

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 15, 2022, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Discussion with Congressman Paul Gosar and the Bullhead City Council regarding federal legislation, policies, and other federal matters.

Mayor Brady welcomed Congressman Gosar, Chief of Staff Tom Van Flein, and District Director Penny Pew. He announced that forms were available for submittal of public questions or comments, which would be read only if time allowed.

Congressman Gosar said they would discuss local issues with the City Council and any actions the federal government could take to assist. He said currently the federal government was dysfunctional at best. He said they would not see a lot from Congress, and said the committees had not worked very well. He said there was too much power in the Speaker of the House.

Mayor Brady asked if there was hope for the future.

Congressman Gosar said more power should be given to the committees so they could do their job. He said they had to stop spending money, and provided some examples.

Mayor Brady said the city had been trying to secure a piece of surplus military equipment for location at the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Park. He asked for the Congressman's help.

Director Pew said they would re-visit the request.

Vice Mayor D'Amico asked about the possibility that city properties sitting on leased Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land could be granted ownership of that land.

Congressman Gosar said they were reviewing previous Nevada legislation that enabled the process, and said they were looking at the possibility of passing similar legislation in Arizona.

Director Pew said they would need descriptions of the BLM land the city was interested in owning.

Council Member Wegmann asked if there were plans in order to reform health care and providers.

Congressman Gosar said they were attempting to create more competition in the health insurance marketplace, as well as contract law giving more individual rights under Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance.

Vice Mayor D'Amico asked about the reform of high priced prescriptions in the United States.

Congressman Gosar said they would strive to keep the market place vibrant and make sure the patients were benefitting.

Mayor Brady asked if the social security deadline for going bust in the future had been addressed.

Congressman Gosar said that would require the federal government doing oversight on every program. He discussed some examples of programs with "double dipping." He said accountability was required.

Council Member Zehri asked who was running the country, and said nothing had been changed in the 26 years he had been a practicing physician in Bullhead City. He said so many of his patients could not afford medication and were dying.

Congressman Gosar said they had to get back to the committees' jurisdictions and said bureaucracy was running the hen house. He blamed that on too much power being given to the office of the Speaker of the House. He said they had to think differently and Congress had been giving up way too much. He said accountability was missing.

Council Member Hecht asked about the vaccine mandates from the federal government.

Congressman Gosar said the mandates did not make sense, and said they should be looking at therapeutics as well as vaccines.

Council Member Hecht asked what was being done about the border crisis and drugs entering the country.

Congressman Gosar advocated completion of the border wall as said an "invasion" could be addressed on a state-by-state level that would not require the federal government's involvement. He said they needed governors that had some "brass tacks" to address it. He noted that part of Arizona's border with Mexico was on the Tohono O'odham Nation Tribal land, where the tribe had refused to allow construction.

Council Member Wegmann asked if federal infrastructure grants would continue to be available to the city. She asked about the job crisis and how the government could help people fill empty positions.

Congressman Gosar said he believed that those grants would continue to be available. He said they were starting to see people getting better paying jobs. He said they had to have jobs for Americans first.

Council Member Brummett asked about the status of the bill to block the government from handing out crack pipes.

Congressman Gosar said he did not know much about the Senate bill. He said Congress needed to be more pro-active and hold people accountable.

Council Member Zehri asked what steps Congress was taking to provide affordable housing.

Congressman Gosar he opposed the Obama administration's housing initiatives. He said grants should be given to the individual locality to decide how to use the funds for affordable housing.

Mayor Brady said time allowed for only one public submitted comment, and read a light hearted comment submitted by city resident Scotty McClure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 2:28 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 February 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of March 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 15, 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 Pastor George Lyman of Desert Shores Community Baptist Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Head 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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Sue Demarco invited the public to attend the Voices of the River Choir performance. She said Saving Animals In Need Together was in need of more foster homes for animals, and said the organization offered a voucher program.

Raymond White from Nation’s Finest, formally known as the Veterans’ Resource Center, invited community members to attend the Game of Throws fundraiser to be held on March 26th in Rotary Park.

Ken Kruse from Chapter #1912 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart requested that Purple Heart parking signs be installed at some city locations. He said there were approximately 45 Purple Heart recipients in the area.

Roger Irwin said his questions about the lighting on Bullhead Parkway were answered earlier by City Manager Cotter. He said residents were concerned about the safety of burros roaming that area at night.

Harvey Pryor thanked the city for organizing the great turnout for the RC track event last weekend. He said he hoped to hear some information about upcoming river safety improvements as the summer season was approaching.

Steven Lee discussed the effects of chem trails in the area. He said the country was under globalist attack and requested that a “no fly” zone be established over the city.

Terry Skinner provided information on upcoming performances offered by the Colorado River Concert Association.

Scotty McClure asked where Southwest Gas bills could be paid. He said better signage for Community Park should be installed in order to direct visitors into the park.

Billy Pershing invited the public to attend the Tea Party meeting to be held on February 26th at the public library.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to move the discussion on Agenda Item No. 12 to immediately follow the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor D’Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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. Water Company Transition from EPCOR to Bullhead City

Utilities Director Clark said they received 4,363 service orders since the city took over the system, or an average of 26 calls per day. He said as the weather warmed up, they anticipated seeing more breaks in the system. He said they continued to hire employees, and should be fully staffed within a few months.

2. Spring Sports Tourism

Human Services Director Tipton provided information on upcoming sports tournaments and events planned for March and April.

3. Highway 95 Repaving Project Update

City Manager Cotter said \$20 million was allocated in the state's budget for the repair and maintenance of Highway 95. He said the city maintained the potholes and pavement on the highway, picked up the trash, and paid for the lighting. He said the project should begin next year. He said they were also lobbying the state for \$25 million to fund the installation of 18 right turn lanes along Highway 95.

4. Bridge Project Update

City Manager Cotter said work was progressing on the bridge, and said it was a 700-day project. He said Clark County was administering the project, and said the city participated in the best way they could.

City Manager Cotter said the Southwest Gas payment kiosk would be re-located to City Hall.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht said the first Swap Meet and Community Carnival was very successful, and said the next event was planned for March 12th at Mohave Community College.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion that Items No. 1 through 3 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member Hecht 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 February 1, 2022; and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 1, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

2. Acceptance of the dedication of a five-foot wide public utility easement along the southerly property line of a parcel located at 2996 Highway 68 and described as Parcel B of the Parcel Plat recorded in Book 5 of Parcel Plats, Page 70-70A, as recorded as Fee No. 91-24293, on May 16, 1991, in the office of the County Recorder, Mohave County, Arizona. (Utilities Director Clark)
3. Approval of the Final Plat for Desert Dynamics Dwellings Townhomes, Tract 5004; and to authorize the Mayor to sign all accompanying documents. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

4. Discussion and possible action to approve: 1) the Final Plat for North Fork at Laughlin Ranch, Tract 5151, Unit 2; 2) the Financial Assurance through the Property Escrow Agreement; 3) the Water Allocation in the amount of 35.62 acre feet; and 4) authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the 37 acre subdivision would include 106 residential lots and 7 parcels with dedicated public utility and drainage easements, public utilities, a pocket park, and private streets.

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: 1) the Final Plat for North Fork at Laughlin Ranch, Tract 5151, Unit 2; 2) the Financial Assurance through the Property Escrow Agreement; 3) the Water Allocation in the amount of 35.62 acre feet; and 4) authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-05 approving the request for a zoning map change from R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family district) to R1L (Residential Single-Family Limited) for a .12 acre parcel of land located at 434 Whitewater Drive and described as Harbor View, Tract 1067, Lot 59, Section 24, T20N, R23W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the applicant requested the zoning change to allow for a single family residence to be constructed on the parcel.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure said he was in support of the zoning change. He said a drainage easement area located near the property had a hole in the ground and needed repair. Planning Manager Loera said the contractor was aware of the issue and would address it during the building permit process.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-05 approving the request for a zoning map change from R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family district) to R1L (Residential Single-Family Limited) for a .12 acre parcel of land located at 434 Whitewater Drive and described as Harbor View, Tract 1067, Lot 59, Section 24, T20N, R23W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-06 approving the request for a zoning map change from C1 (Commercial Neighborhood Sales and Service) to C2 (General Commercial) for a .41 acre parcel of land located at 3813 Highway 95 and described as Rio Lomas Unit 4, Tract 1206, Block E, Lot 2, Section 11, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the applicant requested the rezoning in order to combine lots for the construction of a Big O Tire facility.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure said the Long Avenue area would become more dangerous if another street light was added on Highway 95.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-06 approving the request for a zoning map change from C1 (Commercial Neighborhood Sales and Service) to C2 (General Commercial) for a .41 acre parcel of land located at 3813 Highway 95 and described as Rio Lomas Unit 4, Tract 1206, Block E, Lot 2, Section 11, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-07 approving the request for a zoning map change from C1 (Commercial Neighborhood Sales and Service) to C2 (General commercial) for a .41 acre parcel of land located at 3825 Highway 95 and described as Rio Lomas Unit 4, Tract 1206, Block E, Lot 3, Section 11, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Manager Cotter said this item was related to Agenda Item No. 6.

Council Member Zehri said the Planning and Zoning Commission did a very thorough job in considering the zoning items.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion adopt Ordinance No. 2022-07 approving the request for a zoning map change from C1 (Commercial Neighborhood Sales and Service) to C2 (General commercial) for a .41 acre parcel of land located at 3825 Highway 95 and described as Rio Lomas Unit 4, Tract 1206, Block E, Lot 3, Section 11, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-08 approving the request for a zoning map change from R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family) to C2 (General Commercial) and RP (Residential Park) pursuant to the PAD (Planned Area Development) District for a 5.26 acre parcel of land located at 328 Lee Avenue and described as a portion of Parcel B of Record of Survey Book 2, Page 85, Section 1, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the rezoning was requested to allow a mixed use development with indoor storage and a small RV park. He said the parcel had no frontage on Lee Avenue, and said an ingress/egress easement through the adjacent site to the west provided access to the property.

Mayor Brady asked who would be responsible for maintaining the easement.

Planning Manager Loera said a maintenance agreement would be part of the building permit process.

Council Member Brummett asked if an association could be formed in order to maintain the private easement.

City Attorney Emery said this was a private access and the easements were enforceable between the property owners.

Mehdi Azarmi said he was the project manager. He said the property was in desperate need of help, and said the proposed uses of the project would be a major improvement to the area.

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

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-08 approving the request for a zoning map change from R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family) to C2 (General Commercial) and RP (Residential Park) pursuant to the PAD (Planned Area Development) District for a 5.26 acre parcel of land located at 328 Lee Avenue and described as a portion of Parcel B of Record of Survey Book 2, Page 85, Section 1, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-09 approving the request for a zoning map change from PL (Public Lands) to C2 (General Commercial) for uses on the northeastern 5.82 acres of a parcel of land located at 2541 Highway 95 and described as a portion of Section 20, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Manager Cotter said this was one of the most significant redevelopments in the city. He said plans had been ongoing since the state land was purchased by a private developer two years ago. He said a third lane with right turn acceleration and deceleration lanes would be required. He said they would work with the developer for years to come, and said this would be the premiere property in the city.

Planning Manager Loera said the request was for the rezoning of 5.82 acres located at the southwest corner of the Highway 95/Marina Blvd. intersection to allow for the construction of a medical office building and a fast food restaurant pad. He said the total parcel consisted of approximately 268 acres.

Council Member Zehri said he wanted to make sure that adequate parking was addressed during the project planning and development.

Mayor Brady asked if the development would cover the gas line.

Planning Manager Loera said there were no existing easements on this specific pad.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure said he was concerned that vehicles would get stacked up at the entrances if traffic flow was not addressed.

Steven Lee said the cost of infrastructure projects should be at the expense of the developer.

Mayor Brady said it was important for the public to know that a complete master plan for the entire development would be coming forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council.

Don Anderson from Anderson Nelson Engineering said they would design around the gas line on the property. He said they were in the process of creating a master development plan for the rest of the parcel.

Council Member Hecht asked if design elements were included that would create a community atmosphere as the parcel was located in the heart of the city. Mr. Anderson confirmed.

Council Member Brummett said the development of the parcel was exciting, and said the plan had to be the best for the city, that would exist for many years into the future.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-09 approving the request for a zoning map change from PL (Public Lands) to C2 (General Commercial) for uses on the northeastern 5.82 acres of a parcel of land located at 2541 Highway 95 and described as a portion of Section 20, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

10. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-07 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) for the Development Services Department to enforce installation standards for manufactured homes and factory-built buildings within Bullhead City limits. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Development Services Director Chooniyom said in the past, the Mohave County Building Department had an agreement with the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to inspect installation of manufactured homes and factory built buildings. He said on January 1, 2022, the intergovernmental agreement between Mohave County and the ADOH was terminated at the direction of the county. He said approval of the IGA would authorize the city to conduct application reviews, issue permits, inspections, issue certificates of occupancy, and other mandated reporting on behalf of the ADOT. He said this was in addition to the zoning clearance permits that Development Services currently issued, which included inspections of setbacks, address numbers, and certificates of compliance.

Development Services Director Chooniyom said the city's building inspectors were currently qualified to conduct these types of inspections. He said staff was prepared to begin operations upon approval of the agreement.

Mayor Brady asked if personnel costs would be increased.

City Manager Cotter said personnel costs would not increase. He said it was a good thing for the community and a good service to provide for builders.

Council Member Hecht asked about the permit fee.

Development Services Director Chooniyom said the permit fee was \$360, which was set by the state.

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

Steven Lee confirmed the agreement applied to new homes, and asked about the reason for the county's decision to cancel the agreement.

Billy Pershing asked if there were zoning restrictions for manufactured homes.

City Manager Cotter said the zoning was defined as to where the homes could be located.

Barbara Pape asked if the city was receiving the inspection fees. Planning Manager Loera confirmed.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-07 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) for the Development Services Department to enforce installation standards for manufactured homes and factory-built buildings within Bullhead City limits. Vice Mayor D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services Bullhead City 2021 Water System Master Plan with West Coast Civil, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,598,816.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said the plan would serve as the foundational document for all of the city's water service operations, and a road map for the future of the water system. He said the master plan included the creation of a GIS base map, gap analysis of the GIS map provided by EPCOR, development of a hydraulic model, development of a water main replacement program; asset assessment; development of a water demand study; analysis of system deficiencies; source of supply analysis; pressure zone study; system integration planning; air release valve study; fire flow analysis; and the creation of short and long-term capital improvement plans. He provided information on the West Coast Civil Engineering firm and its principals and staff. He said the plan would help the city in applying for future grants.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said the master plan was absolutely needed.

Council Member Hecht confirmed that approval of the agreement would not cause an increase in the city's water rates.

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

Regina Guarisco commended all of the work the city had done to make Bullhead City a functioning, healthy city. She expressed her concern about the growing population and the city's ability to provide water.

Utilities Director Clark said the plan would include future planning for growth, and said the city had adequate water for a population of approximately 110,000.

Billy Pershing asked if a water shortage declaration would reduce the amount of water the city could provide.

Utilities Director Clark said the state was currently working on some solutions in the near future.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services Bullhead City 2021 Water System Master Plan with West Coast Civil, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,598,816.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

Agenda Item No. 12 was moved for discussion to immediately follow the Consent Agenda.

12. Discussion and possible action to accept the City of Bullhead City's audited annual financial report and audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. (Finance Director Vera)

Brian Hemmerle, Lead Auditor from Henry & Horne, joined the meeting via Zoom conference. He said the audit was statutorily required. He said the audit received a clean opinion with no findings that required reporting to Council or management. He said \$2.8 million in CARES Act funding was audited with no required reporting, and said the city was found to be in compliance.

Council Member Brummett congratulated staff for the clean audit and making information accessible to the public.

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 accept the City of Bullhead City's audited annual financial report and audit results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the Water Conservation Plan dated January 20, 2022; and adopt "Plan B" therein. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said the Council held two workshops regarding water saving measures and ultimately chose nine conservation measures from out of 100 evaluated and screened by staff.

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

Pamela Smith asked if swimming pool covers were included in the rebate program.

Utilities Director Clark said pool covers were deleted from the program because the Council decided to move ahead with "Plan B."

Steven Lee asked about the measures included in the plan.

City Manager Cotter said the measures and information were posted on the city's website and a paper copy of the plan was available.

City Attorney Emery said this was an incentive and voluntary plan.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the Water Conservation Plan dated January 20, 2022; and adopt "Plan B" therein. 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

14. Discussion and possible action to modify the city's current policy that limits free parking in city parks to Bullhead City residents, and expanding that policy to include residents of Laughlin and Fort Mohave. (Council Members Annette Wegmann and Waheed Zehri)

City Manager Cotter said the current city policy allowed the City Manager to charge for parking when and where appropriate within city parks. He said the revenue generated was put back into that program or service. He said parking was sometimes charged for special events and programs as a revenue source. He said parking fees were charged throughout the summer at Community Park, sometimes Rotary Park, per vehicle. He said for other events, there might be an admission fee. He said the decision was made several years ago that parking fees would be waived for Bullhead City residents.

Council Member Wegmann said some constituents from Fort Mohave had expressed their concerns over being charged entry fees because they volunteered, worked, shopped, and contributed to Bullhead City even though they did not live within city limits.

Council Member Zehri said Laughlin residents also worked and shopped in Bullhead City, and were considered a part of the community.

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

Dan Alfonzo said he paid taxes and lived in Bullhead City. He said the overall financial impact of lost revenue should be determined. He said a minimum charge might be acceptable.

Scotty McClure asked what boundaries would be considered as "Fort Mohave." He suggested offering a yearly pass at a discount to Laughlin and Fort Mohave residents.

Steven Lee said checking identification could get complicated, and said he would support a yearly pass program.

Pamela Smith said Davis Camp and Big Bend did not offer Bullhead City residents any discounts.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said they were good partners with the community, and said he might support an annual pass or discount. He said they represented the citizens of the city.

City Manager Cotter said they did not have the capacity at the park to sell an annual pass. He said they did everything by swiping a credit card only.

Council Member Head asked about the percentage of residents visiting the park on the weekends.

City Manager Cotter said approximately 10 to 15 percent of city residents were tracked visiting the park on the weekends. He said more locals visited during the week or on Sunday afternoons. He said visitor counts were not tracked for Laughlin and Fort Mohave; just Arizona, Nevada, or California.

Council Member Zehri asked if discounts were offered at the boat launch. City Manager Cotter confirmed.

Council Member Hecht asked if the process of checking identifications would slow down the vehicles entering the park.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said they would have to look at each zip code, and that process would be challenging and delay the process.

Mayor Brady said none of the county parks offered discounts to county residents. He said he was not in favor of annual passes as they were problematic. He said he was in favor of the current system.

Council Member Wegmann asked about the management of the number of vehicles entering the park.

City Manager Cotter said a maximum of 1,300 vehicles could fit into the park, and said they were committed to making the park a safe environment. He said the city incurred expenses for security, maintenance, and administration.

Council Member Brummett said she had not received any complaints about having to pay admission. She said admission for Bullhead City residents should be free of charge.

Council Member Head asked about the number of times the maximum number of vehicles in the park was met. He asked if there was an additional fee for launching a boat.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said twice, but said they came close most of the time.

City Manager Cotter said there was a flat \$20 fee to park and launch a boat at Community Park.

Mayor Brady said residents could use Rotary Park and other city parks without paying a fee.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to modify the city's current policy that limits free parking in city parks to Bullhead City residents, and expanding that policy to include residents of Laughlin and Fort Mohave. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION FAILED

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 15th day of February 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of March 2022.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk