

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, June 15, 2021, 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, Brummett, D'Amico, Wegmann, Zehri

Council Absent

Vacant Seat

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Discussion regarding establishing term limits for the Mayor and City Council, establishing language for a ballot initiative, and calling an election setting the matter for the vote of the City's qualified electors.

City Manager Cotter said the Council had a previous discussion on this subject at the May 18, 2021 Council meeting. He said the purpose of this meeting was to obtain comments and direction in order to possibly craft an ordinance establishing the proposed language for a ballot initiative. He said a resolution would call an election setting the matter for a vote of the city's qualified electors.

Mayor Brady said Council Member Zehri and he had requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. He said two years ago, the Legislature passed a law allowing the voters to decide on term limits through a ballot initiative. He said either citizens could collect 1,184 valid signatures to place an initiative on a ballot, or the City Council could vote to place an initiative on the ballot. He said he would like to discuss what the term limits should be. He said he originally suggested that no person shall serve as mayor for more than two elected consecutive terms, and no person shall serve as councilmember for more than two elected consecutive terms; and no person shall serve in any combination of councilmember or mayor for more than a total of three elected terms. He provided some research he conducted online of what other cities did regarding the decision on term limits at their local elections.

Council Member Zehri said many professionals were jumping into politics as a second career. He said people run for election in this community to make a difference. He provided a PowerPoint presentation. He said as civil servants, it is their job to represent the interests of citizens; and without term limits this service becomes a profession. He said the benefits of term limits create opportunities for younger people to serve the community; support the diverse community and offer choices, and new faces could share their talents and ideas. He said term limits minimize one person from having too much power over time, level the playing field, and open opportunities for all people in the community. He said he agreed with the term limits suggested by Mayor Brady.

Mayor Brady said it was hard to run against the power of the incumbency. He said only two candidates to fill the recent Council vacancy out of ten ran for Council in the last election. He said name recognition was important when it came time for citizens to vote.

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

Scotty McClure asked if the voters could choose the length of terms, for instance 8 years, 12 years, or for life.

City Attorney Emery said this type of ballot was disfavored as it would present more than one issue.

Dan Alfonzo said he would support 12 year term limits. He said term limits would support diversity and independent judgement, and give local constituents the opportunity to counteract advantages and special interests that might prevail otherwise. He said bringing new blood into city politics would provide fresh ideas and perspectives.

Tami Ring said she opposed term limits. She said better candidates had to run for Council positions. She said the voters might vote for this as they were confused about the state and federal positions.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said he had mixed feelings about term limits on the local level. He said Bullhead City Council Members were not serving as a career. He said he would like to see more people step up and run for Council. He said he wanted hear more before making any decisions.

Discussion ensued about setting specific lengths of time for term limits.

Council Member Wegmann said she did not believe in term limits on the local level. She said she received numerous communications from constituents in opposition to term limits.

Council Member Brummett said she believed term limits came at the ballot box. She said a good incumbent was re-elected if they were a good local official. She said if citizens were interested in term limits, they needed to go through the initiative process and gather signatures.

Council Member Bruck said she opposed term limits on the local level, and said every person had the right to run if they chose.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said currently the city was dealing with very important issues now. He said four councilmembers were elected in the same year and it was possible they could term out in the same year when the city was in the middle of critical issues. He said four new council members could come in and be opposed to everything the city had been dealing with over the last four years; for example, the EPCOR water issue. He said only three people spoke tonight. He said he was not in favor of continuing the discussion on term limits.

2. Discussion on electronic scooter regulations in Bullhead City.

City Manager Cotter said the city was approached by Bird to offer electronic scooter rentals in Bullhead City. He said the reason for the meeting today was to obtain the Council's feedback. He said electronic bikes and scooters were already in the community, and said they were allowed to ride on sidewalks. He said Bird wanted to use the city's rights of way for their scooters. He

displayed some videos regarding other city's ride programs and discussed regulatory processes. He said the Council could establish regulations and parameters that would control the use of the rental scooters within city limits.

City Manager Cotter said Bird could find another way to operate in the community without having to use the city's rights of way. He said Bird would probably not do that without the city's approval, and said Bird was open to a pilot program with designated areas and hours. He said scooters were likely not to be offered in Lake Havasu City after their discussions were determined to be too restrictive. He said this conversation would introduce the Council to this matter and determine if there was any interest at all in officially proceeding with Bird.

Council Member Zehri asked if there were statistics on reported scooter accidents in other cities.

City Manager Cotter said there are statistics regarding accidents and other occurrences shown on cell phone videos.

Council Member Wegmann asked if the wearing of helmets could be enforced.

City Manager Cotter said the police department did not have the time to give out tickets to those not wearing helmets while riding bikes or scooters.

City Attorney Emery discussed the Arizona state regulations for electronic scooters and bikes. He said the city could put restrictions on the vendors.

Council Member Wegmann asked if there was a financial impact on the city.

City Manager Cotter said there could be a shared percentage, per use fee, and other fees, fines, and regulatory issues.

Council Member Brummett asked if Bird could put controls on the speed and locations of where scooters could travel. City Manager Cotter confirmed.

Council Member Brummett asked about the liability to the city.

City Manager Cotter said the user would take all responsibility through the application.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said he believed the only area where scooters could travel safely would be Rotary Park. He said he would agree to a small pilot program within the park.

Council Member Wegmann said her main concern was safety. She said the amount of manpower needed to regulate the operation would be prohibitive.

Council Member Bruck asked if scooters could use the trail from Rotary Park to Ken Fovargue Park.

City Manager Cotter said people were riding electronic scooters on those trails now for recreational purposes.

Mayor Brady said he saw this as a tourist attraction. He said he generally opposed them within the city, but said he would like to see scooters limited to traveling the Heritage Trail from the Laughlin Bridge northward.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said he agreed with Mayor Brady.

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

Scotty McClure said he was opposed to the operation of rental scooters within the city, and this was a "bird brain" idea. He said there were no places to ride bicycles except on the sidewalk because the city had a limited number of bike lanes. He said he was also concerned about the insurance aspect.

Dan Alfonzo said the definition of "motorized" should be defined, and said the liability issues needed to be looked at very closely.

Mayor Brady said he thought the consensus of the Council was that Bird look into the possibility of offering rental scooters on the Heritage Trail.

City Manager Cotter said the city was the regulatory authority on the trail, and said Clark County and the National Park Service might have additional restrictions. He said people were currently riding electronic bikes on that trail. He said tourism was very important to this city, and said more people were coming to Bullhead City all the time.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 4:27 p.m. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Annual evaluation of the City Attorney pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

4. Annual evaluation of the City Clerk pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:00 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 15th day of June 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of July 2021.



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 Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. **WAIVER MOTION:** Motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting.

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

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action in accordance with A.R.S. § 42-17104. Now is the time for any taxpayer to appear and be heard in favor of or against any of the proposed expenditures before the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Budget for the City of Bullhead City, Arizona, is adopted. (Finance Director Vera)

City Manager Cotter said the line item budget was balanced and transparent; and included capital expenditures, support for employees, with additional amenities for the community.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Justin Thornton said he represented the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police and Labor Council. He said the city's police officers had been working under staffed with pay levels that were essentially the same over the last 15 years. He said officers responded to thousands of service calls and

contacts on a daily basis professionally and with high standards. He asked the Council to continue to financially support the department.

Scotty McClure said animal shelter needed funding, and said the facility should be open more hours to serve the public. He said people should be able to turn in an animal after hours or over the weekends and holidays. He said the Transit Division did not answer or return his phone calls.

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

City Manager Cotter said the Council spent more than seven hours discussing the budget in public meetings. He said the entire budget was on the website for the public to view. He said \$18 million, the most significant portion of the budget, went to policing and public safety. He said more than \$2 million would be invested in Community Park and said in a few years, the park would become the finest beach park in the southwest. He said staff maintained more than 25 percent of the city's roadways over the past year. He said \$25 million was included in the budget for Bullhead Parkway but said the project would only happen if federal appropriations became available. He said they had to be prepared for another recession and not have to lay people off. He said for the first time in the city's history, the general fund reserve would soon reach \$20 million. He said they had to be careful as to how the money was spent this year and into the future. He said the adopted final budget would become effective on July 1st.

Council Member Zehri congratulated City Manager Cotter and Finance Director Vera for presenting a balanced and transparent budget. He said he would like to see the extension of parks and recreation services, especially in the southern area near the new bridge; the extension of senior services; and more itemization of some expenses such as flood control, in next year's budget.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-37, establishing the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the City of Bullhead City, Arizona. (Finance Director Vera)

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-37, establishing the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for the City of Bullhead City, Arizona. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

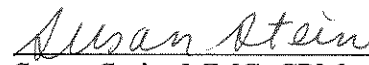
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Dated this 6th day of July 2021.



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, June 15, 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 Roy Walker of First Southern Baptist 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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Sue Demarco said she represented Saving Animals In Need Together. She said they needed more foster homes in order to provide a safe environment for rescued pets. She said fireworks were being sold in the city this year, and said last year fireworks set off in her neighborhood caused a fire. She said they had to think of safety first before selling fireworks.

Jeff Timm said he represented Paul Gosar. He said their district office staff could provide help with federal related issues, and their federal office could help with tours and additional requests.

Mary Bonaventura discussed a code enforcement issue and said Bullhead City committed a crime by putting a lien on her property.

Scotty McClure said people would soon have to dial 928 before the local phone numbers. He asked the Council withdraw Consent Agenda Item No. 2 for discussion. He said he would file a code enforcement claim against Walmart and McDonalds for inadequate handicapped parking.

Nick Parsons said the city could now be self-sufficient and into the future. He said the world is in a digital age and said a mining operation with cryptocurrencies could be set up with a computer. He

said the additional revenue would assist in creating the technology for clean energy and reverse osmosis systems.

Grace Hecht invited the public to attend a homeless task force meeting to be held on June 17th. She said the elementary school board would hold a meeting on July 16th about critical race theory. She discussed additional events to be held in the city. She said the postal workers did not have air conditioning in their vehicles, and said she was teaming up with John Hassett to provide Yeti water bottles to 30 postal workers.

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

Eva Corbett said she was against the critical race theory being taught in schools. She said the city needed to hire more police officers and said they needed a raise. She said she would like the Rotary Dog Park to be named after Sally Sigliano. She said the homeless shelter needed more workers and volunteers.

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. Homeless Shelter

Cathy Peterson said she represented Catholic Charities. She provided an update on the Legacy Christine Stamper Shelter. She said 3,241 individuals had been served since October 23, 2020. She said they had 14 active volunteers. She said they desperately needed more volunteers and staff. She said there was an overall problem with the lack of job applicants in the community and said they could not find enough staff members. She said they offered good benefits and needed people to work the night shifts. She encouraged members of the community to apply for employment. She said once they had an adequate amount of staff, the shelter would remain open at night.

2. Economic Development Updates

City Manager Cotter provided information on businesses relocating to the city, and said significant new housing developments were expected to begin soon. He said Popeye's Chicken, Aspen Dental, Jimmy John's, a redevelopment project near Target, a new stain and varnish distribution company, and a large Circle K in original Bullhead were all in process.

3. Water Company Acquisition

City Manager Cotter said they had two meetings with EPCOR employees, and said they believed some of them would come to work for the city. He said the bond would come before the Council on July 20th. He said they would be taking some upfront dollars to fix, maintain, and run the system.

4. Family Fun Festival - Youth Activities

City Manager Cotter said more activities and events for the community would be held at the Anderson Auto Group Field House and said the city would participate to the best of its ability.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Wegmann invited the public to attend the Chamber Mixer on June 17th at the Findlay Motor Company on Bullhead Parkway.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item No. 2 was withdrawn from the consent agenda for discussion.

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. Council Member Wegmann 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 June 1, 2021. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discussion and possible action to approve: 1) the Final Plat for Bullhead Square Unit 3, Tract 5102; 2) the Water Allocation in the amount of 0.6 acre-feet; and 3) authorizing the Mayor to sign the final plat. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Manager Cotter said this item was for the building pad, common area, and driveway next to Dutch Brothers. He said the use of the project would not become another high traffic location, only a few cars per hour.

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

Scotty McClure said that location could not support another business. He said the area was very congested and the flow of traffic blocked the handicapped parking access.

No action was taken on Agenda Item No. 2.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint two citizens to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill two 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said there were six applicants to fill two positions.

Kevin Hippensteel and Nick Parsons expressed their interest in serving on the commission.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Gary Shairo to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill two 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to appoint Kevin Hippensteel to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill two 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint three citizens to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)

Mayor Brady said there were four applicants to fill three positions.

Mel Stein and Jon Hudson expressed their interest in serving on the commission.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Mel Stein to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to appoint Jon Hudson to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Timothy Koons to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint three citizens to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)

Mayor Brady said there were four applicants to fill three positions. Dan Alfonzo and Kenneth Thompson expressed their interest in being re-appointed to serve on the board.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Dan Alfonzo to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Kenneth Thompson to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to appoint Wigberto Colonel to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. 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 appoint three citizens to serve on the Building Board of Appeals to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said this board had not met since 2012 but a quorum of active members needed to be established in the event the need for a meeting arose in the future. She said there were three applicants, and said a quorum would be established by their appointments.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to appoint Dan Alfonzo, Wigberto Colonel, and Timothy Koons to serve on the Building Board of Appeals to fill three 2-year terms beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2023. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System Commission to fill a partial term effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said there was one applicant.

Gary Ramelot said he used to be a driver for the Bullhead Transit System, and expressed his interest in serving on the commission.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to appoint Gary Ramelot to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System Commission to fill a partial term effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2022. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint Officer Michael Santarosa, a member of the sworn Bullhead City Police Personnel, to serve on the Bullhead City Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board filling the elected position for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025; and to appoint a citizen-at-large to serve on the Bullhead City Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said an election was held in the police department and Officer Santarosa was elected.

Mayor Brady said two applicants had applied for one citizen-at-large position.

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to appoint Officer Michael Santarosa, a member of the sworn Bullhead City Police Personnel, to serve on the Bullhead City Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board filling the elected position for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025; and to appoint Thomas Thate to serve on the Bullhead City Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board for a four-year term beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2025. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

Mayor Brady called for a break at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for the Beach Safety Services Bullhead City Police Colorado River Safety Program between the City of Bullhead City and Water Rescue & Safety, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$35,840; and that if deemed desirable the contract may be extended for the entire summer of 2022 for like rates; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, make resulting payments, and take all actions consistent with the implementation of the agreement. (Police Chief Trebes)

City Manager Cotter said the city needed additional resources to keep the city's beaches and parks safe during the busy summer months. He said they had been working on a proposal to supplement policing responsibilities with private security.

Police Chief Trebes provided background information on this item. He said the additional services consisted of adding Mondays to the weekend service as well as extending the services through the last weekend of September. He said this would be a pilot program. He said the total cost of the program for this summer, beginning July 2, 2021, and continuing through September 6, 2021; was \$35,480. He said if these services did not meet city's needs after the end of the season review, the agreement was scheduled to expire. He said if the program was successful; the parties could amend the contract and continue the services for the entire summer of 2022.

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 approve the Agreement for the Beach Safety Services Bullhead City Police Colorado River Safety Program between the City of Bullhead City and Water Rescue & Safety, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$35,840; and that if deemed desirable the contract may be extended for the entire summer of 2022 for like rates; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, make resulting payments, and take all actions consistent with the implementation of the agreement. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the Amendment to the Agreement for Lifeguard Services Bullhead City Police Colorado River Safety Program between the City of Bullhead City and Water Rescue & Safety, LLC, in an amount for currently required and additional services from July 2, 2021, through October 2, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$414,210; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, make resulting payments, and take all actions consistent with the implementation of the agreement. (Police Chief Trebes)

City Manager Cotter said the agreement would continue the use of ocean-certified lifeguards on the river. He said the watercraft consumer protection fee that was charged to the local jetski rental businesses had netted substantial funds towards the cost of this important safety program.

Council Member Zehri asked if the same company provided both services.

Police Chief Trebes said this item would extend the agreements already in place to make the river safer.

Council Member Zehri said the safety of the community was the first priority of the City Council. He said the city was doing a great job; and said they had to make sure they were doing everything possible to protect the citizens.

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

Billy Pershing asked if the consumer protection fee paid for the program. City Manager Cotter said they anticipated to sell 25,000 forms this year, and said the surplus funds would go toward construction of the commercial boat launch.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Agreement for Lifeguard Services Bullhead City Police Colorado River Safety Program between the City of Bullhead City and Water Rescue & Safety, LLC, in an amount for currently required and additional services from July 2, 2021, through October 2, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$414,210; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, make resulting payments, and take all actions consistent with the implementation of the agreement. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-38 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Bullhead City School District and the City of Bullhead City for utilization of one School Safety Grant School Resource Officer; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. (Police Chief Trebes)

City Manager Cotter said one school resource officer would be assigned to Fox Creek Junior High for the next fiscal year. He said the school district would pay for these services.

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

Eva Corbett said resource officers were priceless.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-38 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Bullhead City School District and the City of Bullhead City for utilization of one School Safety Grant School Resource Officer; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-39 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Bullhead City School District and the City of Bullhead City for utilization of one Shared School Resource Officer, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said the resource officer would share service time with the Fox Creek Elementary District and other Bullhead City schools.

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 Resolution No. 2021R-39 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Bullhead City School District and the City of Bullhead City for utilization of one Shared School Resource Officer, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fourth Extension to the Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Relief/Conflict Public Defender) by Attorney Delores McKee in the estimated amount of \$39,175; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment and make resultant payments. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter recommended the Council take no action on this agreement. He said the resulting language was not acceptable.

No action was taken by the Council on Agenda Item No. 13.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fourth Extension to the Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Primary Public Defender) by Attorney Anthony Mullan in the estimated amount of \$137,116; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment and make resultant payments. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this was an expanded public defender contract that would include an increase in cases and the makeup cases that would be heard this year.

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

Ivy Yeomans said she wondered why Delores McKee's contract was not considered tonight.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to approve the Fourth Extension to the Professional Services Agreement for Indigent Legal Defense (Primary Public Defender) by Attorney Anthony Mullan in the estimated amount of \$137,116; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment and make resultant payments. Council Member seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

15. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to approve proposed changes to the Comprehensive Fee Schedule A3.40, adopting Resolution No. 2021R-40 establishing a body-worn camera record production fee. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said staff analyzed other agencies' programs and came up with the new fees for body-worn camera footage. He said the new fees would be \$60 for up to two hours of recording produced and for each additional two-hour increment of recording produced, an additional \$30 would be added. He said a deposit of 50 percent of estimated production cost was required with the production request.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure said all victims should not have to pay for document reproduction and reports.

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

MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to approve proposed changes to the Comprehensive Fee Schedule A3.40, adopting Resolution No. 2021R-40 establishing a body-worn camera record production fee. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

16. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-41 accepting the current water utility service payment assistance programs. (Finance Director Vera)

City Manager Cotter said the city would honor the status of all customers currently enrolled in the programs or enrolled before the city assumed the operation. He said there were approximately 1,082 customers currently enrolled in these programs with EPCOR.

Vice Mayor D'Amico asked if the COVID-19 assistance was still needed.

City Manager Cotter said that program had an expiration date under the current enrollment.

Mayor Brady said three programs were a part of EPCOR's rate case. He said the Arizona Corporation Commission would authorize a surcharge on the high water users to help the low income customers. He said the Council would have to decide on continuing these and other programs in the future.

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-41 accepting the current water utility service payment assistance programs. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

17. Discussion and possible action to designate a Council Member to serve as Vice Mayor for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

MOTION: **Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to designate Council Member Bruck to serve as Vice Mayor for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

18. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve as a City Council Member for a seventeen-month term beginning on July 6, 2021, and expiring at the end of the 2022 election cycle through November 2022. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said Council Member Mark Clark resigned from the City Council and this created a vacancy. He said the Council and staff followed the formal process through the City Code in order to fill the vacant position. He said a Nominating Committee interviewed and ranked ten applicants and recommended five top candidates. He said the process was fair, appropriate, and without any controversy. He said John Mieding was the top ranked candidate.

Mayor Brady asked if any of the applicants would like to speak.

John Mieding joined the meeting via Zoom conference. He said he would stand for any questions. There were no questions from the Council.

Larry Tunforss provided information on his background and volunteer positions served throughout the years he has lived in the city.

Frank Waters said he served on various boards in the community for many years. He said he was an attorney well versed in government agreements, water use, water rights, and lawsuits.

Mayor Brady said the process was transparent as citizens of the community conducted the interviews and made their recommendations to the Council.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to appoint John Mieding to serve as a City Council Member for a seventeen-month term beginning on July 6, 2021, and expiring at the end of the 2022 election cycle through November 2022. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

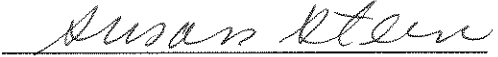
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 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 15th day of June 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of July 2021.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk