

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, February 1, 2022, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None – Vacant Seat

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Discussion regarding the Water System Master Plan.

City Manager Cotter said the city finalized the purchase of the water system on January 28, 2022, at 2:15 p.m.

Utilities Director Clark said the purpose of the presentation was to provide a good overview of the proposed water master plan. He said the master plan document would lay the foundation for effective water management in the city. He said the city took possession of six different systems on September 1, 2021. He said the entire system consisted of four systems within the city limits and two systems outside of the city limits. He said the systems were in poor condition and lacked redundancy. He said the systems consisted of over 317 miles of water mains, 69 booster pumps, 28 reservoirs, 20 wells, 91 PRVs, 48 pressure zones, 2,245 fire hydrants and other appurtenances. He said there were more than 82 miles of water main that were undersized (4 inches and smaller), and about 65 hydrants that needed service. He discussed the qualifications of the project manager and key staff members.

Utilities Director Clark discussed the approach to the project. He said under Issue #1, they would look at asset assessment; Issue #2, getting started on the capital improvement plan (short term plan); Issue #3, securing a long term water supply; Issue #4, enhancing system reliability; and Issue #5, a long term capital plan and funding strategy (long term plan).

Utilities Director Clark said under Issue #1, they would look at each and every one of the assets and assess the risks and conditions, categorize repairs versus replacements, and identify the projects required. He said under Issue #2, they would get started on the capital improvement plan that would address capital water main replacements, system redundancy and reliability, and major maintenance projects. He said their goal was to set a placeholder for the City Council for the next three years and identify high priority projects for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Utilities Director Clark said Issue #3 would include securing a long term water supply and a plan to implement the city's water supply vision. He said they would establish the preferred level of service commensurate with risk tolerance, develop a robust water supply portfolio to include reliable existing and new well supplies, evaluation of potential wastewater treatment plants; and increase water reuse at the Section 10 and Section 18 wastewater treatment plants. He said they would conduct a condition assessment of existing wells, establish requirements for new well capacities, and improve system reliability. He said they would conduct a water treatment plant feasibility study to include new Colorado River intakes, plan a north (2-4 million gallons per day) and a south (6-8 million gallons per day) water treatment plant location. He said they did not anticipate building a plant that would produce 9 million gallons per day but could increase the capacity over time. He said they would apply for grants and assistance.

Utilities Director Clark said Issue #4 would include enhancing the system reliability and multiple segmented systems, daisy chain pressure zones, and well quality and capacity. He said they would look at opportunities such as a surface water supply transmission project, supply/source analysis, redundant feeds/connections, and interagency emergency connections. He said Issue #5 included the long term capital plan and funding strategy, and searching for grant funding and loan opportunities. He said the project would begin in March and continue for a year and a half. He reviewed the work plan and schedule. He said one of the benefits of the work plan would be to provide a data management plan to set the city up for the GIS model and asset management, a high level assessment for provide support for fiscal year 2022-2023 capital improvement budgeting, and a comprehensive master plan to aid the city in operating an effective utility for the citizens.

Utilities Director Clark said deliverables would be developed throughout the process. He said they would develop a GIS base map for the city, layered with water mains, hydrants, production facilities, reservoirs, pressure zones, and PRV stations. He said other maps could be layered over the base map such as fire hydrants and wastewater treatment facilities. He said the map would help them to address and prioritize system deficiencies, sources of supply analysis, pressure zone conversions, system integrating planning, air release valve requirements, water main replacement program, and fire flow analysis.

City Manager Cotter said the master plan would serve as a road map for the future. He said it came with a high price tag, \$1.5 million, and said it was a "big ask." He said this plan was very important to start the process in investing in the water system. He said the plan would also assist in obtaining future infrastructure grants. He said they would like the Council's input.

Vice Mayor D'Amico spoke in support of the plan, and said they wanted only the best for the citizens.

Council Member Zehri asked about the length of the plan. Utilities Director Clark said the plan extended for ten years and beyond, and said this would be a foundation to build on for the future.

Council Member Brummett said she was excited about the future and spoke in support of moving forward with the plan.

Council Member Wegmann said this was long overdue and said the city was in a good place.

Mayor Brady asked said the plan had to begin as soon as possible in order to have correct data in order to apply for grants and federal aid programs.

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

2. Presentation and discussion on the possible implementation of a Bird Rides, Inc. Electric Scooter Sharing System in Bullhead City.

City Manager Cotter said Bird Rides had approached the city in 2021 and the Council held a work session with a presentation at that time. He said the issue was left hanging because the Council had a lot on their plates at that time, and said now additional conversation was needed to seek additional feedback from the City Council. He said scooters were currently legal in the city.

Mike Butler, a representative of Bird Rides, participated in the meeting via Zoom conference. Mr. Butler said the scooter sharing system improved communities and lives of the people within those communities. He said Bird was a micro-mobility company with a focus in shared electric vehicles. He said Bird was founded in 2017 and saw instant success as a pioneer. He said their scooters were currently used on 5 continents, 25 countries, 375 cities; and said Bird was the most trusted micro-mobility provider in the world. He said their service operated in cities big and small. He explained the ride rental process and pricing. He said they developed sophisticated technology with GPS tracking, slow zones, no-ride zones, and the establishment of a set of rules. He said they would have a local fleet manager responsible for managing a fleet including charging, repairs, and various performance tasks. He said the service would be free to the city, and said they were asking for an opportunity to try out the service. He said their proposal included no investment from the city, a dedicated account manager, data dashboard, 75 to 100 vehicles, and a launch date of March or April.

Council Member Brummett asked if the city would incur future charges, and asked if there would be issues when riders took the scooters across the bridge into Laughlin. Mr. Butler said the consumers would pay for the service and there would be no charge to the city.

Council Member Zehri said the city's sidewalks were currently not very good for scooter riding. He asked about the liability to the city.

City Attorney Emery said this was a purely private activity. He said the more regulations the city put on an activity, the more potential for having people point fingers. He said the activity was already authorized and said Bird could begin renting the scooters in accordance with state law. He said the issues for the city would be the locations of the docked and deposited scooters, whether on city property or in a right of way.

Mayor Brady said the Council held a previous workshop and heard most of the same issues. He said the Council was not interested in a city-wide use due to safety concerns. He said a recommendation was made that Bird operate the program north of the Laughlin Bridge to be used on the new trail system. He said they would need permission from Bullhead City, Mohave County, Clark County, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Parks Service. He said he would make the same recommendation now.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said their number one priority was public safety, and said he believed it was hazardous to put 75 to 100 scooters in the community. He said he felt the majority of citizens felt the same way.

Council Member Wegmann said her opinion had not changed since the last work session. She said there were safety and liability issues.

Council Member Zehri said he agreed that safety was important and he said he did not support the program.

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

Scotty McClure said the program could be operated as a private enterprise, the same as the jet ski businesses.

Dan Alfonzo spoke in opposition to the program due to the liability and safety issues.

Linda, a local resident, said she owned a scooter and was in attendance to learn about the city regulations.

The consensus of the Council was to allow Bird to operate the program north of the Laughlin Bridge to be used on the new trail system, and not within the city itself. Mayor Brady said Bird would need permission from Bullhead City, Mohave County, Clark County, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Parks Service.

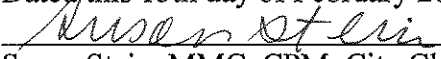
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 4:47 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 1st day of February 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of February 2022.


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, February 1, 2022, 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. Council Member Hecht led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri

Council Absent

None

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

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBER RODNEY HEAD

Bullhead City Magistrate Pete Psareas administered the oath of office to Rodney Head.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee said a mobile home in his neighborhood was recently demolished by the city. He expressed his concern that no prior notices were sent to the adjacent properties and there were clouds in the air. He said he was told no testing for asbestos was conducted because the city followed the state law for demolitions.

Pamela Smith thanked Council Member Dr. Zehri for assisting in the process for obtaining monoclonal antibody treatment.

Scotty McClure said the city should test for asbestos because there could be liability issues. He expressed his suggestions for improvements to the City Council Member replacement and nomination process.

Dan Alfonzo discussed some activities that homeowners could perform in order to save water. He suggested checking the water pressure and installing a new water pressure regulator when necessary.

Harvey Pryor suggested that park ranger vehicles have contact information displayed for people to use for assistance in certain situations. He said he learned that a boater safety course for local residents would not be conducted by the Fire Department as it was determined it was not needed.

Billy Pershing said the Mohave Tea Party meeting would be held on February 12th 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, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. EPCOR Water System Transfer Update

City Manager Cotter said he would provide a brief history of the city's takeover and purchase of the EPCOR Arizona water system for recordation in the meeting minutes.

City Manager Cotter said in 2017, EPCOR proposed consolidating Bullhead City with eleven other districts in the state, creating a \$45 uniform water rate per account. He said at the time, Bullhead City's citizens were paying less than \$30 per account. He said the city then began working against the consolidation and the proposed increased rates. He said they determined that almost 90 percent of EPCOR's investments over the next five years were planned for the Phoenix area. He said they looked at who EPCOR really was, where the corporate allocations were going, and what the City of Edmonton said about how EPCOR was operating. He said the Edmonton City Council, the sole shareholder, appointed the Board of Directors for EPCOR. He said they determined the City of Edmonton created EPCOR in 1996 and their report stated the goal as an investor was a stable revenue stream with steady growth. He said EPCOR delivered \$134 million back to the City of Edmonton in 2009, which currently equated to \$171 million. He said in January 2019, Mayor Brady, Council Members Wegmann and Bruck, and he went to the Arizona Corporation Commission in Phoenix to speak against the proposed "socialized" rates. He said on July 10, 2019, the City Council made the decision to pass a resolution calling for an all-mail special election to be

held on November 5, 2019. He said the voters were asked to authorize the acquisition of EPCOR Water paid for by bonds not to exceed \$130 million under Proposition 415.

City Manager Cotter said the ballot measure passed by a small margin. He said EPCOR spent almost a million dollars fighting the city and a group of citizen advocates, and came down hard on the city. He said he remembered when the Council Chambers were filled with EPCOR employees holding up signs stating "Do Not Do This." He said after the ballot passed, Mayor Brady and he met with Joe Geisel and Stuart Lee of EPCOR in Phoenix and offered to settle the system purchase for \$55 million. He said they were told by EPCOR that the system would never be for sale and the issue would have to be decided through a court case. He said EPCOR paid for more local newspaper ads advising taxpayers the city was not capable of running a water company and the voter authorized \$130 million maximum water system cost was under estimated. He said the city moved forward with the court case. He said the city spent a lot of money (\$2 million) on legal fees and consultants because EPCOR would not speak or settle with them. He said during the court hearing for immediate possession, EPCOR's CFO, on the stand, told the judge that EPCOR would never sell the system. He said Superior Court Judge Gurtler, in charge of the judicial lead in this case, ordered mediation. He said at that time, thankfully, EPCOR wanted to settle. He said the city officials were advised the amount of \$100 million was something that both parties hopefully could agree on. He said the \$100 million purchase price was determined by a number of factors. He said EPCOR would tell the jury the system was worth \$150 million and the city would argue the system was worth \$60 million. He said no one could predict what a jury would decide, and said there were other risks associated with the process. He said the city would not be eligible for federal grants, incentives, programs, or loans until the system was owned by the city. He said they factored in the possibility that EPCOR would appeal the jury's decision, extending the matter forever, and cause the city to miss those funding opportunities. He said the current borrowing environment was perfect, as interest rates were historically low, and said rates were starting to go up. He said the jury trial would not have happened on January 24th, as some of the lead parties in the case had COVID, which would delay the trial for months or years. He said the jury could have awarded \$155 million or another number more than \$100 million, and the city would have spent an additional \$1.3 million if the matter was not settled. He said when city finally owned the system; more EPCOR employees would reconsider joining the city. He said the transaction was signed by Judge Gurtler and recorded on Friday, January 28, 2022, at 2:15 p.m. He said the sale was absolutely final, and the city now owned all of EPCOR's assets.

2. BATS/Silver Rider Partnership

Transit Manager Peluso said the city was always looking for ways to enhance the ridership experience for the community. He said the idea came up to form a joint venture to start accepting the 24-hour passes on either service. He said there was no cost to the city for this program. He said a Free Ride Day would take place on February 10th to kick off the program.

3. GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

City Manager Cotter congratulated Finance Director Vera and his staff for being recognized with the highest form of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht invited the public to attend the swap meet and carnival to be held on February 12th at Mohave Community College.

Council Member Wegmann said the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce would hold a ribbon cutting this week at Realty One Group.

Council Member Zehri said he attended the Mohave Health Coalition meeting and urged the community to support health care workers for all they did. He said the workers were getting “burn out” due to the pandemic. He said they would explore the possibility of hiring temporary health care workers locally and not through agencies, and determine how the county could assist the college with health care educational opportunities. He urged the community to support local businesses. He recognized the Presidents’ Day holiday and Valentine’s Day in the month of February.

Mayor Brady said last week the Arizona Corporation Commission voted on the latest rate increase and had it not been for the condemnation, residents would have seen another increase in water rates and a consolidation. He said it was clear that if they did not move forward with the condemnation, residents would have experienced a water rate increase from 6.39 to 17.93 percent per month. He said he was proud the city had fought consolidation and huge rate increases in order for citizens to avoid any huge rate increases.

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, Head, Hecht, Wegmann, Zehri
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on January 18, 2022; and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 18, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

2. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a New Series 10 Liquor License No. 169632 submitted by Raphael Sean Piche for the Family Dollar Store #26454 located at 2054 Commercial Way in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said staff reviewed the application and had no objections.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a New Series 10 Liquor License No. 169632 submitted by Raphael Sean Piche for the Family Dollar Store #26454 located at 2054 Commercial Way in Bullhead City. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase and installation of a complete splash pad for Community Park from Rain Drop, LLC of Ashland, Ohio through Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement #010521-RDP in an amount of \$680,944.23 plus applicable taxes, and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to finalize a contract(s) and execute all documents necessary for the completion of the project. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said the splash pad was the first true community new investment for Community Park. He said they budgeted \$350,000 for the splash pad, and a total of \$1.8 million for additional improvements to Community Park.

Human Services Director Tipton said the LRSP (Local Regional and State Parks) grant in the amount of \$350,000 was awarded to the city for the project. He said the grant was a 50 percent match.

Public Works Director Johnson said the new splash pad would have a lot of “fun” water features and amenities. She said the pad would be located in the northern part of Community Park, and said a new playground and ramadas would be installed.

Council Member Hecht asked if the splash pad would be free to the public.

City Manager Cotter said parking fees during high peak weekends were charged, but said city residents could enter the park at any time at no charge. He said a low block wall was planned to replace the temporary chain link fencing surrounding the park.

Council Member Zehri asked if parking fees were charged to Laughlin and Fort Mohave residents. He said he would like the Council to reconsider not charging fees to Laughlin and Fort Mohave residents.

City Manager Cotter said the issue of parking fees could be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

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 approve the purchase and installation of a complete splash pad for Community Park from Rain Drop, LLC of Ashland, Ohio through Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement #010521-RDP in an amount of \$680,944.23 plus applicable taxes, and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to finalize a contract(s) and execute all documents necessary for the completion of the project. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-05 approving the "Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid in Law Enforcement" between the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the City of Bullhead City for aid and assistance in responding to emergency situations and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement of behalf of the City. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said the Bullhead City Police Department and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department had long-standing mutual aid agreements in place for assistance in responding to emergency situations. He said it was time for renewal of the relationship and said the agreement would continue mutual aid opportunities between the two agencies. He said the agreement would continue for a period of three years from the date of signing.

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

Steven Lee asked if the Las Vegas Police Department would have jurisdictional rights in the city. He spoke in opposition to the agreement.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-05 approving the “Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid in Law Enforcement” between the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the City of Bullhead City for aid and assistance in responding to emergency situations and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement of behalf of the City. Vice Mayor D’Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

5. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No 2022R-06 authorizing the submission of a Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Public Transit grant application to fund a portion of the annual administrative, operational, and capital expenses for the Bullhead Area Transit System for the period starting October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024; and (2) authorize the City Manager or his duly authorized designee to execute the application, agreement, certifications, amendments, payments, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of any resultant grant awarded. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Transit Manager Michael Peluso said the 5311 grant program reimbursed transit agencies for a portion of their expenses using a variety of match ratios for administrative, operating and capital costs. He said overall the grant would reimburse the city for approximately 76 percent of eligible expenses. He said the local match was comprised of sponsorships, advertising revenue, in-kind contributions, and general fund subsidy. He said fare revenue was used to reduce operational costs.

Council Member Brummett said the transit staff did an excellent job in administering and operating the transit system, and said they were an asset to the city.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure said nothing was done about his requests at previous public hearings. He discussed suggestions for improving bus stop locations.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No 2022R-06 authorizing the submission of a Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Public Transit grant application to fund a portion of the annual administrative, operational, and capital expenses for the Bullhead Area Transit System for the period starting October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024; and (2) authorize the City Manager or his duly authorized designee to execute the application, agreement, certifications, amendments, payments, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of any resultant grant awarded. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve an allocation of \$25,000 from the City's ARPA funds to the Legacy Connection to respond to the pandemic by providing assistance (clothing, jackets and school uniforms) to City youth who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic and providing food gift cards, clothing and hygiene kits to homeless youth. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the Legacy Foundation would match the city's grant of \$25,000 with federal ARPA funds to help some of the city's poorest children who have been impacted by COVID and the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

Terry Tomlinson of the Legacy Foundation said the need did not stop for children through their high school years. She said the need was greater than ever, and said she had begun to seek partnerships with local organizations in order to provide additional assistance for youth.

Vice Mayor D'Amico and other Council Members commended the Legacy Foundation and its efforts to assist and improve the community.

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

Steven Lee asked about the ARPA funding.

City Manager Cotter said the city was awarded grant funding from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$13 million over a two-year period to help with recovery from the pandemic.

Billy Pershing asked where the homeless youth were sheltered.

City Manager Cotter said the schools had a program to help children that did not have homes. He said the approximate number of homeless children in the city was about 100.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to approve an allocation of \$25,000 from the City's ARPA funds to the Legacy Connection to respond to the pandemic by providing assistance (clothing, jackets and school uniforms) to City youth who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic and providing food gift cards, clothing and hygiene kits to homeless youth. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

7. Discussion and possible action to approve an increase of the City Manager's current annual compensation of \$171,390 by \$15,000 annually commencing with the next pay period subsequent to City Council approval. (Mayor Brady)

Mayor Brady said Mr. Cotter had brought stability to our city government and had professionally managed the growth and prosperity that Bullhead City had experienced. He said Mr. Cotter had never once asked for a raise in his salary in his 12 years of employment. He provided a summary of comparable sized city managers' salaries. He said a salary adjustment was needed and asked for the Council's comments.

Council Member Wegmann said Mr. Cotter did an amazing job and thanked him for everything he had done for the city.

Mayor Brady said Mr. Cotter devoted his life to the city and lived his job 24 hours a day.

Council Member Brummett said Mr. Cotter had left his mark throughout the city, and said he guided the City Council in making decisions for the benefit and the future of the community. She thanked him for his tireless efforts in obtaining the water system from EPCOR.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said this was well deserved.

Council Member Zehri thanked Mr. Cotter and said he deserved a vacation.

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

Terry Tomlinson said Mr. Cotter had been a great friend to the city, and said she was proud of his accomplishments.

MOTION: Mayor Brady made a motion to approve an increase of the City Manager's current annual compensation of \$171,390 by \$15,000 annually commencing with the next pay period subsequent to City Council approval. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 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 February 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of February 2022.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk