

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, March 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 Tim Eighmy of Community Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Zehri 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

1. Proclamation declaring March 29, 2022, as “Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day” in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to VFW Post #10005 Commander Angela Kruse.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee requested that citizens contact their legislators to bring back jury nullification in Arizona. He discussed the World Economic Forum’s plan and offered to email the plan document to anyone that was interested.

Sue Demarco discussed the S.A.I.N.T. organization’s recent injured puppy rescue efforts. She said they were hoping to replace their 1999 truck with a donation or through their fundraising events.

Steve Nock said he was the VFW District 8 Commander and thanked the City Council for their continued support.

Pamela Smith asked the Council to withdraw Consent Agenda Item No. 2 for discussion.

Scotty McClure said he would like the city to have its own drug detecting K-9. He asked for the reason that Lazy Harry's was closed. He asked for the reason some city property owners paid the pest abatement tax and others did not. He thanked the city for fixing the road at MALC.

Billy Pershing said the Mohave Tea Party would meet on March 26th at the public library.

Harvey Pryor thanked the city for building the RC track. He said they were raising funds in order to add some improvements to the track. He said the County Supervisors were ignoring issues that were needed along the river.

Bo Hellams provided an update on activities at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce. He said currently they had 523 members.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Mayor Brady made a motion to move Agenda Item No. 9 for discussion after Consent Agenda Item No. 4. 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. E-Recycle and Hazardous Waste Day

City Manager Cotter said the recycling and hazardous waste collection day was scheduled for April 9th.

2. City Water and Wastewater Delinquent Payments

City Manager Cotter said since the city took over the water company; it had not made any efforts to date in order to collect on unpaid bills. He said it was not their intention to shut anyone's water off, but it was time to begin taking action to collect. He said they were doing everything possible in

order to contact customers and inform the public. He said staff was willing to work with customers on setting up payment plans.

3. Homeless Shelter/River Fund Assistance

City Manager Cotter said the shelter was now accepting guests on an overnight basis and said they would appreciate additional donations and volunteers. He said the city was very supportive of Catholic Charities, and said the River Fund was also available to assist citizens in need. He said the city did not allow camping on public lands.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Brady said the other "Tom Brady" announced he was coming out of retirement; and said he, the Mayor, was still retiring at the end of his term.

Council Member Zehri said the Mohave Health Coalition Family Health Fair would be held on April 23rd at Mohave Community College. He said he would resign from the City Council in order to run for Mayor in the 2022 election. He said it was his honor to serve the community as a City Council Member and looked forward to serving as Mayor.

Council Member Hecht thanked the community for supporting the Swap Meet and fundraising efforts. She said fundraisers were planned to help Donuts to Go that was recently vandalized. She said the Clean Up Bullhead event was scheduled for April 1st.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Item No. 2 was withdrawn for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion that Items No. 1, 3, and 4 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 March 1, 2022; and approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 1, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

3. Approval of the Preliminary Plat for a project known as Sun Mission West, Tract 5008, for a parcel generally located in the area of the El Camino Village development and described as a portion of Section 1, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ, subject to the schedule of development set forth in the council communication. (Development Services director Chooniyom)
4. Approval of: 1) the Final Plat for Canyon Trails at Fox Creek, Tract 5190, Unit 10; 2) the Financial Assurance through the Property Escrow Agreement; 3) the Water Allocation in the amount of 10.42 acre-feet; and 4) authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-08 approving the city's entry into the Region 8 Education Service Center Purchasing Cooperative (TIPS). (Finance Director Vera)

City Manager Cotter said this was another cooperative purchasing agreement that the city participated in for the purpose of reducing costs and streamlining the procurement process.

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

Pamela Smith said the item talked about "Texas schools," and thought it was a little odd.

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-08 approving the city's entry into the Region 8 Education Service Center Purchasing Cooperative (TIPS). Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

5. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-10 authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 2008-5 to allow the applicant additional time to record the final plat for the first phase of the project known as The Heights at Laughlin Ranch, described as a portion of Sections 4 and 9, T20N, R21W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said this request was for a time extension only, and said the property recently sold to a new developer. He said the Laughlin Ranch Master Plan designated that area as medium density residential; and said after some discussion at the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the developer would meet with some residents in that neighborhood.

Dave Lords from Laughlin Ranch said some homeowners stated they were told by their realtor that the property behind their homes would remain open. He said the streets and lots were graded before the 2008 collapse, and said that land had always been planned for development. He said April 27, 2022, was the twentieth anniversary of the opening of Laughlin Ranch.

Council Member Brummett asked about the grade of the lots. Mr. Lords said the grade was taken down and some of the new lots would be at the same grade.

Council Member Hecht thanked Mr. Lords for everything he had invested in Laughlin Ranch.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-10 authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 2008-5 to allow the applicant additional time to record the final plat for the first phase of the project known as The Heights at Laughlin Ranch, described as a portion of Sections 4 and 9, T20N, R21W, Bullhead City, AZ. 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. 2022-11 declaring Ordinance Nos. 2015-17, 2017-17, and 2019-14 null and void, and removing the conditional zoning map change for the parcel of land located at 1685 Highway 95 and described as Petersens Acres Unit 1, Block A, Lots 13, 14, and the southerly 300 feet of Lot 15, Section 9, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the property had been sold, and said the new owner had no interest in continuing with the original proposed development at this time.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Vice Mayor D'Amico made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-11 declaring Ordinance Nos. 2015-17, 2017-17, and 2019-14 null and void, and removing the conditional zoning map change for the parcel of land located at 1685 Highway 95 and described as Petersens Acres Unit 1, Block A, Lots 13, 14, and the southerly 300 feet of Lot 15, Section 9, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. Council Member Wegmann 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. 2022-12 declaring Ordinance Nos. 2015-18, 2017-18, and 2019-15 null and void, and removing the conditional zoning map change for the parcel of land located at 1689 Highway 95 and described as Petersens Acres Unit 2, Block A, the northwesterly 304 feet of Lot 15, Section 9, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said this item was related to Agenda Item No. 6.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-12 declaring Ordinance Nos. 2015-18, 2017-18, and 2019-15 null and void, and removing the conditional zoning map change for the parcel of land located at 1689 Highway 95 and described as Petersens Acres Unit 2, Block A, the northwesterly 304 feet of Lot 15, Section 9, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. Council Member Zehri 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. 2022-13 approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L (Residential Single-Family Limited) to R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family) for a 47.5 acre parcel of land located in the vicinity of Arroyo Vista Drive and Bullhead Parkway, and described as a portion of Section 1, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the applicant was proposing to construct three apartment buildings, a dormitory building, swimming pool, and shade structures with associated parking areas. He said the applicant was working with Mohave Community College to provide dormitory housing for the student athletes of a newly funded soccer program that would begin competing in the fall of 2023. He said the remainder of the apartments would be standard multi-family rental units available to the

public. He said there had been some initial concerns about access to the Parkway, and said the site plan had been amended to include access from Arroyo Vista Drive.

Mehdi Azarmi, project manager, provided a brief explanation of the project.

Dr. Stacey Klippenstein, President of Mohave Community College, said he was in support of the project. He said they looked forward to the beginning of the soccer program in 2023.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure spoke in opposition to the project.

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

MOTION: Vice Mayor D’Amico made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-13 approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L (Residential Single-Family Limited) to R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family) for a 47.5 acre parcel of land located in the vicinity of Arroyo Vista Drive and Bullhead Parkway, and described as a portion of Section 1, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. Council Member Wegmann 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

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-09 approving the sale and execution and delivery of excise taxes revenue bonds with all necessary and appropriate transactional requirements stated therein (presented in substantially completed form); and further, directing the City Manager to complete, as may be additionally necessary, and in coordination with all other necessary persons and institutions, all required actions and documentation to consummate the sale approved under the resolution. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$20,700,000, would reimburse the general fund for the general funds expended on January 28, 2022, for the final acquisition of EPCOR’s Bullhead City area water system. He said this action was the result of a long and hard-fought process to improve the prospect of affordable consumer water in the city. He said pending the approach of a jury trial concerning the compensation to be paid to EPCOR, the parties engaged in a mediation which resulted in the parties reaching an agreement to conclude the acquisition of the water system for a total amount of \$100 million. He said \$80 million had already been paid in late 2021 in order to gain possession and operation of the system. He said the additional \$20 million plus statutory interest was paid in order to complete the transaction. He said this final payment resulted in the court issuing the final order of condemnation and in the city’s full title and ownership of the system. He said in order to avoid the delay of acquiring bonds and thereby, delaying the full ownership of the system, the city paid the remaining amount from the general fund.

Mark Reader of Stifel, Inc. joined the meeting via Zoom conference. He said this was the final phase of the \$100 million acquisition. He said the \$80 million bond issuance previously locked into the historical low rate of 1.87 percent. He said there had been significant inflation since that time which resulted in a slight increase in interest rates. He provided market information to the Council. He said no utility rate increase would be required. He said they would sell the bonds on March 22nd.

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

Pamela Smith said the original bond was \$90 million. City Manager Cotter said \$80 million went toward the EPCOR payment and the remainder went toward system improvements.

Billy Pershing said the original bond approval was \$130 million. City Manager said voter approval was for the acquisition or condemnation, and said that was over.

Scotty McClure spoke in support of the acquisition.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-09 approving the sale and execution and delivery of excise taxes revenue bonds with all necessary and appropriate transactional requirements stated therein (presented in substantially completed form); and further, directing the City Manager to complete, as may be additionally necessary, and in coordination with all other necessary persons and institutions, all required actions and documentation to consummate the sale approved under the resolution. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with McCormick Construction Co. of Bullhead City, Arizona, for the construction of a cross access road at Community Park in the amount of \$114,327.00; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign resulting documents on behalf of the city. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said the road would connect the north parking lot just south of the new splash pad to the main parking lot next to the Museum and the Chamber to create accessibility throughout the park. She said sidewalks would be constructed on both sides of the roadway and would connect to the large ramada. She said the bid opening on March 7th received three bids, and said McCormick Construction Co. was the lowest bidder.

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

Scotty McClure said there was a big discrepancy in the bid prices.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve a contract with McCormick Construction Co. of Bullhead City, Arizona, for the construction of a cross access road at Community Park in the amount of \$114,327.00; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign resulting documents 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

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with Lopez Construction LLC, of Mohave Valley, Arizona, for the construction of a block screen wall at Community Park (Project 22-P-005) in the amount of \$121,575.00; authorize the city's purchase of screen wall materials in the amount of \$190,425.00, with a total project contingency of \$25,000; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract and issue resulting purchase orders and payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said this project was put out for bid and no bids were received. He said due to lack of bids and an impending busy visitor season, staff then reached out to various local contractors for a labor-costs only arrangement. He said two local builders responded with Lopez Construction presenting the lowest quote. He said the wall was designed to keep cars out and replace the temporary chain link fencing.

Public Works Director Johnson said the wall would be approximately three blocks, or 24 inches tall; and would not impede the view corridor along the river. She said Lopez Construction was ready to begin construction as soon as possible.

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

Scotty McClure said the land south of the park would be going up for state auction soon, and wondered if the city planned to bid on it.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the contract with Lopez Construction LLC, of Mohave Valley, Arizona, for the construction of a block screen wall at Community Park (Project 22-P-005) in the amount of \$121,575.00; authorize the city's purchase of screen wall materials in the amount of \$190,425.00, with a total project contingency of \$25,000; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract and issue resulting purchase orders and payments. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the application to the Arizona State Land Department for the acquisition of the Right of Way for the Landon Drive Extension; and authorize the City Manager to submit the Right of Way application and accompanying documentation. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said Landon Drive was moving forward. He said the city hired engineer Don Anderson to design a connection between Highway 68 and the Bullhead Parkway through the extension of Landon Drive. He said the extension would run through the middle of a large parcel of land currently owned by the State of Arizona. He said approval would authorize staff to begin the process of acquiring the rights of way from the Arizona State Land Department to build this long-anticipated connection.

Mayor Brady said the extension would help to alleviate traffic from Highway 95.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said the city needed this road for its future.

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

Billy Pershing asked about the amount of state and private lands the city would need to purchase.

City Manager Cotter said the state would sell the land to the city through an auction process for the amount of the appraisal. He said any small piece of private land would be condemned.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the application to the Arizona State Land Department for the acquisition of the Right of Way for the Landon Drive Extension; and authorize the City Manager to submit the Right of Way application and accompanying documentation. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

13. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-10 designating a housing development area within the city; and further, authorizing the City Manager to issue loans of \$250,000 per developer, and enter into appropriate security agreements with developers for the funds upon demonstration of the award of funding necessary for the proposed developments. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said there were two developers willing to bring affordable housing to the community. He said the proposal would authorize city management to assist potential developers seeking acquisition of construction funding from the State of Arizona. He said the opportunity was not guaranteed.

Justin Francis of Haan Development joined the meeting via Zoom. He said the Arizona Department of Housing had recognized that the Bullhead City market was in desperate need of affordable housing. He said there were 147 families in the city that could use affordable housing right now. He said the Council's support was required in order to make application to the state through the very competitive process.

Vice Mayor D'Amico said the Council previously approved a similar project proposed for a Hancock Road location a few years ago, and asked about the outcome.

Mr. Francis said their bid came in fourth and their company did not make it to one of the top three applications at that time.

Discussion ensued about proposed rental amounts, rental income eligibility, and the size of rental units under the program.

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

Scotty McClure asked about the responsibility of the management of the rental units. He requested that the city look into a roundabout for traffic control at the intersection near the planned apartment project. He said the area did not need more housing.

Billy Pershing said he related the term "affordable housing" to run-down apartments. He said he hoped this would be a positive development for the city.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-10 designating a housing development area within the city; and further, authorizing the City Manager to issue loans of \$250,000 per developer, and enter into appropriate security agreements with developers for the funds upon demonstration of the award of funding necessary for the proposed developments. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

14. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-14 by reference, approving an amendment to Chapter 15.44, "Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes, Modular Homes, and Park Trailers," of the Bullhead City Municipal Code concerning installation permits for these structures; and adopt Resolution No. 2022R-11 declaring the code amendment a public record. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the Council previously approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Housing to conduct building inspections on the installation of manufactured homes, modular homes, and park trailers within city limits. He said the amendment would change the zoning clearance permit timeframe from three months to six months to match the building permit timeframe.

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

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-14 by reference, approving an amendment to Chapter 15.44, “Manufactured Homes, Mobile Homes, Modular Homes, and Park Trailers,” of the Bullhead City Municipal Code concerning installation permits for these structures; and adopt Resolution No. 2022R-11 declaring the code amendment a public record. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

15. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-15 by reference, approving an amendment to Chapter 17.16, “R1MH Residential Single-Family Manufactured Home District,” of the Bullhead City Municipal Code concerning installation permits for manufactured homes; and adopt Resolution No. 2022R-12 declaring the code amendment a public record. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the last agenda item pertained to Chapter 15 of the Municipal Code, and said this item pertained to amending Chapter 17 of the code.

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 Ordinance No. 2022-15 by reference, approving an amendment to Chapter 17.16, “R1MH Residential Single-Family Manufactured Home District,” of the Bullhead City Municipal Code concerning installation permits for manufactured homes; and adopt Resolution No. 2022R-12 declaring the code amendment a public record. Council Member Zehri seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

16. Discussion and possible action to approve that the City Manager, or designee, apply for RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant funding and any other grant opportunities that would assist and contribute to the desired Bullhead Parkway improvements. (City Manager Cotter)

Assistant to the City Manager Edigar Kajirwa said the grant funding would come from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act program, and other possible grant funding opportunities in relation to the redevelopment and beautification of Bullhead Parkway. He said with the Council’s approval, the city would apply for the maximum award of \$25 million. He said the Parkway was constructed in the early 1990’s and it was designed for an approximate 20-year life.

Council Member Zehri asked about the addition of bike lanes and other improvements. City Manager Cotter said they would provide the opportunity for public comment to assist in determining future parkway improvements and amenities.

Mayor Brady said the current transportation system in the city was lacking. He said they applied for right turn lanes along the highway, the second bridge project was underway, and the proposed Landon Drive and Bullhead Parkway projects would tremendously improve the roadways over the next ten years.

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

Billy Pershing confirmed the grant funds would come from the bill passed by Congress.

MOTION: Council Member Head made a motion to approve that the City Manager, or designee, apply for RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant funding and any other grant opportunities that would assist and contribute to the desired Bullhead Parkway improvements. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

17. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-13 approving an amended paid holiday schedule. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said if approved, the city would begin observing the Federal holiday schedule as it currently existed, to include Juneteenth and Columbus Day. He said the only other change staff was proposing was to denominate the last Friday in November (the day after Thanksgiving) as Family Day, which was already treated as a paid holiday. He said this change would also eliminate the two half-day paid holidays now currently on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.

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

Scotty McClure spoke in opposition to the proposed schedule and automatic COLA increases.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-13 approving an amended paid holiday schedule. 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

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 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 March 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of April 2022.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM, City Clerk