

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 2, 2020, 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 Vice Mayor Wegmann to deliver the invocation. Mayor Brady led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson (via Zoom conference)

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera (via Zoom conference)

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson (via Zoom conference)

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton (via Zoom conference)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom (via Zoom conference)

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Eva Corbett asked if people were allowed to go about their regular routines after 8:00 p.m. during the curfew.

Royanne Ortiz said a projectile had broken the window at the Republican Headquarters in Bullhead City. She said the GOP picnic would be held on July 18th in Hualapai Mountain Park. She said the city was not telling the truth about closing the rest rooms upon an order from the Governor.

Barbara Pape said the city's homeless situation was getting out of hand. She asked the City Council to consider the community's request to solve the homeless problem.

Harvey Pryor suggested painting a minion on the city's new odor control system on Hancock Road. He suggested clearing some easements behind properties to create a nature trail for the community. Scotty McClure said the handicapped parking situation at Safeway needed to be addressed, and said additional spaces should be provided. He said some of the city's sidewalks were buckling.

Nick Parsons said the state and city were doing a great job in handling the COVID-19 crisis. He said additional social services were required in order to combat the criminal element in the community.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Wegmann made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Cotter said the community had a history of being diverse and inclusive. He said they would enforce the intent of the Governor's curfew declaration, but this would not impact the regular routines of residents and visitors to go about their daily business. He said it was a tool to use if needed. He said this community loved the Police Department and said officers had already received additional training. He said the city supported the rights of the protestors, but would not tolerate any non-peaceful acts.

Mayor Brady said they would use the curfew only as an additional enforcement tool should rioting or destruction happen in the community.

1. COVID-19 Update

City Manager Cotter said COVID-19 has been an issue since March. He said they had been doing everything they could to protect the community, but there was some community spread. He said they would bring on a staff member with public health experience to help the city and serve as an information source. He said the Mohave County Dept. of Public Health did what they could do, but more was needed than providing guidance. He said the first city employee has COVID-19, and said he did not want to see any more city employees or public service members having to stay home sick instead of serving the community. He urged everyone to be careful in the next few weeks as the virus was spreading in the community.

City Manager Cotter said they did everything possible to keep the public bathrooms open as long as possible. He said when the Governor's order called for the closure of parks and public bathrooms, they closed them. He said the city complied until written guidance was received from the County Attorney to re-open them.

2. Census 2020

City Manager Cotter said the federal government planned to have representatives going out into the community as of August 11th, potentially going door to door. He said 41 percent of the community had not yet been counted, and said they had to work really hard. He said the census count deadline had been extended to October 2020.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

None

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Bruck 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. Vice Mayor 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 Special Council Meeting held on May 12, 2020; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 19, 2020. (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 adopt Resolution No. 2020R-23 authorizing the implementation of amendments to the City/Developer relationship in regards to the construction of the Holiday Inn Express development in the vicinity of 1300 Silver Creek Road. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the resolution would authorize the implementation of the city/developer relationship to remove the convention center from this project. He said this was the culmination of the developer's request to remove the convention center as the construction costs had increased for this type of facility as well as the recent completion of the Field House that could provide a similar venue. He said the Council also wanted to have more leverage to insure the project was completed, and said it was the developer's expressed desire to complete the hotel.

City Attorney Emery said it was recommended that the City Manager and staff be authorized to proceed with modifying the leases to provide for the removal of the conference center obligation and allow the conversion of that parcel to be utilized for other associated hotel development purposes.

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

Royanne Ortiz said she was disappointed the Council made the decision to remove the convention center. She said all of the existing venues in the city did not have kitchens and any food had to be catered.

Eva Corbett asked if the swimming pool would be built at the hotel. City Manager Cotter said the pool was still a part of the agreement.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020R-23 authorizing the implementation of amendments to the City/Developer relationship in regards to the construction of the Holiday Inn Express development in the vicinity of 1300 Silver Creek Road. Vice Mayor Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

3. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2020R-24 adopting the tentative budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for the fiscal year 2020-2021; 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)

City Manager Cotter said the final budget meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m. on June 16th. He said by adopting the tentative budget, the Council would set the maximum “limits” for expenditures for fiscal year 2020-2021. He said once the tentative budget was adopted, the expenditures could not be increased upon final adoption but they could be decreased. He said some of the funding in this year’s budget included construction of the second bridge, taking over the water company, body cameras for the Police Department, and funding for all of the current programs in the community. He said about \$3 million was deferred until the funds became available.

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

Barbara Pape asked if public budget presentations would be scheduled. City Manager Cotter said the Council held a budget work session on May 12th when they reviewed the entire budget with each department. He said each line item in the annual budget could be viewed on the city’s website.

Mayor Brady said the website included a search tool that was very helpful in reviewing the budget document.

Scotty McClure said he hoped the body camera program could receive some grant funding. He asked if budget cuts would be made if the economy made a downturn. He said he would like to see EPCOR funds put into a special account instead of sending the money to Canada.

MOTION: Council Member D’Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020R-24 adopting the tentative budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for the fiscal year 2020-2021; 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. Vice Mayor Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

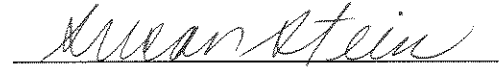
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 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 June 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of June 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Stein", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk