

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 Joint Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Brummett, Clark, D'Amico, Wegmann, Zehri

Council Absent

None

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Present

Craig Cox

Jack Hakim

Gary Shapiro

Terry Shurte

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent

Alicia Bell

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

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**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1. Joint Meeting with the Bullhead City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the Arizona State Parks and Trails Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Opportunities.

City Manager Cotter said in 2010, the Council looked at the city's future and ways to promote economic growth and stimulate the economy. He said their dream of sports tourism as an economic model was now bringing tens of millions into the community. He said over the past few years, they had discussed the concept of OHV recreation in order to bring more business and tourism to the community.

Human Services Director Tipton provided a presentation on the growing popularity of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV). He said outdoor recreation generated \$21.1 billion annually in Arizona and OHV accounted for \$3 to \$4 billion. He said the average OHV rider was in their 50's, traveled in a group of six or more, and spent four or more days on trails. He said motorized trail use had increased since 2003 and was expected to continue through 2025. He said the new trend was trail riding as a family activity, and amenity and service needs for OHV recreation would expand in communities near OHV trails.

Human Services Director Tipton said the Arizona Peace Trail and the Sun Corridor Trail traveled through Bullhead City. He said the Arizona Peace Trail was a 675-mile adventure in Western Arizona that spanned three counties: Mohave, LaPaz, and Yuma. He said as OHV popularity continued to grow, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. (AZGFD) decided to take advantage of all the open desert, thousands of miles of old mining roads and other dirt roads to develop a connector trail between Bullhead City and Yuma. He said two OHV clubs, Arizona Sun Riders ATV Club of Quartzite and Bouse Ghost Riders ATV Club were working on recreation opportunities with the hope of attracting more winter visitors to their own small towns. He said in the early fall of 2013, Bouse Ghost Riders and the Arizona Sun Riders of Quartzite teamed up with BLM and AZGFD and saw an opportunity to combine their efforts into a single trail system, thus creating the Arizona Peace Trail. He said in January 2014, the team had recruited 14 different OHV clubs and formed a non-profit status to begin mapping out the trail system. He said the objective was to promote tourism in Western Arizona, create trailheads and staging areas for OHV riders, and to be recognized as a National Recreation Trail.

Human Services Director Tipton said Bullhead City was the hotspot for sports tourism in the Southwest and was considered the retail hub for Mohave County. He said OHV was a booming opportunity as there were large areas of open desert, an abundance of old mining roads, support from BLM and Arizona State parks, millions of people were already visiting the area, businesses selling and renting ATVs/UTVs, formation of off-road riding clubs and a trend toward family off-road activities. He said the growing popularity of OHV use was quickly creating a need for designated parks and staging areas, restrooms, picnic areas, shade structures, and access to fuel, food and services. He said a survey of 500 riders found that accommodations, camping and campgrounds were preferred. He said important services to riders were fuel, restrooms, parking/trailhead, food/drink, visitor information center, repair/tire shops, and retail and sporting goods stores.

Human Services Director Tipton said the Arizona grant programs included the Off Highway Vehicle Recreation funds collected from a 0.55 percent tax on motor fuel and 60 percent of the \$25 OHV "indi" sticker revenue. He said approximately \$1.5 million was available annually for OHV projects.

City Manager Cotter said they would look at some potential locations and future projects to service this industry in the area. He said three businesses were currently selling these types of vehicles in the community.

Mayor Brady said this would be a big opportunity for Arizona and Bullhead City, and said there were two OHV trails that would become nationally known. He said the area at Silver Creek and Highway 95 was being considered for a staging area when the city owned the land. He asked if this was the optimum location for the start of the Peace Trail, or should it go further up Silver Creek. He said in the near future, the corner would be a good location for parking; but did not think it would be the best location for the future staging area. He said he envisioned the development to include a campground with secure facilities, RV sites, and long term storage. He said he would like to see a future gas station at the Silver Creek and Highway 95 intersection that would provide fuel and supplies for OHV riders. He said coming from a Parks and Recreation background, he had written grants using OHV funds in the Hualapai Mountain Park. He said he was all in favor of this and wanted to do it right. He said it was a little premature to apply for a grant as the city did not currently have control of any land in the Silver Creek area. He said they needed to have discussions

with the BLM about possible sites they could use for free, private land owners to purchase land, and form a committee with one or two Council Members, a Parks and Rec Commission Member, OHV clubs and city staff to discuss their options.

City Manager Cotter said there was no plan in place at this time and they did not have to solve anything today.

Parks and Recreation Chairman Hakim said he was in support of the concept. He said the city first had discussions about this in 2005; but now it looked like the project could finally move forward. He said many residents and visitors enjoyed this popular activity and the city should capitalize on this.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Shurte spoke in support of the project. She said there were many more trails to explore, and said the trails needed to be marked. She suggested looking into the trails off of Joy Lane in Fort Mohave. She said she agreed the Silver Creek intersection would be a good starting point for parking, but they needed to look at other locations for a future permanent staging area.

Parks and Recreation Vice Chairman Shapiro said he was in support of the project. He said he agreed that a committee with stakeholders should be set up in order to move forward with the project, facilitate the demand, and help it grow.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Cox said he was definitely in favor of this idea. He said he assumed the current construction work at the wash near Silver Creek was for flood control.

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

Vice Mayor D'Amico asked when the application was due.

Human Services Director Tipton said there was no deadline as it was an open grant.

Mayor Brady said he thought the deadline was April, but grants could be submitted throughout the year. He said he would be hesitant to push it for the April deadline.

Human Services Director Tipton said the city had to have control of a location before applying for any OHV grant.

City Manager Cotter said it looked like this fund would grow through the next decade.

Council Member Clark asked if the grant funds could be used for planning.

City Manager Cotter said the funds could not go towards consultants for planning, but could be used for the purchase of land, and the design and engineering of that location.

Council Member Clark said he agreed with Mayor Brady that a location for the staging area be constructed further off of the parkway. He said BLM Section 6 on the Parkway had some great trails that led to the interconnecting routes. He said the city could perhaps lease some private land and charge a parking fee to pay for that lease.

City Manager Cotter said BLM would approve the city's application for land use in a heartbeat if it applied for recreational purposes. He said the city had maintained its three miles on Silver Creek Road and the county maintained its six miles to Oatman.

Vice Mayor D'Amico asked if the east side of Section 12 was considered for the OHV staging area.

City Manager Cotter said that was another option that could be looked at.

Mayor Brady said he thought that Davis Camp would be another good location but currently there was no easy way for OHVs to cross Highway 68.

Council Member Brummett said this was an exciting opportunity. She asked if the city could construct a day use parking area without using grant funding. She said she agreed that a committee with all stakeholders should be formed for planning purposes.

City Manager Cotter said the city could do things without the grant, and said there were short-term options before coming up with a long term solution.

Council Member Zehri said this was a very good project for the city's future. He said the project should be done in phases and the final location should be east of the Parkway. He said he agreed that a committee should be formed soon to start the process.

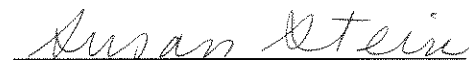
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brady declared the special joint meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the special joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 2nd day of March 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of March 2021.



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### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bruck made a motion to withdraw Agenda Item No. 3 for additional discussion and consideration; and directed the City Manager to form a work group. Council Member Clark seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Brummett, Clark, D'Amico, Zehri NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Wegmann

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **WAIVER MOTION**

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

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Brummett, Clark, D'Amico, Zehri NAYS: None  
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**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### 1. COVID-19

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#### 2. Legislative Update

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### 4. Census 2020 Update

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

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Council Member Clark said Governor Ducey re-appointed him to serve on the Arizona Water Bank Commission for another six-year term.

### **ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **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. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Brummett, Clark, D'Amico, Zehri NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Wegmann

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 16, 2021; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 16, 2021. (City Clerk Stein)

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

None

### **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Brummett, Clark, D'Amico, Zehri NAYS: None  
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**MOTION CARRIED**



**Other Business**

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-07 authorizing submission and acceptance of a grant from the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund for the development of an off-highway vehicle staging area in the vicinity of Silver Creek Road and the Bullhead Parkway. (Human Services Director Tipton)

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**COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS**

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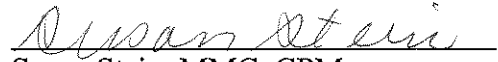
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 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 March 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of March 2021.

  
Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk