

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, November 1, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Tim Eighmy from Community Lutheran Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member D'Amico 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:

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: Absent

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Tami Ring said she recently had a wonderful experience in adopting a dog from Bullhead City Animal Welfare and Control. She urged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Barbara Pape said Norma Thornton was a good citizen, but there was a second side to the issue. She said the city abided by the food service laws and requirements in order to ensure that prepared food was safe for the public.

Sean Regan commented on the constitutionality of the food serving ordinance.

Pamela Smith spoke in support of the city and the current food serving ordinance.

Gary Genovese provided information on the Colorado River Museum's Honeybaked Ham fundraising efforts.

Julie Hassett provided information on the upcoming Colorado River Concert Association's performances.

Eva Corbett invited the public to attend the Colorado River Republican Women's luncheon to be held on November 2nd. She thanked everyone that supported the pet costume contest event.

Nick Parsons urged the city to consider the possibility of manufacturing batteries that were used with solar panels. He said the electric charging stations would put too much pressure on the power grid.

Scotty McClure said he warned the Council that a lawsuit would be served after they adopted the food serving ordinance. He said another city should be responsible for investigating the allegations against Bullhead City. He said he was physically removed from a "town hall" meeting that should have been open to the public.

Harvey Pryor said the city spent a lot of money on the water system, and said he would like to see a report on the funds invested and loan payments. He said the quality of the water was bad. He said he wondered if the month-to-month rental leases would be governed by the recently adopted short term rental ordinance.

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 Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### 1. Food Sharing Ordinance and Homelessness

City Manager Cotter said the Arizona Town Hall meeting was not a city meeting, and said a group of citizens had planned the meeting to bring all of the community organizations together and discuss how they could better serve the community. He said the public was not invited.

City Manager Cotter said the city affirmed the legality of the ordinance and would defend its position on the food sharing ordinance. He said there was a lot of information that had to be shared with the public. He said the city was compassionate and contributed to the River Fund and the Catholic Charities Center for Help and Hope shelter. He invited the public to attend and participate in the city's monthly Homeless Task Force meetings.

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Building, Planning and Zoning Items**

None

**Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases**

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-62 authorizing the acceptance of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Safety Contract 2023-405D-008, for funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the reimbursement of overtime costs for DUI patrols and task force operations; and authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign all resulting documents. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Corporal Eddie Espinoza said the Governor's Office of Highway Safety had approved funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the reimbursement of overtime costs for DUI saturation patrols and task force operations. He said the goal of the saturation patrols and task force operations was to reduce the number of impaired driving related crashes through enforcement and education. He said Council approval was required before any expenditure could be incurred. He said the grant would remain in effect until September 30, 2023, and no match was required. He said the award was a reflection of the work that Bullhead City Police had put in to show they were serious about DUI enforcement.

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

Robin Mundell said she hoped that more speed enforcement could be put into place along the Bullhead Parkway. She said the recent three fatalities were heartbreaking for the community and the families involved. She said the Parkway was very dark at night, and requested additional lighting. City Manager Cotter said the city had received grant funding to install lighting on the Parkway from Silver Creek south to Arroyo Vista Drive. He said they would continue to apply for grants for more lighting and increased safety on the Parkway. He said there was a plan in place to light the entire Parkway, but it would take some time.

Police Chief Trebes said citizens could call the department and report traffic violation issues with dates and locations. He said they monitored those areas with complaints, and said they took these issues very seriously.

Scotty McClure said the recent accident happened because the driver was speeding recklessly, and said no amount of lighting would have helped prevent the accident.

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Amico made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-62 authorizing the acceptance of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Safety Contract 2023-405D-008, for funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the reimbursement of overtime costs for DUI patrols and task force operations; and authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign all resulting documents. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-63 authorizing the acceptance of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Safety Contract 2023-PTS-010, for funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of enforcement related professional and outside services, materials, and supplies; and authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign all resulting documents. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Corporal Eddie Espinoza said the Governor's Office of Highway Safety approved funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of Selective Enforcement Program related professional and outside services, and enforcement related material and supplies. He said the funds would be used to purchase cloud service fees, two radar units, and overtime reimbursement for selective enforcement. He said the goal of the equipment purchase was to decrease speed related crashes and reduce the number of serious injury and fatal collisions through education, targeted speed enforcement details, and increased citations for speeding and aggressive driving. He said Council approval was required before any expenditure could be incurred. He said the grant would remain in effect until September 30, 2023, and said no match was required. He said the department was issuing more citations. He said speed signs could only be set up on city rights of ways and easements.

Council Member Lizarraga asked if more locals or more visitors were cited for violations.

Corporal Espinoza said the system sent the information directly to the court, and said the police did not see the addresses. He said the statistics would reflect different numbers during the week and over the weekends.

Police Chief Trebes said they could provide the statistics to the Council.

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 Resolution No. 2022R-63 authorizing the acceptance of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Safety Contract 2023-PTS-010, for funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of enforcement related professional and outside services, materials, and supplies; and authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign all resulting documents. Council Member D'Amico seconded the motion.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Discussion and possible action to approve: 1) the purchase of five patrol vehicles from Phil Long Dealerships in the amount of \$239,474.56; 2) adoption of Resolution No. 2022R-64 approving the use of the Cooperative Educational Services; 3) the City Manager's execution of a contract with Arizona Emergency Products under quote #QTE0033837 for the full up-fit of five patrol vehicles in the amount of \$99,508.65 (substantial final form); 4) the purchase of five radios from Motorola Solutions under quote #1926173 in the amount of \$27,598.54; 5) the purchase of Peplink product from Discount Cell, Inc., in the amount of \$3,634.46; and 6) the transfer of \$48,281.21 from the contingency fund to complete the vehicle transactions. (Police Chief Trebes)

City Manager Cotter said the city purchased as many vehicles locally as possible. He said either the vehicles were not available or the local dealers were not able to match the prices under the state cooperative purchasing contract.

Police Captain Jason Harms said this request was to purchase five Chevrolet 2023 Tahoes, 9C1 police vehicle package, with all required equipment and services in the total amount of \$370,216.21. He said the five vehicles would be purchased from Phil Long Dealerships, Inc., under a public cooperative purchasing arrangement with Cooperative Educational Services of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He said the upfits consisted of all equipment necessary to add to a vehicle for law enforcement purposes. He said this equipment would be purchased and then installed by Arizona Emergency Products using the Yavapai Cooperative Arrangement. He said radios and mobile routers would also be installed by Arizona Emergency Products. He said the transition from the Ford Explorers to the Chevrolet Tahoes was decided upon after an in-depth evaluation of longevity and performance with users and fleet services. He said the vehicles were ready for delivery.

Mayor Brady asked if the five new vehicles would replace the older ones.

City Manager Cotter said the five oldest vehicles would be replaced and sold at public auction.

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

Scotty McClure said the sales tax would be paid to New Mexico rather than to Arizona. He spoke in support of the purchase.

City Manager Cotter said the dealership was in Arizona, and the sales tax dollars would stay in Arizona.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wegmann made a motion to approve: 1) the purchase of five patrol vehicles from Phil Long Dealerships in the amount of \$239,474.56; 2) adoption of Resolution No. 2022R-64 approving the use of the Cooperative Educational Services; 3) the City Manager's execution of a contract with Arizona Emergency Products under quote #QTE0033837 for the full up-fit of five patrol vehicles in the amount of \$99,508.65 (substantial final form); 4) the purchase of five radios from Motorola Solutions under quote #1926173 in the amount of \$27,598.54; 5) the purchase of Peplink product from Discount Cell, Inc., in the amount of \$3,634.46; and 6) the transfer of \$48,281.21 from the contingency fund to complete the vehicle transactions. 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 6:48 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 1st day of November 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of November 2022.

*Debra Ogden, Deputy City Clerk*  
for Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk