

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, November 2, 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 Council Member Wegmann to deliver the invocation. Mayor Brady led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Mieding, Wegmann, Zehri (via telephone)

Council Absent

Vacant Seat

Staff Present:

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER: Travis Pruitt

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Sue Demarco thanked the S.A.I.N.T. board members and all of their supporters. She said the city needed to adopt more ordinances against animal abuse.

Gary Genovese said the Colorado River Historical Society and Museum was holding a Honey Baked Ham fundraiser. He urged the community to purchase a ham and support the organization.

Kim Cool, Senior Services Program Manager, invited the members of the community to attend the Bullhead City Holiday Gift Expo on November 5th. She said proceeds from the event would support the Meals on Wheels program.

Nick Parson donated drones to the Council to give to kids that participated in an essay program. He said he would like to see a drone obstacle course in Rotary Park.

Grace Hecht invited all moms to follow the Bullhead City Moms' Group on Facebook. She discussed upcoming community events.

Harvey Pryor thanked the city for listening to people. He said the Bullhead RC group had 108 members.

Scotty McClure said he did not like the process when 14 people appointed two Council Members. He said there was an appearance of conflicts of interest, and said he did not think wives or other family members should serve on the nominating committee.

Julie Hassett invited the community to attend the Colorado River Concert Association's performances during the upcoming season.

Tami Ring endorsed Sheila Shutts as the top candidate to fill the 11-month vacant Council seat after the recent passing of Kathy Bruck. She said she was planning another "Back the Blue" caravan to be held in May 2022.

Eva Corbett thanked Swanty's Automotive for sponsoring the pet costume contest fundraiser. She discussed upcoming community events.

Bo Hellams, Director of the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce, provided updates about the Chamber's activities and social media initiatives.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Water Utilities and Related Issues

Utilities Director Clark said they had received and performed 1,645 service calls since the city took over the system, in addition to numerous billing inquiries. He said they were still very busy and were in the process of filling additional staff positions. He said they received the reuse water permit and would begin sending reuse water to the river.

2. December Festival of Events at Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse

Human Services Director Tipton provided information on numerous events planned to be held during the month of December.

3. Veteran's Day Parade

Human Services Director Tipton said the annual parade would take place on November 6th along Miracle Mile Drive.

4. Boom Box Parade

Human Services Director Tipton said the Christmas parade would be held on December 3rd with a "Candyland" theme.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Mieding said a drone/rc program was in the planning stages at Mohave Valley Junior High. He encouraged members of the public to look into this. He said workforce housing was an issue in the community, and said the city was developing programs to serve the growing workforce. He discussed the positives and negatives involved in growing the local workforce.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said the proposed RC track would be considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission tomorrow at a special meeting. He said at this time there were no plans to develop a drone course, but said they would be look into this sometime in the future.

Mayor Brady discussed the Council Member nomination and replacement process. He said the applicant interviews would be available for public view through social media and on the city's website.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann 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, Brummett, D'Amico, Mieding, 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 October 19, 2021. (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. 2021R-59 approving the Program-Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement effective October 1, 2021, between the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bullhead City Police Department. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said the Police Department had participated in a state and local task force sponsored by the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for a number of years. He said the agreements provided access to federal funding and equipment to assist with narcotic, dangerous drug, and drug trafficking investigations for two police officers committed to the assignment. He said two separate agreements were approved last year, and said the revised agreement consolidated the arrangement into one single agreement.

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-59 approving the Program-Funded State and Local Task Force Agreement effective October 1, 2021, between the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bullhead City Police Department. Council Member Mieding seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-60 approving DPS Contract #2021-078, Intergovernmental Agreement regarding G.I.I.T.E.M. (Gang Intelligence Immigration & Team Enforcement Mission). (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said the agreement provided two law enforcement officers to participate in the G.I.I.T.E.M mission to aid in the combined efforts to enhance enforcement against criminal gang activities within the state. He said the Bullhead City Police Department had continually participated in this agreement since 1997.

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

Billy Pershing asked about the funding under this item.

Police Chief Trebes said the Department of Public Safety would pay 75 percent of the officers' wages while they were assigned to the task force.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-60 approving DPS Contract #2021-078, Intergovernmental Agreement regarding G.I.I.T.E.M. (Gang Intelligence Immigration & Team Enforcement Mission). Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Motorola Solutions Agreement Quote 1557509, dated September 20, 2021, in the amount of \$538,558.87 over a six year period with stated annual increases; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement and make resultant payments. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said radio communication was essential to the safety of officers, citizens, and visitors; as well as critical for interaction between personnel and other law enforcement agencies. He said the agreement included service for the radio system originally purchased in 2015 and provided all network upgrades, hardware, software, and engineering. He said project management guaranteed the network would be in a supported state at the latest versions for the duration of this agreement through July 31, 2027.

City Attorney Emery said the city had negotiated more favorable terms, and said the CPI would not be charged as an annual increase.

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

Scotty McClure asked if this item was considered a few months before.

Police Chief Trebes said the RMS computer dispatch system was considered before, and said it was separate from the radio system.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-61 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Mohave County Flood Control District and the City of Bullhead City to facilitate FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners ("CTP") grant funding for federal fiscal year 2021-2022. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Council Member Mieding declared a conflict of interest and left the dais.

Public Works Director Johnson said the FEMA CTP program provided federal funding to local agencies to conduct a variety of technical activities focused on improving flood protection and providing updated flood hazard mapping for the community. She said grant funding for the project was \$90,250; and the city's share was \$4,750.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Mieding returned to the dais.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between Bullhead City and Catholic Charities Community Services in support of the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help & Hope, effective July 1, 2021; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amended agreement on behalf of the city and to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the amended agreement. (City Manager Cotter)

Human Services Director Tipton said the amendment increased the annual contribution to \$52,000 with \$12,000 of that amount being dedicated to food support operations. He said the amount had been included in the budget.

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

Grace Hecht encouraged members of the community to volunteer their time and/or donate food to the homeless shelter.

Larry Tunforss asked if the shelter was being used to capacity.

Human Services Director Tipton said the shelter was following COVID protocols with occupancy limitations, and said the shelter was operating at capacity serving food and overnight stays.

Scotty McClure said people were trespassing through the property behind the shelter, and said the laws had to be enforced.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between Bullhead City and Catholic Charities Community Services in support of the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help & Hope, effective July 1, 2021; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amended agreement on behalf of the city and to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the amended agreement. Council Member Mieding seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to ratify the payment for emergency pump rentals for the Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plant fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$44,247.09 under Invoice No. 0116210-IN dated September 14, 2021. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said the equipment was used to transfer raw sewage to allow for emergency repairs at the Section 18 wastewater treatment plant. He requested Council's approval to pay the invoice from Capital Pump & Equipment for the emergency rental.

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

MOTION: Council Member Mieding made a motion to ratify the payment for emergency pump rentals for the Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plant fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$44,247.09 under Invoice No. 0116210-IN dated September 14, 2021. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-62 adopting AR 1-8, Business Travel Policy, revised November 2, 2021, and AR 1-8 Business Travel Policy, revised July 3, 2001. (City Manager Cotter)

Travis Pruitt, Assistant to the City Manager, said due to the changes over time in the general nature of business travel, some aspects of the city's business travel policy had become outdated. He said the modifications aligned the policy with common city business travel practices, as well as the State of Arizona and Internal Revenue Service standards.

Mayor Brady said the policy was 20 years old and needed to be updated.

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

MOTION: Council Member Brummett made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-62 adopting AR 1-8, Business Travel Policy, revised November 2, 2021, and AR 1-8 Business Travel Policy, revised July 3, 2001. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to: 1) approve the city's entry of the "One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement" as proposed by the Arizona Attorney General and as explained under the letter dated September 20, 2021; 2) authorize staff to finalize the federal multi-district settlement agreements forming the basis for the Arizona Settlement Plan; and further, 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the Arizona Settlement Plan as well as, upon concurrence of outside counsel and the City Attorney, execution of the actual federal multi-district settlement agreements forming the basis of the Arizona Settlement Plan. (City Manager Cotter)

Mayor Brady said this was a very complicated issue and there were no easy answers. He said it was nearly impossible to explain the issues and variables involved to the public, and said the Council met in many executive sessions to discuss the matter with attorneys.

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

Billy Pershing asked if the city would incur any costs for the settlement.

City Attorney Emery said the state settlement would be paid to the city, and the city would not incur any costs. He said the Arizona Attorney General had reached a settlement and requested the local governments opt into it.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to: 1) approve the city's entry of the "One Arizona Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Agreement" as proposed by the Arizona Attorney General and as explained under the letter dated September 20, 2021; 2) authorize staff to finalize the federal multi-district settlement agreements forming the basis for the Arizona Settlement Plan; and further, 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the Arizona Settlement Plan as well as, upon concurrence of outside counsel and the City Attorney, execution of the actual federal multi-district settlement agreements forming the basis of the Arizona Settlement Plan. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action of approve an allocation of \$100,000.00 from the City's ARPA funds to stabilize housing in Bullhead City with funding directly to the River Fund Inc.; and direct the City Manager to enter a grant agreement with the River Fund outlining the authorized uses and funding. (City Manager Cotter)

Assistant to the City Manager Pruitt said the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would be granted to the River Fund upon approval by the Council.

Mike Connor, Director of the River Fund, Inc., said the organization was a critical social service agency assisting individuals who were subject to losing their housing and or becoming homeless due to the pandemic or from other reasons. He said the ARPA allowed cities to fund non-profit agencies that responded to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts. He said the River Fund would qualify for this type of funding, and said there were a lot of people that could use the assistance. He said the funding would stay within the city limits. He said they had a very strong vetting process; because if they did not, they would be broke. He said they wanted to help as many people as possible.

Mayor Brady said he would like the proposed grant agreement to come before the Council for consideration and approval.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said he would like to include a provision authorizing grant funding to be spent within the Bullhead City limits.

Council Member Mieding said he would like some audit provisions included in the agreement.

MOTION: Mayor Brady made a motion to approve an allocation of \$100,000.00 from the City's ARPA funds to stabilize housing in Bullhead City with funding directly to the River Fund Inc.; and direct the City Manager to bring the proposed grant agreement with the River Fund outlining the authorized uses and funding back to the Council for final adoption. Council Member Mieding seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-63 authorizing submission of an application to the Arizona Department of Housing for State Housing Fund and HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant funds. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said this was a competitive grant for which the city could apply to receive \$385,000. He said the program would place a cap on individual projects at \$45,000, and that amount could only be exceeded with state approval and authorization from the City Manager.

MOTION: **Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021R-63 authorizing submission of an application to the Arizona Department of Housing for State Housing Fund and HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant funds. Council Member Mieding seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the replacement member selected by Vice Mayor D'Amico to serve on the City Council Vacancy Nominating Committee. (City Clerk Stein)

MOTION: **Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to approve Paul Bull, the replacement member selected by Vice Mayor D'Amico, to serve on the City Council Vacancy Nominating Committee. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

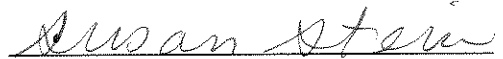
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 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 November 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of November 2021.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk