

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, July 19, 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 Bill Jones from Bethel Community Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Lizarraga led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Wegmann (via telephone)

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: Absent

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee discussed AZ House Bill 4350, and said it imposed globalism on everyone.

Nick Parsons congratulated MIT and the Minnesota University for winning the American Solar Challenge. He said alternative solar propulsion vehicles could replace the dependency on gas fueled vehicles.

Sue Demarco from Saving Animals In Need Together (S.A.I.N.T.) invited the public to attend a bowling fundraising event on July 31st. She thanked the police for their work to stop illegal fireworks over the 4th of July holiday. She asked for more lighting on the parkway to help save the burros.

Anthony Soto, General Manager for DOT Foods, invited the public to attend a community carnival event on August 13th. He shared information on DOT Foods' charitable activities.

George Miller from Tri-State Community Health Care discussed the food giveaway program. He said they were thankful for the assistance from DOT Foods.

Roz Rosentrater spoke on behalf of Laughlin Ranch property owners. She said in the past week, two burros were killed by traffic. She asked the city to install stop signs and flashing signs on Laughlin Ranch Blvd. and Bullhead Parkway in order to slow traffic.

Harvey Pryor said citizens have civil liberties and rights, and said he was denied his right to speak at the last Council meeting. He said all of the Council Members had to be replaced, as they did not stand up for the citizens. He asked that no alcohol be allowed in city parks.

Dan Alfonzo thanked the WARMC emergency staff for the professional treatment he recently received. He asked if there was an estimate for the total cost of the proposed air show. He suggested going to El Centro rather than Miramar for airshow booths and other exhibitions.

Scotty McClure said the public could not ask questions during the manager's report, and said some of those items should be placed on the regular agenda for discussion. He said the city had not responded to his claims. He announced the names of the local candidates that he was voting for.

Eva Corbett said the Colorado Historical Society and Museum was in need of volunteers.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brummett made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. BHHS Legacy Foundation Report by Teri Tomlinson

Teri Tomlinson provided a report on the Backpack Buddy program that was held at the Anderson Field House. She thanked the city for helping them through the hurdles. She said the number of children served and the number of items provided to the children grew this year. She thanked the sponsors from the community, volunteers, and the police and fire departments. She said this event was a success, and said they were working on more improvements for next year.

2. Splash Bash Event

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Kara Kaplan provided information on the Splash Bash Event to be held on July 30th at Ken Fovargue Park.

3. Water Rates (No Increase)

City Manager Cotter said he was pleased to announce the city would not be seeking a water rate increase for the upcoming year. He said proposals for any future rate increase would be heard by the City Council, and not by the Arizona Corporation Commission in Phoenix.

4. Short Term Rentals Workshop - August 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

City Manager Cotter provided information on the workshop. He said AZ Senate Bill 1168 passed, and said they would be asking the Council if they would be interested in adopting some of the provisions in the bill.

5. Southwest Gas Kiosk inside City Hall

City Manager Cotter displayed a photo of the kiosk, and said it was now available for customers to make payments without additional fees.

6. Street Paving Program

City Manager Cotter provided information on the city streets that had been recently resurfaced.

7. River Low Flow on July 19th

City Manager Cotter said caddisflies could not survive in the heat when the river was in low flow. He said the efforts of Dr. Cavallaro had been making a huge difference in controlling the caddisflies. He thanked the community members for picking up trash and beautifying the river during the low flow.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht provided information on upcoming community events. She said she visited the city parks and was able to see a lifeguard rescue someone in the river.

Vice Mayor Brummett reminded the public to pay attention to their neighbors during the extreme heat.

Council Member D'Amico said all 75 sworn officer positions had been filled for the first time in 18 years. He thanked and congratulated the police force.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion that Item No. 1 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 5, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-44 approving an amendment to the Land Use Plan of the Bullhead City General Plan to change the land use designation from Medium/High Density Residential to Regional Commercial and from Regional Commercial to High Density Residential for parcels of land that are generally located to the east of the City Square Shopping Center, Tract 5097, and Riverview Mall, Tract 4081 Subdivisions, and described as a portion of Section 23, T20N, R22W. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said this request was to swap the land designations behind City Square so the area behind City Square could be developed with commercial uses, and the area behind Riverview Mall with residential uses.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Dan Alfonzo asked if the areas being discussed at meetings could be displayed on the monitors for public view.

Scotty McClure asked if the area would have public streets. City Manager Cotter confirmed. Mr. McClure asked if the new streets could have white pavement applied.

Eva Corbett asked if the existing streets would be repaved. City Manager Cotter confirmed.

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

MOTION: Council Member D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-44 approving an amendment to the Land Use Plan of the Bullhead City General Plan to change the land use designation from Medium/High Density Residential to Regional Commercial and from Regional Commercial to High Density Residential for parcels of land that are generally located to the east of the City Square Shopping Center, Tract 5097, and Riverview Mall, Tract 4081 Subdivisions, and described as a portion of Section 23, T20N, R22W. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-25 approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L-D35 (Residential: Single-Family Limited with a density of 35,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) and R2MF-D3 (Residential: Multiple-Family with a density of 3,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) to R1L-PAD (Residential: Single-Family Limited Planned Area Development) R1MH-PAD (Residential: Single-Family Manufactured Home Planned Area Development), R2MF-PAD (Residential: Multi-Family Planned Area Development) and C2 (General Commercial) for parcels of land that are to be known as The Trails of Black Mountain, described as a portion of Section 23, T20N, R22W. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Manager Cotter said this agenda item was related to the previous item. He said this project would include affordable housing and higher density housing.

Vice Mayor Brummett and Council Member Hecht expressed their support for this project.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Billy Pershing asked about the number of housing units that would be developed.

Planning Manager Loera said potentially there could be a few thousand residential units.

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

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-25 approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L-D35 (Residential: Single-Family Limited with a density of 35,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) and R2MF-D3 (Residential: Multiple-Family with a density of 3,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) to R1L-PAD (Residential: Single-Family Limited Planned Area Development) R1MH-PAD (Residential: Single-Family Manufactured Home Planned Area Development), R2MF-PAD (Residential: Multi-Family Planned Area Development) and C2 (General Commercial) for parcels of land that are to be known as The Trails of Black Mountain, described as a portion of Section 23, T20N, R22W. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-26 approving the request for an amendment to Z05-026, Ordinance No. 2018-09, Stipulation No. 5, and S05-026, Stipulation No. 5, to allow additional time to record the final plat for the first phase of a project known as Marble Canyon that is described as a portion of Section 23, T20N, R22W and Alta Vista, Tract 1135, Lots 16 and 17. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the developer was working on architectural drawings, and was requesting an extension of time. He said the request was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Vice Mayor Brummett said this was the fifth extension for this project. She said she would like to know the viability that the project would actually move forward.

Ray Stabler said he was hired by the developer to move the project forward, and said they were in the process of developing plans for the design of the subdivision.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Scotty McClure asked if the exit from Interstate Place would be moved, and if the development was in a flood plain.

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

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-26 approving the request for an amendment to Z05-026, Ordinance No. 2018-09, Stipulation No. 5, and S05-026, Stipulation No. 5, to allow additional time to record the final plat for the first phase of a project known as Marble Canyon that is described as a portion of Section 23, T20N, R22W and Alta Vista, Tract 1135, Lots 16 and 17. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-27 approving an amendment to the building setbacks for the subdivision known as Rancho Colorado, Tract 5086, that is a portion of Section 13, T20N, R22W and Section 18, T20N, R21W. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said, in reviewing the setback matrix, staff found several errors that needed correction. He said a new exhibit was prepared, as well as the addition of a 6-foot no-build easement that overlaps the setbacks and specifies that no structures other than fences, block walls, mechanical equipment, and other similar items could be built or placed in the easement.

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

MOTION: **Vice Mayor Brummett made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-27 approving an amendment to the building setbacks for the subdivision known as Rancho Colorado, Tract 5086, that is a portion of Section 13, T20N, R22W and Section 18, T20N, R21W. Council Member Head seconded the motion.**

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

None

Other Business

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of an M109A5 self-propelled Howitzer Cannon from the U.S. Army Donations Program, placing the Howitzer in Veterans’ Park; authorize a budget transfer of approximately \$25,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Parks Maintenance budget for the project; and authorize the City Manager to make resultant disbursements/payments and execute any agreements as may be required by the Department of Defense. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said on July 29, 2019, the City Council discussed an application to the Department of Defense for stationary military equipment to be located at the Veterans’ Park. He said the Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019R-31 supporting a formal request to the Department of Defense. He said recently the city was contacted about a M109-A5 Howitzer cannon available as part of the program to be placed in the city park. He said Mayor Brady traveled to the Arizona Army National Guard headquarters in Phoenix to view the Howitzer. He said the agreement stipulated the cannon could not be loaned, sold, transferred, given to or used by any other organization. He said the largest cost of the program was the de-militarization of the

equipment and transportation of the equipment. He said there was minimal cost to the city, as A&G Towing had agreed to donate the entire cost of the move from Phoenix to Bullhead City. He said Mayor Brady was working with the Army National Guard to paint the equipment.

Mayor Brady said this was a unique experience for the city. He said they had been told that static display program had stopped throughout the country due to the high expenses. He said the cannon was originally acquired by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio to be used for parade purposes. He said the federal government did not allow this, and the equipment was given back to the National Guard. He said he could not be happier with the kind of equipment the city was getting. He said A&G Towing was a tremendous asset to the community, as they were always out there for parades and now they were providing a generous donation to transport the cannon to Bullhead City. He said he was very proud they could finish the Veterans' Memorial peninsula.

Council Member D'Amico said the Howitzer was a great artillery piece for the city.

Vice Mayor Brummett said she was very happy that Mayor Brady could obtain the equipment for the city. She said the Veterans' Memorial Park was beautiful, and the generosity of A & G Towing would never be forgotten.

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

Barbara Pape spoke in support of the acquisition.

Dan Alfonzo spoke in support of the acquisition.

Scotty McClure spoke in support of the acquisition.

Gary Genovese spoke in support of the acquisition.

Council Member Wegmann gave a huge shout out to A&G Towing.

MOTION: Council Member D'Amico made a motion to approve the acceptance of an M109A5 self-propelled Howitzer Cannon from the U.S. Army Donations Program, placing the Howitzer in Veterans' Park; authorize a budget transfer of approximately \$25,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Parks Maintenance budget for the project; and authorize the City Manager to make resultant disbursements/payments and execute any agreements as may be required by the Department of Defense. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-45 requesting that the Arizona Department of Transportation designate Highway 95 as an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Corridor. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said as the numbers of electric vehicles continued to increase, the need for electric vehicle charging stations and supporting infrastructure also continued to increase. He said the state received \$76.5 million in federal dollars to establish publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) fast charging stations along Arizona's designated alternative fuel corridors. He said the purpose of this item was to request the Council pass a resolution encouraging the State of Arizona and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to designate Highway 95 as an alternative fuel corridor to be equipped with EV fast charging stations. He said millions of visitors come to the city from areas where there are many electric vehicles. He said currently there are no charging stations in the city.

Council Member D'Amico asked where the electricity would come from.

City Manager Cotter said ADOT was looking to partner with developers that would provide all of the electricity and requirements to meet the state program. He said stations could also be located at municipal facilities. He said typically the user paid for the electricity. He said there would be no cost to the city.

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

Barbara Pape spoke in support of the resolution.

Billy Pershing asked if there was a revenue opportunity for the city. City Manager Cotter said the city had not looked into the program, and said the state was looking for private developers to get involved.

Kelly Grunder spoke in opposition, and said it was not the right time.

Eva Corbett said the charging stations were noisy.

Council Member Hecht asked if there were any proposed locations along Highway 95.

City Manager Cotter said ADOT was looking for commercially zoned areas, and said currently Highway 95 was not being considered. He said the vast majority of visitors were from southern California, and said there were limited charging stations outside of the city.

MOTION: Council Member Head made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-45 requesting that the Arizona Department of Transportation designate Highway 95 as an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Corridor. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

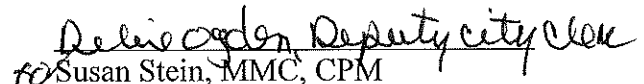
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 19th day of July 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2022.


Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk