitment would be for one year.

Discussion on the time frame for implementation of the recycling program ensued. Council Members agreed that a time period for educating customers on the proper way to recycle was required before implementing the new program.

Mr. Kross said his team had begun planning the execution of the program, and said implementation on September 1st would allow them enough time. He said he would need four to six weeks' notice. He said the rate reduction from \$15.16 to \$14.99 would take effect upon implementation, and then the C.P.I. annual rate increase would kick in January 1st.

City Manager Cotter said the proposal allowed residents to keep both carts they currently had, recycling customers would receive a new 96 gallon cart with educational labeling, and the bulky trash service program would continue. He said the city would receive \$100,000 from Republic Services for Coyote Pass road improvements once the contract was signed.

Mr. Kross said they saw a value in the \$100,000 because it would help protect their trash trucks from wear and tear. He said the money would be used for other road improvements if another route was made available.

City Manager Cotter said recycling customers should get one hundred percent of the benefit if commodity prices increased. He asked about the formula for doing this, and asked if the \$10 per month would be increased according to the C.P.I. or another basis.

Mr. Kross said recycling customers would receive the benefit from any commodity increase. He said their plan was to increase the recycling rates based on the C.P.I., but said the first increase would not be implemented until January 2021.

City Manager Cotter asked if Republic Services would empty the two drop off locations daily when required. He asked if Republic Services would pay for this expense. Mr. Kross said they would need to discuss this in more detail, but said the locations would need to be closed at night. He said they would commit to providing the fencing for enclosures.

The City Council took a break at 4:06 p.m. Mayor Brady reconvened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

2. Discussion and update on the Original Bullhead Revitalization projects.

City Manager Cotter said the city was working with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) on a proposed intergovernmental agreement (IGA) dealing with rights of way. He said they wanted to landscape the rights of way from Home Depot to the Post Office in Old Bullhead. He said the IGA would come before the Council at a future meeting. He said they encouraged all of the businesses to use the patriotic red, white, and blue "American Pride" theme. He said they had been working with Architect Scott Seabury on a design for the landscaping and identifying water line locations. He said palm trees would be planted along the highway, and said more projects would be announced in the near future.

City Manager Cotter said cutting and filling along the beach areas in Section 12 began yesterday that would provide additional public access. He said another project on the south end of Section 12 would begin in order to smooth the land and make it more manageable. He said almost every building was occupied from First Street to Seventh Street in Old Bullhead. He said the area was generating more income today than any other time that he could remember.

Interim Public Works Director Johnson displayed a PowerPoint presentation and explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. She said the project was federally funded through the State of Arizona Department of Housing. She said the proposed project consisted of roadway and drainage improvements in Original Bullhead City west and east of Highway 95. She said on the west side of the highway, approximately 1.1 linear miles of existing roadway would be reconstructed by milling and applying asphalt pavement, constructing new curbs and gutters, and a five-foot sidewalk to First, Second, and Third Streets. She said on the east side of the highway, micro surfacing would be applied to Lee, Rio, and Ripple. She said Lee Avenue would also receive a new five-foot sidewalk on the west side. She said ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) would be constructed at all intersections where new sidewalks were installed.

Council Member Clark asked if the city had done any more work on the zoning for the area. City Manager Cotter said they were currently working on the commercial aspect, but said the Planning Department had begun to work on the zoning aspect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Ring made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 4:35 p.m. Council Member Shutts seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Clark declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from the Executive Session.

3. Discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) concerning ongoing valuation of EPCOR's water utility assets related to Bullhead City operations.

Council Member Clark re-joined the special meeting at 4:46 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Shutts made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 4:46 p.m. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

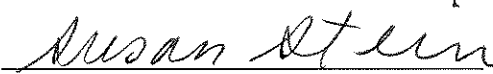
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 4:46 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 16th day of April 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of May 2019.


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, April 19, 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 Rev. Brandon Larson of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Vice Mayor Ring 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

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

John Sullivan invited the public to attend the "Living Last Supper" Good Friday program presented by the First Baptist Church of Fort Mohave on April 19th.

Royanne Ortiz said she became educated on the dedicated water lines within the city. She said she hoped the city would condemn the EPCOR Water System as quickly as possible.

Scotty McClure said the dump in Laughlin accepted landscaping materials from Bullhead City residents. He said Arizona Corporation Commissioner Olson voted against the EPCOR interim rate case, and said he would like the ACC to provide some explanations to the public. He suggested the city hire a company to perform pressure tests on the water lines.

Ed Catalfamo invited the public to attend the grand opening of the Anderson Auto Group Field House scheduled for May 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

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. Gary Keith Park Presentation regarding Facility Upgrades

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dave Heath said progress was being made at Gary Keith Park. He said they had removed the old landscaping surrounding the park, poured concrete for the path at the north end, ran conduit for lighting, installed irrigation and power lines, planted shrubs and trees along the path and perimeter, and began construction on the rest rooms. He said future plans would include grass, shade structures, and a stage. He said the city was working closely with the Gary Keith Park Committee throughout each phase of this project.

2. EPCOR Interim Rates and Valuation Study

City Manager Cotter said EPCOR's interim rates were now in effect. He said the rates would appear as a surcharge in amounts from \$8.43 to \$8.88 based on usage. He said EPCOR was anticipated to file an order with the ACC for another consolidation and rate increase case in May 2020. He said the current rate increase would cost the city an additional \$150,000 per year for municipal water consumption, and said local corporations would see drastic increases as well. He said the city did everything it could to fight the rate increase since last year. He said the Council had authorized an evaluation study that would result in a valuation of EPCOR's assets which could ultimately result in a condemnation of those assets.

3. Census 2020

City Manager Cotter played a video promoting the 2020 Census. He said the census was a year away and was one of his biggest concerns. He said in March 2020, the Census Bureau would mail a request to every home for residents to go on line and enter the number of people living in the house. He said only a small percentage of people would actually respond to this request. He said a full, complete, and accurate census count was critical in order to maintain the same level of revenue over the next ten years. He said the city would lose millions of dollars in revenue without a complete count. He said they would have to work very hard to get 40,525 or more residents counted by May 2020. He urged anyone with ideas on how to count people to contact the city.

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 3 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 April 2, 2019. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Approval of Resolution No. 2019R-11 authorizing the abandonment of the east 314 feet of a 30-foot alley and rededicating the same as a public utility easement within Block 1 of the Holiday Shores, Unit 7, Tract 1155 subdivision, Section 18, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Wiltse)
3. Adoption of Resolution No. 2019R-12 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between Bullhead City and Mohave County for the purpose of continuing Mohave County administration of the Housing Assistance Programs within Bullhead City in the amount of \$3,500.00 annually through June 30, 2021. (Human Services Director Tipton)

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

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with McCormick Construction Co. for the Original Bullhead Roadway Improvements Project (alternate) Project No. 17-E-016 in an amount not to exceed \$1,073,477.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. (Interim Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said the Council held a workshop that afternoon to discuss this project. Interim Public Works Director Johnson said the project was federally funded through the State of Arizona Department of Housing. She said the proposed project consisted of roadway and drainage improvements in Original Bullhead City west and east of Highway 95. She said on the west side of the highway, approximately 1.1 linear miles of existing roadway would be reconstructed by milling and applying asphalt pavement, constructing new curbs and gutters, and a five-foot sidewalk. She said on the east side of the highway, micro surfacing would be applied to several streets. She said Lee Avenue would receive a new five-foot sidewalk on one side. She said ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act would be constructed at all intersections where new sidewalks were installed.

Interim Public Works Director Johnson said bids were advertised on March 15, 22, and 29, 2019, with the bid opening on April 5, 2019. She said 264 vendors were notified and 53 vendors accessed and/or downloaded the bid documents. She said two bids were submitted. She said staff recommended awarding McCormick Construction Co. of Bullhead City, Arizona, the construction contract for the project, and selected the alternate bid in the amount of \$1,073,477. She said \$170,000 would be expensed from Flood Control funds, \$667,271 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and \$236,206 from the Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF).

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

Royanne Ortiz said she would like to see line item bids.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the contract with McCormick Construction Co. for the Original Bullhead Roadway Improvements Project (alternate) Project No. 17-E-016 in an amount not to exceed \$1,073,477.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Installation of Electrical Components Wastewater Lift Station 16-2 with TLL Electric, Inc., of Mesa, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed \$80,668.00; and authorize the City Manager's execution of the agreement and approval of resultant payments. (Interim Public Works Director Johnson)

Utilities Superintendent Jeff Wileman said the purchase of the equipment was awarded in February 2019, and said the proposed contract included the installation of that equipment. He said at the end of 2018, a programmable logic controller enclosure was designed and built to replace the existing failing equipment that was part of the motor control center. He said a new building was also purchased in 2018 to house the new motor control center and logic controller. He said the new motor control center contained all electrical motor controls for the pumps within the two wet wells at the site. He said funding was approved in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects budget.

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 approve the Agreement for Installation of Electrical Components Wastewater Lift Station 16-2 with TLL Electric, Inc., of Mesa, Arizona, in an amount not to exceed \$80,668.00; and authorize the City Manager's execution of the agreement and approval of resultant payments. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

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Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

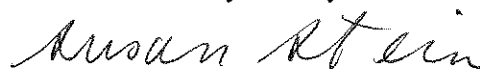
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

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Dated this 7th day of May 2019.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk