

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, May 4, 2021, 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 Bill Jones of Bethel Community Church to deliver the invocation. Vice Mayor D'Amico led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

Vacant Seat

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera (via Zoom conference)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton (via Zoom conference)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: S. Chooniyom (via Zoom conference)

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Larry Tunfors invited the public to attend the Nola Charles golf tournament fund raising event. He said he was opposed to the road going through Community Park. He suggested installing a booth by the road or having a locals-only parking area. He said there had to be a better solution.

Harvey Pryor said he would like the Council to request the Arizona Legislature to pass a law requiring all watercraft and personal watercraft operators to provide proof of liability insurance if they were launching within the State of Arizona. He said he had contacted the State Legislators.

Nick Parsons suggested creating a cove in order to provide a safe swimming area with a no-wake zone at the south end of the river by the wash. He said it might solve a lot of safety problems on the river. He asked if city awards could be placed in the trophy cases.

Tami Ring invited citizens to support the police and participate in the "Back the Blue" caravan to be held on May 15th.

Scotty McClure said there was a new requirement to dial the 928 area code when calling every phone number in the county. He asked if the city would incur additional costs to re-program all of the phone numbers for alarms and other systems.

Ivy Yeomans said homeless persons were living in the area near the apartments on Gemstone. She requested the Homeless Shelter to stay open at night as some people were expiring due to the heat.

Grace Hecht provided information on city clean-up events and other activities taking place in the next few weeks.

Sue Demarco said that Saving Animals In Need Together continued their efforts to save many animals that needed foster and permanent homes. She invited the public to attend their Cinco de Mayo fundraising event.

Eva Corbett said the “National Day of Prayer” would be recognized at The Way Christian Church on May 6th.

Billy Pershing said the Bullhead City Conservatives group would meet at the public library on May 15th.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

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 Wegmann seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Brummett, D’Amico, Wegmann, Zehri NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. COVID-19

City Manager Cotter said there had been an increase in positivity testing but the overall positivity for COVID cases had decreased. He said COVID vaccinations were available throughout the community.

2. New Bridge, \$4.5 million Partnership with Clark County

City Manager Cotter said the Clark County Commission approved the bridge construction project today. He said the bridge would be a 5-span, 724-foot long concrete bridge over the Colorado River. He said the construction calendar was 730 days and the project would begin in earnest this fall. He said the city had a great partnership with Clark County.

3. New Trail between Laughlin Bridge and Davis Dam

City Manager Cotter said significant progress had been made on the new trail on the Arizona side. He said the Bureau of Reclamation acquired a \$6 plus million grant; with the city's help, using funds from the State of Nevada. He said they looked forward to holding a grand opening in the near future.

4. Boating Safety Program, Summer Lifeguard Program

City Manager Cotter said the police boat patrol was out working on the river. He said unfortunately there had been three significant accidents on the river this year. He said it was critical that PWC operators watched the consumer safety video and signed the safety form in order to reduce accidents on the river. He said lifeguards would begin working on Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer months.

5. City Street Pavement and Revitalization Program

City Manager Cotter said the Public Works team completed the maintenance program on about 33.5 percent of city streets this year, which was a record for the city. He said staff would discontinue performing street maintenance during the summer heat.

6. Water System Acquisition and Staffing

City Manager Cotter said the city was seriously preparing to take over EPCOR's water assets. He said three individuals were hired to lead the city's new Utilities Division: Jigar Shah, City Engineer/Assistant Utilities Director; Marti Blad, Deputy Utilities Director; and former Council Member Mark R. Clark as Utilities Director. He said the city would have the finest utilities team in the state and across the country. He said Mr. Clark resigned from the City Council on May 2nd. He said the City Code would dictate the process in order to fill the Council vacancy.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Zehri thanked Mark Clark for his service to the community. He said the White Night fundraiser was successful, and congratulated Judge Gurtler on his retirement. He discussed significant holidays in the month of May.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion that Items No. 1 and 2 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, D'Amico, Wegmann, Zehri 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 20, 2021. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Approval of the "Termination of Property Escrow Agreement" releasing the property escrow agreement for Laredo Canyon Trails at Fox Creek, Tract 5192, Unit 2 (Mohave County Recorder Fee No. 2020016589), in lieu of public improvement assurances posted through cash bond. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

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

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-20 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Bullhead City Elementary School District #15 and the City of Bullhead City for the utilization of a School Resource Officer; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. (Police Chief Trebes)

Agenda Item No. 3 was tabled until the May 18, 2021, regular Council meeting. There was no discussion on this item.

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-21 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District and the City of Bullhead City for the disbursement and use of funds for flood control projects within Bullhead City during year 2021-2022. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said this item represented the annual flood control allocation agreement with Mohave County. He said these funds were a portion of the flood control money the county collected from property taxes and shared with the cities each year to allow cities to perform flood control work. He said a large flood control project was currently being performed on the Parkway.

Council Member Zehri said the city averaged six inches of rain each year. He said citizens expected to see more flood control work performed throughout the city with the tax funds collected. He asked about the last time the flood control assessment was updated.

City Manager Cotter said a portion of the funds was used to hire consultants to review the future projects. He said the city recently invested millions of dollars on the Chaparral Wash project.

Public Works Director Johnson said they looked at re-mapping each year and chose the projects that would be of the best use and help the highest number of citizens. She said engineers were currently working on a future flood control project in Palo Verde Meadows.

Council Member Zehri asked how the projects were selected.

City Manager Cotter said staff could provide a comprehensive presentation on flood control projects at the next Council meeting as they were not prepared to provide the information at this meeting.

Council Member Zehri asked about the projects included in the localized projects list.

Public Works Director Johnson said localized projects were spread throughout the community and most of them were in the desert, retaining walls, and washes. She said the city performed flood control work all the time.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-21 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District and the City of Bullhead City for the disbursement and use of funds for flood control projects within Bullhead City during year 2021-2022. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

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Other Business

5. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-22 in support of Federal legislation known as the “Downwinders Parity Act of 2021.” (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the Council adopted a similar resolution a few years ago.

Mayor Brady said Mohave County Supervisor Jean Bishop asked the cities of Lake Havasu, Kingman and Bullhead City to pass a resolution in support of the Downwinders Parity Act of 2021. He said the County approved the same resolution on May 3rd. He said the proposed bill ensured justice and provided assistance to county “downwinders” exposed to governmental radiation testing.

Council Member Zehri thanked Congressmen Gosar and Stanton for supporting this legislation. He said he, as a physician, was in 100 percent support of this bill.

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

Harvey Pryor spoke in support of the legislation.

Scotty McClure spoke in support of the legislation.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-22 in support of Federal legislation known as the “Downwinders Parity Act of 2021.” Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Brummett, D’Amico, Wegmann, Zehri NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of another artist to complete the mural and authorize staff to use the Municipal Art Fund to pay the artist to complete the project within the original budget authorized. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this was a request for the City Council to approve the use of another artist to complete the mural. He said the property owner was not pleased with the overall look of the font used or the design of the flag. He said the continuation of the project would be funded out of the City’s Municipal Art Fund.

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

Scotty McClure said he believed in separation of church and state. He said more tax dollars were being used for this mural and said the owners should pay to paint their wall.

Mayor Brady said this project was to improve the old mural. He said the city had worked with the property owner to bring art to the community.

Billy Pershing spoke in support of the improvements to the mural.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the use of another artist to complete the mural and authorize staff to use the Municipal Art Fund to pay the artist to complete the project within the original budget authorized. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

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COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 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 4th day of May 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of May 2021.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk