

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 1, 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 Tim Eighmy from Community Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Bruck led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, D'Amico, Wegmann, Zehri

Council Absent

Brummett

Vacant Seat

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee thanked the city for their efforts to provide drive-in movies in Rotary Park by June 20th.

David Litchie said his vehicle was damaged by the wet slurry on the roads. He said the work performed by the street maintenance crew was sloppy.

Donna Doyle said she represented Savings Animals In Need Together. She asked for clarification on the city's response policy for emergency animal calls after hours.

Erin Taylor Cook said she was an outreach coordinator for First Things First. She presented an award to Grace Hecht to recognize her numerous efforts that helped improve the community.

Grace Hecht invited the public to attend the Family Fun Festival to be held on June 5th at the Anderson Auto Group Field House. She discussed the events that would take place during the festival.

Harvey Pryor said the jetski rental companies took over the public boat ramp in Community Park last weekend. He asked if the city could assign an employee to help coordinate the chaos at the boat ramp.

Scotty McClure asked if EPCOR water customers would receive the same discounts when the city took over the water system.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend a Town Hall on June 3rd and 4th at the public library regarding the Mohave County budget.

Billy Pershing invited the public to attend the Bullhead City Conservatives meeting on June 19th at the public library.

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, D'Amico, Wegmann, Zehri NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Brummett

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### 1. Introduction of the City's New Utility Department

Utilities Director Mark Clark, Deputy Utilities Director Marti Blad, City Engineer/Assistant Utilities Director Jigar Shah, Wastewater Operations Manager Jason Dukek, and Public Works Operations Manager Ryan Farnell introduced themselves to the community. They provided brief descriptions of their professional background and education.

Council Member Zehri congratulated the city for their efforts in hiring the utility employees. He asked about the plan for water conservation and improving water quality.

City Manager Cotter said the city could not guarantee water improvements anytime soon until they could take over the system and improve the conveyance of water. He said the Council would address the rates and water quality in the future.

Utilities Director Clark said the city had been spending \$200,000 in water conservation programs over the past few years, and said the city had been saving water through these efforts. He said the water was safe to drink in Bullhead City.

2. EPCOR Condemnation

City Manager Cotter said the city now had the staff to take over the water system. He said they would start the process of moving some EPCOR employees to city employment. He said according to Judge Gurtler's decision, upon the posting of an \$80 million bond, the city would take immediate possession of the water utility system.

3. Marina Blvd./Highway 95 Right Turn Lane

City Manager Cotter said the Arizona Department of Transportation would begin working on June 7th to construct a right turn lane from Highway 95 to Marina Blvd.

4. Budget Process

City Manager Cotter said a special budget meeting would be held on June 15th to approve the final budget. He said public comment would be heard at that meeting and tonight under the tentative budget agenda item.

5. Summer Boating Safety

City Manager Cotter said the city responded to 41 incidents along the river last weekend. He said it was important to keep residents and visitors safe. He said there would be a heavy police presence on the river and the beaches on the weekends.

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

Council Member Wegmann welcomed the utilities department employees and said they were an asset to the community.

Mayor Brady thanked the volunteers that worked so hard on Proposition 415 in order to acquire EPCOR. He said this was the proper decision for the future of the city.

**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. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2021. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2021R-33 authorizing the submittal of a grant application in the amount of a \$3,500 reimbursement for the purchase of bulletproof vests; and authorizing the Chief of Police to prepare and execute all documentation required by the U. S. Department of Justice. (Police Chief Trebes)

**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 authorize the purchase of an Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device with Material Handling and 48 ft. Boom Lift Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona, utilizing Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing Contract #012418-ALT, in the amount of \$152,349.00 plus applicable taxes of \$11,578.52, and shipping of \$4,199.00, for a total of \$168,126.52 as presented; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract with all required accompanying documentation; and to approve the purchase order and resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this lift truck would replace the current unit which was a 2007 Chevrolet one-ton with 116,418 miles. She said the replacement lift truck had a higher reach of 59 feet which would give access to all street lights, including the lights on Hancock Road and Highway 95. She said the current truck would be used in the parks for tree trimming and maintenance of parking lot lighting.

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 authorize the purchase of an Articulating Telescopic Aerial Device with Material Handling and 48 ft. Boom Lift Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona, utilizing Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing Contract #012418-ALT, in the amount of \$152,349.00 plus applicable taxes of \$11,578.52, and shipping of \$4,199.00, for a total of \$168,126.52 as presented; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract with all required accompanying documentation; and to approve the purchase order and resultant payments. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of two (2) Ver-Mac PCMS-3812 Solar Message Boards with Trailers from Tapco, Inc. of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, utilizing Omnia Partners (formerly US Communities) Cooperative Purchasing Contract #2020-200 in the total amount of \$39,510.72; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase order and any resulting paperwork. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said the message boards would alert drivers to upcoming road work, traffic hazards, and special events. She said they would replace two arrow boards that were 22 years old. She said the new boards were also equipped with radar detectors and remote connectivity capabilities. She said this request would also increase the efficiency of traffic control.

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

Eva Corbett suggested the boards be used on Bullhead Parkway to warn drivers about the burros.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to authorize the purchase of two (2) Ver-Mac PCMS-3812 Solar Message Boards with Trailers from Tapco, Inc. of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, utilizing Omnia Partners (formerly US Communities) Cooperative Purchasing Contract #2020-200 in the total amount of \$39,510.72; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase order and any resulting paperwork. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase and delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite 12.5% from Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. for wastewater treatment facilities for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$62,100.00 plus applicable taxes; and to authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item was for the purchase of chlorine to be used at the city's wastewater treatment plants.

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

Steven Lee asked if there were side effects from the use of chlorine to treat water.

Utilities Director Clark said the chemicals would be used at the wastewater treatment plants. He said some people were susceptible to chlorine but the concentration level was very low.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the purchase and delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite 12.5% from Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. for wastewater treatment facilities for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$62,100.00 plus applicable taxes; and to authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents and approve resultant payments. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-34 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District, the City of Bullhead City, and the Arizona State Land Department for the clean-up and periodic maintenance of a portion of Fox Wash located on land managed by the Arizona State Land Department. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said accumulated sediment would be cleaned, allowing Fox Wash to flow more efficiently to the south and restore historic flow patterns. She said this would decrease the flood risk for the neighboring residential properties to the north. She displayed maps of the Palo Verde Meadows subdivision and said the work would remove all the properties from the flood plain.

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

Billy Pershing asked about the cost of the project.

Public Works Director Johnson said there was no cost to the city.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bruck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-34 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District, the City of Bullhead City, and the Arizona State Land Department for the clean-up and periodic maintenance of a portion of Fox Wash located on land managed by the Arizona State Land Department. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement with JE Fuller Hydrology & Geomorphology, Inc. of Tempe, Arizona in an amount not to exceed \$47,701.50, for the design of an extension of the existing box culvert under SR 95 for Secret Pass Wash; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and take all actions consistent with its implementation. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said this work would allow the city to install culverts for access to the southern beaches at Community Park. He said this had been a high priority for the Council and said approval of this item would begin the process with the design contract, preparation of the construction bid documents, and post-design services.

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

Eva Corbett asked if the culvert could be used to allow animals to cross underneath the highway.

City Manager Cotter said currently there were two culverts that allowed pedestrians to cross underneath the highway.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve an agreement with JE Fuller Hydrology & Geomorphology, Inc. of Tempe, Arizona in an amount not to exceed \$47,701.50, for the design of an extension of the existing box culvert under SR 95 for Secret Pass Wash; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and take all actions consistent with its implementation. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Other Business**

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-12 repealing City Code Section 2.52, and approving the “Water Resources Advisory Committee Code Amendment 2021,” and approving Resolution No. 2021R-35 declaring the amendment a public record. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the committee was originally formed to assist the city with potential water acquisition and allocation issues. He said the city had essentially concluded its active water acquisition activities and had a sizeable water portfolio. He said with the recent formation of the city’s water department, the functions served by the committee would be performed by water utility management staff in the future.

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

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor D’Amico made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-12 repealing City Code Section 2.52, and approving the “Water Resources Advisory Committee Code Amendment 2021,” and approving Resolution No. 2021R-35 declaring the amendment a public record. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a replacement member, selected by Council Member Bruck, to serve on the City Council Vacancy Nominating Committee. (City Clerk Stein)

Council Member Bruck said she had selected Ken Parrillo to replace Judy Musselwhite who was not able to serve on the committee.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor D’Amico made a motion to approve replacement member Ken Parrillo, selected by Council Member Bruck, to serve on the City Council Vacancy Nominating Committee. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

10. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-36 adopting the Tentative Budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for the fiscal year 2021-2022; 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 by adopting the tentative budget, the Council was setting the maximum limits for expenditures for fiscal year 2021-2022. He said once the tentative budget was adopted, expenditures may not be increased upon final adoption; however, they may be decreased. He said after the Council met at the budget work sessions, \$1,184,372 was added to the budget for revenue from the Federal Economic Development American Rescue Plan Act, and \$337,000 in Capital Improvements for fencing at Community Park. He said they added a second grant coordinator position (temporary) to assist the city in administrating upcoming grant applications.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Dan Alfonzo said he watched the entire budget work session. He said the city was facing a task to pay for the influx of immigrants coming through the border. He said the situation would need to be funded and coordinated with the state and federal government.

Scotty McClure said the drainage situation at Miracle Mile needed additional funding. He said the Transit Department had to fix some things, answer their phones, and needed a full-time employee. He said he thought \$140,000 was too much money to spend on a veterinarian.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said currently the city was paying \$60,000 for a veterinarian and sending animals to Kingman for shots and spay and neutering. He said those costs would go away when the city had its own veterinarian.

Barbara Pape said she previously served on the Bullhead Area Transit System Commission and said staff was very good at the time she had worked with them.

Having no one else requesting to speak, Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-36 adopting the Tentative Budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for the fiscal year 2021-2022; 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. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 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 1st day of June 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of June 2021.

  
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Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk