

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, September 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER: Travis Pruitt

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Catholic Charities will provide an update on the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help and Hope's operations and information on their service to the people in the community.

Assistant to the City Manager Pruitt said the Council Members toured the facility earlier that afternoon.

Human Services Director Tipton said the budget request communication was included in the packet, and said the item would be brought to the Council for consideration at the October 4th Council meeting. He introduced the members of the Catholic Charities organization in attendance.

Olivia McCormick, Catholic Charities Community Services Board of Directors Member, provided information regarding an Arizona Town Hall event that would be held at the Anderson Auto Group Field House on November 1st with 90 to 100 participants. She said the stakeholders would be brought together to discuss the issues, and come up with some solutions and action plans for the City Council to review. She said they were ready to do this on their own; and said she had reached out to the Arizona Town Hall to serve as a facilitator. She said the Arizona Town Hall had been providing these types of events across the state. She said the organization provided the facilitators, the registration process, and said they could tailor their discussions to meet the needs of the community. She said they had the contract and the funding, and were ready to go. She said they hoped to come out with some really tangible and identifiable objectives in order to work together in partnership.

Cathy Peterson thanked the Council for taking the tour. She said she hoped they provided a better understanding of what was happening at the facility.

Camie Rasband, Catholic Charities Director of Homeless Services for Northern Arizona, provided a PowerPoint presentation. She said in Mohave County, there were 397 people known to be experiencing homelessness, 203 self-reported as having a disability, and 109 self-reported as their

first time experiencing homelessness. She provided the following statistics for 2022 to date: 6,982 services provided; 22,990 meals; 5,657 bed nights; 1,286 family bed nights; 12 families served; 8,685 individuals served; 3,157 showers; 1,655 laundry loads; 716 clothing vouchers; 1,335 computer sessions, and 119 referrals to other services and programs. She said 48 people were moved into permanent housing with another Catholic Charities program after staying at the shelter. She said currently there were 15 community partners that offered onsite services.

Ms. Rasband said they aimed to serve all who needed their services. She said they allowed guests without income, guests if they were not clean and sober, guests with a criminal justice past, and said treatment and referrals were voluntary. She said federal and state funding required shelters to operate under the "Housing First Model" as it was a proven best practice. She said they followed all anti-discrimination laws; had simple eligibility criteria; a flexible intake process; rules were focused on safety; a clear, realistic, and self-actualized service plan; and client driven services were focused on housing. She said 48 out of the 202 clients who stayed in the shelter and exited enrolled in a Catholic Charities housing program; 5 moved into psychiatric or substance use recovery programs; and 2 moved into safe havens or transitional housing.

Ms. Rasband said their total annual operating budget was \$1,100,000. She said city funding had historically been \$52,000 annually, and said the city was considering an additional \$75,000 for opening 24/7. She said they were committed to those they served and were making a difference. She said, as of October 3rd, their day services would run from 9-6, lunch served from 12-1, and dinner would be opened up to the community.

Council Member Lizarraga asked how the volunteer program was going, and asked about the number of volunteers that were needed. Ms. Rasband said they were always looking for more volunteers, and said they needed about 8 to 9 volunteers per day.

Council Member D'Amico asked if they looked into the possibility of partnering with the casinos for job opportunities. Ms. Rasband said they wanted to bring in additional partners and resources, and were looking to connect anywhere they could.

Council Member Wegmann said she was impressed with the tour. She thanked Catholic Charities for working together with the community partners and taking care of those in need.

Council Member Hecht requested an update on how the public could obtain more information on specific things that were needed at the shelter. Ms. Rasband said the Catholic Charities website included information on volunteer and donation opportunities.

Council Member Hecht asked about the process that was followed to assist a person under the legal age. Ms. Rasband said they did not allow unaccompanied minors in the shelter. She said there were opportunities to connect with other community partners that could help. Ms. McCormick said they were collaborating and conducting outreach with other organizations in order for all to be connected and on the same page.

Council Member Hecht asked if people could be assisted if they came to the shelter after the normal hours of operation. Ms. Rasband said they tried to connect with everyone, and said they were finally getting fully staffed and would be able to help more people. Ms. Peterson said the shelter was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but a room might not be available if the shelter was full.

Council Member Hecht asked about the health care program at the shelter. Ms. Rasband said there was a designated medical room; and said their goal was to have community partners using that room. She said the room was tele-med capable, and mental health services were also provided.

Council Member D'Amico asked about the service area and if Mohave County was assisting financially. Ms. Rasband said they had not experienced people coming in from other areas. She said at that time, they had no funds designated from the county; but had grant funding from the Arizona Department of Housing. Ms. Peterson said the Legacy Foundation asked that they serve the tri-city area, and said no one would be turned away.

Vice Mayor Brummett said it was good to see the facility clean and organized. She said the city had been involved in the Homeless Task Force and wanted to be involved with the shelter in order to make it more successful moving forward. She said she would like to have a representative from Catholic Charities attend the task force meetings.

Ms. Rasband said the only time the shelter would be closed, with people staying outside, would be from 8-9.

Council Member D'Amico asked if there were future plans to allow animals at the facility. Ms. McCormick said there were models in Phoenix that offered animal care, and said most owners did not want to put their animals in a kennel, as they wanted their animals with them. She said they would address this at the Town Hall.

Council Member Hecht said there were a few people sleeping on the ground outside the facility, and asked if cots could be provided. Ms. Peterson said there were reasons to not encourage this, as the people were overcoming their "activities" from the night before; and they did not want to encourage this behavior.

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

Dan Alfonzo asked where the remaining 89 percent of the operational funding would come from each year. He asked if other cities were contributing towards the operation, and asked if the facility was staffed 24 hours per day.

Ms. Peterson said the catholic churches had a charity development appeal and Catholic Charities raised the rest of the money. She said they planned to apply for an emergency shelter grant in the amount of \$500,000 and would also apply to the county's emergency food and shelter program. She said the other cities currently did not provide funding, and said they were working down that path with Laughlin. She said they invited their guests to help around the shelter.

Scotty McClure said the privacy fence had not been installed. He said the guests were trespassing on other property and hiding their stuff under the storage containers. He said he did not want taxpayers to help pay for the shelter operations, and said the city's contribution next year could be \$200,000.

Tami Ring asked if any illegals visited the shelter and if they would be accepted there. Ms. Peterson said they had not served any undocumented citizens. She said no one would be turned

away, and said those people would be connected to their immigration program in Phoenix to find a legal path to citizenship.

Mayor Brady said Catholic Charities was well on the way towards improving their services, and said there were good plans to move forward. He said he was amazed at the number of people at the homeless shelter and the number of guests that spent the night.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brady declared the special meeting adjourned at 4:01p.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 20th day of September 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of October 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, September 20, 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. Mayor Brady led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER: Travis Pruitt

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend two fund raising events to benefit Saving Animals In Need Together.

Steven Lee said he was disappointed the public was not allowed to speak at the last Council meeting. He said they were losing their ability as citizens to provide input on the issues. He said he understood that staff was tired from working during the power outage; but the issues on the last agenda could have been tabled and discussed at a later date.

Terry Wortley said there were too many auto accidents in this city. She said most accidents occurred at controlled intersections. She suggested adjusting the timing of some signals in order to decrease the number of accidents.

Regina Guarisco said the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was seeking volunteers. She provided information on the application process.

Nick Parsons asked the city to look into the possibilities of bringing solar and green energy technology to the area.

Emily Dotter requested parking enforcement and signs installed on Colorado Blvd. between Hancock Road and Marina Blvd. She said cars were parking in the bicycle lane and it was dangerous.

Julie Hassett provided information on upcoming Colorado River Concert performances and ticket sales.

Scotty McClure said the city did not respond to anyone until four days after the power outage. He said the city did not use generators to open the senior center cooling station, and said traffic was backed up for miles. He said the county did not provide any assistance, and asked for the reason the Fieldhouse was not opened to help the community.

Having no one else present requesting 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 Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Laughlin Air Show

Assistant to the City Manager Pruitt said the air show planning was moving forward really well. He said the event was scheduled for April 1st, and said the airport and several subcommittees were involved in the planning effort. He said the recently Council-approved grant funding would be provided in the amount of \$150,000 from the Arizona Office of Tourism. He said the funding would be used to add more performers to the show, as well as increase their marketing efforts.

2. Farmers' Market

Assistant to the City Manager Pruitt said the first Farmers' Market of the season would be held on October 1st. He said each market this season would have a theme, and said the October event theme was the "pumpkin patch."

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Wegmann invited the public to attend the next Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce Mixer and the Oktoberfest event at Community Park.

Council Member Hecht invited the public to attend the Tri-State Mega Mixer at the Aquarius Casino. She thanked the volunteers and sponsors for providing 800 bags of food at a recent distribution event, and said another food giveaway would be held on October 8th.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion that Items No. 1 through 4 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished to 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 Special Council Meeting Held on September 6, 2022; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 6, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Accept the dedication of a 10-foot wide public utility easement along the southerly property line of a parcel located at 1809 Nancy Court and described as Block 4, Lot 5, Clearwater Hills Unit 2, Tract 4011B, as recorded on June 26, 1980 in the office of the County Recorder, Mohave County, Arizona. (Utility Director Clark)
3. Approve Resolution No. 2022R- 56 authorizing the abandonment of the rear 16-foot public utility easement that lies within the parcel of land located at 1809 Nancy Court and described as Clearwater Hills Unit 2, Tract 4011B, Block 4, Lot 5, Section 11, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)
4. Approve the re-plat of the Pinnacle at Laughlin Ranch, Tract 5145 to reduce the number of townhome lots from 101 to 99. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Municipal Property Corporation to fill a three-year term effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2025. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said Frank Waters had expressed his interest in serving an additional three-year term on the Municipal Property Corporation.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Frank Waters to serve on the Municipal Property Corporation to fill a three-year term effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2025. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) to fill a one-year term expiring on September 30, 2023; and two citizens to fill two-year terms expiring on September 30, 2024. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said the positions were advertised and one application was received from Larry Tunforss. She said Jared Gift and Gary Ramelot had expressed their interest in re-appointment to the Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Larry Tunforss to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) to fill a one-year term expiring on September 30, 2023. Council Member D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to appoint Jared Gift and Gary Ramelot to fill 2 two-year terms expiring on September 30, 2024. Council Member D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

7. **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 Series 6 Liquor License Owner Transfer No. 202354 submitted by Tanya Lynn Gladeau for Cocktails located at 3935 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Stein)

City Clerk Stein said staff had reviewed the application and had no objections.

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

MOTION: Council Member D'Amico made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 6 Liquor License Owner Transfer No. 202354 submitted by Tanya Lynn Gladeau for Cocktails located at 3935 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

See Consent Agenda

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Technology License and Service Agreement with TransLoc Inc., for a period of three years in the total amount of \$76,535.00 with the option to renew, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and approve the subsequent payments for services rendered. (Human Services/Transit Director Tipton)

Transit Manager Michael Peluso said a Request for Proposals was advertised and one proposal was received. He said the bid review committee reviewed the proposal and determined the bid from TransLoc to be responsive and responsible. He said intelligent transportation systems helped to improve reliability and accountability of service by providing data to customers and the organization to determine arrival predictions and real-time information about the vehicles on the route. He said the product included automatic vehicle locators, an interactive voice response, and SMS text capability for the transit system.

Mayor Brady confirmed the city's match was \$10,195 and the grant amount was \$40,780. He asked why there was only one bidder.

Transit Manager Peluso said many of these types of vendors provided services to much larger facilities, and said he assumed that Bullhead City was too small for their types of service.

Council Member Hecht asked about the benefits of the system, and asked if electronic fare payments would be implemented in the future.

Transit Manager Peluso said the system informed dispatchers of the location of each vehicle and real-time arrival predictions. He said occasional breakdowns would show the system running behind. He said passengers would also have this tool in order to obtain real-time route information and receive automated or text responses. He said an electronic payment system was not available at this time. He said they had looked into it in the recent past, but said their grant application was denied. He said they would continue to look into future opportunities.

Vice Mayor Brummett asked if notifications would be sent out in order to inform passengers about delays.

Transit Manager Peluso said the system allowed staff to send out those types of blasts and use the enunciator systems on the bus.

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

Steven Lee said this was a total waste of money because everyone had cell phones and could use the tracking applications at no additional cost.

Scotty McClure said the dispatchers did not answer the phone and the system did not work. He said the new technology would not help him as he did not use a smart phone.

MOTION: Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve the Technology License and Service Agreement with TransLoc Inc., for a period of three years in the total amount of \$76,535.00 with the option to renew, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and approve the subsequent payments for services rendered. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve additional body worn camera services with Axon Enterprise, Inc., through quotes Q-376407-44804.696KW in the amount of \$24,997.38 (Park Rangers), and Q-367118.44792.006KW in the amount of \$64,825.92 (Patrol and Animal Control), all over an approximate 39-month period; and the City Manager's execution of the agreements and issuance of resultant payments. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said the request included additional Axon Body Cameras and information storage for seven patrol officers, six animal control officers, and five park rangers for a total of 18 new services. He said the body cameras had proven to be beneficial in the transparency and the accountability of law enforcement. He said the safety of officers had increased due to more compliance and faster resolutions at incident scenes. He said the number of complaints had also decreased due to having evidence of the incident. He said having a video of the incident had also helped in the prosecution process.

Council Member Head asked if the contracts would end at the same time, and if everyone in the field would now have a body camera.

Police Chief Trebes said the agreements would add on to, and run concurrently, with the existing service. He confirmed that everyone in the field would now wear a camera.

Mayor Brady asked if the body cameras were meeting their expectations.

Police Chief Trebes said it was more than meeting their expectations. He said the system was amazing and saved a great amount of time.

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

MOTION: Council Member Head made a motion to approve additional body worn camera services with Axon Enterprise, Inc., through quotes Q-376407-44804.696KW in the amount of \$24,997.38 (Park Rangers), and Q-367118.44792.006KW in the amount of \$64,825.92 (Patrol and Animal Control), all over an approximate 39-month period; and the City Manager's execution of the agreements and issuance of resultant payments. Council Member D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

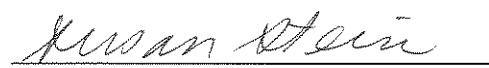
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 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 20th day of September 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of October 2022.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk