

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, December 6, 2022, 2022, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D'Amico called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark Clark

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER: Travis Pruitt

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Presentation and discussion on proposed Capital Improvement Projects set for approval on the Regular Agenda this same date, Items 7-14.

City Manager Cotter said the Council would take some time to discuss the projects that would be presented at the regular Council meeting that evening. He said the city was strategic in investing and planning for future water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

Utilities Director Clark provided a Power Point presentation. He explained that some of the proposed projects were a result of EPCOR's deferred maintenance on the water system, and said there were also some deficiencies on the wastewater side.

Utilities Director Clark said the engineering contract to alleviate the odors around Lakeside Drive would be proposed. He said West Coast Civil Engineering was previously hired to conduct a study that provided four different alternatives to correct the problem. He said the city would go with the least expensive option. He said three major lift stations discharged in a common manhole on Coral Isle and Lakeside Drive. He said the recommended treatment approaches included different phases. He said the liquid phase was the addition of chemicals into the wastewater to limit the generation of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas. He said the vapor phase was the treatment of H₂S gas and odors directly through containment or filters. He said the facility adjacent to the post office was not adequate to accommodate the amount of odors generated within the current system. He said there was approximately one million gallons a day going through that sewer system per day. He said they would add equipment to each of the wet wells in order to aerate the sewage and allow aerobic bacteria to grow, which would also help to alleviate the odors. He said this was a multi-pronged attack and the project would take a while to complete. He said the Council would be asked to approve the engineering agreement for the project tonight.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if the gaseous odors posed any health problems.

Utilities Director Clark said the odors were unpleasant, but were not hazardous to health.

Council Member Lizarraga and Vice Mayor Brummett asked about the expectations as to when the project would be completed.

Utilities Director Clark said the project timeline would depend on funding. He said the engineering would take about 9 to 12 months.

Utilities Director Clark said the 18-1 Lift Station rehabilitation project would be proposed tonight. He said the project was similar to the 16-2 and 18-2 wet well rehabilitation projects previously approved by the Council. He said this plant would also be expanded and upgraded. He said a bar screen to remove items that were not part of the sewer treatment process like rags, wood, and other items would be added to protect the pumps from damage and help to eliminate odors. He said the project also included the replacement of the mainline access with a deep sewer line connecting the collection system main to the new bar screen facility.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if the work would interfere with the normal operation of the system. Utilities Director Clark said it would not.

Utilities Director Clark said no redundancy was currently built into the system. He said they were proposing to drill new major wells in the city: north, central, and south. He said they would drill test holes before selecting the permanent well locations. He provided maps and discussed the proposed well locations. He said they would like to begin the program in January, and said it would take a few months to make the final location determinations.

Mayor D'Amico asked if the city owned that state land parcel. Utilities Director Clark said the city did not own the land, and said the owner was willing to provide the city with the land in exchange for water service to their project.

Utilities Director Clark said there were only two companies that made cast iron manhole frames and lids. He said the proposed purchase of 200 units would be included for the Council's consideration tonight.

Utilities Director Clark said there were 5,765 manholes in the city, and said about 250 to 300 were located in areas with high hydrogen sulfide content that ate the cast iron manholes away. He said they would replace 40 of those with the composite "Armorock" manholes this year. He played a video regarding H₂S corrosion and its effect on cast iron. He said the Armorock material was corrosion proof and was guaranteed for a period of 50 years. He said they would only use the Armorock manholes in areas with high hydrogen sulfide content. He said the alternative to Armorock was to use a spray coating on the cast iron material. He said this method was not recommended.

Council Member Hecht thanked staff for purchasing products made in the U.S.A.

Utilities Director Clark said they recently installed sleeves under Highway 95, and saved significant dollars while working in conjunction with the state's project. He said additional expenses were incurred because part of the median had to be removed in order to divert traffic during construction; an old cattle guard buried underground caused the need to re-direct one of the lines; and some underground storm drains caused additional adjustments. He provided photos of the construction work.

Utilities Director Clark said the final project for Council's consideration tonight was the Marble Canyon sewer extension for Miracle View Condominiums. He said this area was never connected to the city's sewer system. He said now their current system had failed and the county contacted the city to come up with a solution. He said the city currently had the condos connected via a temporary above ground sewer line and pumps from the manhole on Marble Canyon Drive to the property. He said the city would pay to add an extra manhole for a sewer lateral to the property, and said the owners would assume the cost for the on-site connections. He said the owners would reimburse the city for the cost of pumping.

City Manager Cotter said the city had done everything possible to help those individuals and the property owner to get to this point.

Council Member Head asked if those properties were exempt from paying the sewer assessments. City Manager Cotter said they did not pay because they were not previously assessed.

Council Member Hecht thanked the city for helping those residents and finding a solution.

MOTION: Council Member Alfonzo made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 4:25 p.m. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Discussion or consultation pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.03(A)(3)&(4) for legal advice concerning possible contracts or negotiations in avoidance of contemplated litigation, due to outstanding water, wastewater and impost fees owed by the Chaparral Golf & Country Club to the City.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

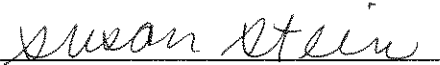
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor D'Amico declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:00 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 6th day of December 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of December 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, December 6, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor D'Amico called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Lionel Grant from the First Southern Baptist Church of Mohave Valley to deliver the invocation. Council Member Alfonzo led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER: Travis Pruitt

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor D'Amico opened the call to the public.

Gerald Ross expressed his concerns regarding the three access roads from the business complex located off Highway 95 near Hancock Road.

Susan Beardsley, professional artist, said she would like the city to consider funding an art program for senior citizens.

Nick Parsons said there was \$6 trillion available from the green new deal federal program. He requested the city consider building a battery manufacturing plant.

Jim Fuller said his friend, Bill Hardt, recently passed away. He discussed a traffic situation adjacent to McCormick and Landon Drive. He said he would like a stop sign installed at that intersection.

Bart Anderson invited the public to attend a constitution class to be held at the public library beginning on January 7th.

Scotty McClure requested the manager's report be moved before the call to the public on the agenda. He requested that consent agenda items 2, 3, and 4 be withdrawn for discussion. He asked that the speed limit on Corwin Road be raised to 35 mph.

Sean Regan said he represented Arizona Veterans' K-9 Services. He said he would like the city to consider holding a certified K-9 service dog show.

Harvey Pryor said he looked forward to seeing the new city administration make some intelligent decisions. He asked if local businesses could go back to being open 24-7.

Having no one else present requesting to speak, Mayor D'Amico closed the call to the public.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to withdraw Items No. 2, 3, and 4 from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: Brummett ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

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 Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. December Month of Fun at the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse

Parks and Recreation Superintendent David Heath provided information on the numerous activities that would be offered at the Anderson Fieldhouse throughout the holiday season.

2. Winter Wonderland – December 10th

City Manager Cotter said this event could be the largest event the Fieldhouse has held to date. He said the city was proud to partner with the School District and the Fieldhouse.

Ed Catalfamo, Manager of the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse, invited the entire community to participate in the Winter Wonderland, as well as the many other holiday activities and tournaments to be held at the Fieldhouse.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath provided information on the Winter Festival events. He said Optimum was the main sponsor, along with many local businesses.

3. Gary Keith Park Paving

City Manager Cotter said the paving work at Gary Keith Park was essentially complete. He said the pavilion construction was underway.

4. Community Park Wash Culvert Project

City Manager Cotter said the wash culvert project was successfully completed. He said there was a new road over the wash which would be another beautiful area in the park.

5. Bullhead City - Once Again - Arizona's Most Affordable Community

City Manager Cotter said Bullhead City was named the most affordable community in Arizona.

6. 2023 Mandatory Water Conservation

Utilities Director Clark said a Tier 1 water shortage has previously been declared. He said a Tier 2A shortage would begin on January 1, 2023. He said there would be some public requirements next year. He said the Council approved the requirements in a city ordinance earlier this year. He said the city had been saving water through its conservation efforts over the last nine years. He said more than 2,500 acre feet of water was saved, equal to the amount of water that 7,500 homes would use in one year.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht thanked the Police Department for holding the "Shop with a Cop" event. She provided information on upcoming events.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items No. 2, 3, and 4 were withdrawn for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mayor D'Amico 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 Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
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 November 15, 2022. (City Clerk Stein)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-65 approving the City of Bullhead City All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan and the Mohave County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. (Police Chief Trebes)

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Harvey Pryor said he would like to be able to speak on an item under the Manager's Report.

Scotty McClure asked if this item addressed a second emergency shelter in the city.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-65 approving the City of Bullhead City All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan and the Mohave County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and possible action to approve to direct the City Manager to establish a one-time allowance for employees to redeem up to 25 hours of personal time and up to 25 hours of vacation time, 50 hours maximum, for hours accrued. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this was not an employee bonus; it was a one-time allowance that allowed employees to cash out their vacation or personal time earned and accrued.

Mayor D'Amico said this was a common practice in the private sector.

Council Member Hecht said this was a wonderful opportunity for the employees to use some of their accrued hours to have additional funds during the holidays.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing asked how personal time was accrued. City Manager Cotter provided an explanation.

Sean Regan said members of the public did not get the same opportunities as city employees to benefit from the COVID pandemic.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve to direct the City Manager to establish a one-time allowance for employees to redeem up to 25 hours of personal time and up to 25 hours of vacation time, 50 hours maximum, for hours accrued. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a budget amendment to create a new Marketplace Enterprise Fund and authorize the creation of two new full-time positions. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this item was previously approved in the budget. He said additional revenue (approximately \$400,000) would be received from the Bullhead Belle, paid parking in the parks, the retail store in Community Park, and ramada rentals, would fund the two positions.

Council Member Head asked for an explanation of "Enterprise Fund" for the public's information. City Manager Cotter provided an explanation.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Harvey Pryor asked what was being marketed. City Manager Cotter said "marketplace" was just the name of the fund.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brummett made a motion to approve a budget amendment to create a new Marketplace Enterprise Fund and authorize the creation of two new full-time positions. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

5. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to approve an application with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the acquisition of a Series 5 Liquor License for operations at the activities to be promoted in connection with the Bullhead Belle, and authorize the City Manager to execute and receive license and manage all aspects of the implementation of the license. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the city had been looking at the opportunities presented with the acquisition of the Bullhead Belle in Community Park. He said the city would operate the Bullhead Belle in accordance with its Park and Public Purpose Lease from the Bureau of Land Management. He said the Belle would be rented out for private parties, open to the public for restaurant purposes, and generally used for public purposes. He said all profits made would be put back into the park operations and capital improvements. He said governmental agencies in Arizona have liquor licenses granted under A.R.S. Section 4-205.03.

Mayor D'Amico opened the public hearing.

Harvey Pryor said alcohol did not belong in the parks. He said death and injuries on the river occurred due to the use of alcohol.

Sean Regan said he agreed with Mr. Pryor. He asked that more consideration be taken before making this decision.

Billy Pershing said glass containers were prohibited and alcohol was currently allowed in the parks. He said he did not see this being a problem.

Having no one else from the public requesting to speak, Mayor D'Amico closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hecht asked if the main purpose was to serve alcohol at private parties and not to the general public.

City Manager Cotter said they would work out the logistics and operations as the process moved forward.

City Attorney Emery said the license established a premise to serve liquor. He said the Council could put additional restrictions on the city's operation plan as the process went forward.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brummett made a motion to approve an application with the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control for the acquisition of a Series 5 Liquor License for operations at the activities to be promoted in connection with the Bullhead Belle, and authorize the City Manager to execute and receive license and manage all aspects of the implementation of the license. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

6. Discussion and possible action to: 1) adopt Resolution No. 2022R-66 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City (IGA 22-0008742-I) providing for the improvements on the Bullhead Parkway in the estimated amount of \$3,836,503.00; 2) authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city; and 3) directing city staff to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the agreement. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said the city's cost share of the \$3.6 million project grant award was approximately \$200,000.

Public Works Director Johnson said the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) administered the grant, design, advertising the bid, award, and the construction of the project. She said the proposed request was for the installation of street lighting and a concrete raised median on the Bullhead Parkway from 1.5 miles north of Highway 95 for 3.25 miles to Silver Creek Road. She said the improvements would directly address the fatal and incapacitating injury crashes that had been experienced in this corridor. She said the project was about two years out for construction.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing asked if the lighting would improve the safety on the Parkway. City Manager Cotter confirmed.

Scotty McClure asked if the engineering costs were included, and said he was against the construction of medians as they did not allow emergency vehicles to turn around.

Sean Regan asked if something could be designed to keep burros off the roadway. He said the lighting would not stop accidents.

Harvey Pryor said there would be more accidents when tires hit the center medians, and said the shoulders needed improvement.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to: 1) adopt Resolution No. 2022R-66 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City (IGA 22-0008742-I) providing for the improvements on the Bullhead Parkway in the estimated amount of \$3,836,503.00; 2) authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city; and 3) directing city staff to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the agreement. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D'Amico called for a short break at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Professional Services Agreement with West Coast Civil for a Design Proposal for the Lakeside Drive Deep Sewer in the amount of \$298,610.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resulting payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said the Council held a thorough work shop that afternoon in order to discuss Agenda Items Number 7 through 14.

Utilities Director Clark said there were odor issues on Lakeside Drive, and said a number of measures had been implemented over the years in attempts to control sewer odors, with some more successful than others; but none controlling the issue to the satisfaction of residents. He said the major cause of the odor problem was the insufficient grade for proper movement of materials through the system. He said they were requesting approval of a design services agreement with West Coast Civil for the design of a deep sewer line in order to eliminate the long-standing sewer odors in the area of Lakeside Drive. He said engineering should take about 9 to 12 months.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing confirmed the funds for the project would come from the utilities fund, and not the general fund.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with West Coast Civil for a Design Proposal for the Lakeside Drive Deep Sewer in the amount of \$298,610.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resulting payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the Construction Contract with Kay Constructors LLC. for the rehabilitation of Lift Station 18-1's Wet Wells in the amount of \$3,519,896.55; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this project would rehabilitate the inside of the wet well. He said the project would include bypassing the wastewater flows at the site, removal of deteriorated concrete from the sides of the wet well, repair of the concrete walls, installation of protective panels over the concrete to protect the concrete walls, and replacing the pumps and guides at the lift station. He said this was one of the city's main lift stations and they needed to keep it running.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one from the public spoke.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve the Construction Contract with Kay Constructors LLC. for the rehabilitation of Lift Station 18-1's Wet Wells in the amount of \$3,519,896.55; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with Yellow Jacket Drilling Services LLC. for Exploratory Soil Borings in the amount of \$550,484.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said staff researched the options for drilling test holes and said they found it to be very expensive. He said the project went out to bid and two bids were received.

Utilities Director Clark said this project included soil borings within and near Bullhead City, and at least three future water production well sites. He said well test holes would include between three and eight total borings depending on the results of the initial holes. He said the testing would be used as a guide as to the best locations for the three new wells. He said they wanted to get at least 3,000 gallons per minute from each of the new wells.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing asked if the water from the wells would come from the same aquifer.

Utilities Director Clark said the water would come from ground water recharged from the Colorado River. He said the entire area was one aquifer.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the contract with Yellow Jacket Drilling Services LLC. for Exploratory Soil Borings in the amount of \$550,484.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the quotation from EJ USA Inc. for the procurement of 200 cast iron manhole lids and frames in the amount of \$88,191.18; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said staff advertised for bids and two bids were received. He said EJ USA Inc. was the lowest bidder.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing said he thought the city would purchase something other than iron due to H₂S corrosion.

Utilities Director Clark said the city would install cast iron manholes in most locations, and composite material manholes in locations exposed to H₂S gas.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the quotation from EJ USA Inc. for the procurement of 200 cast iron manhole lids and frames in the amount of \$88,191.18; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the quotation from Armorock in the amount of \$303,368.00, plus taxes; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments; and further, due to the unique circumstances presented with this purchase, the City Council finds, pursuant to Section 3.37.030(D) of the Bullhead City Municipal Code, that waiver of competitive bidding is in the best interest of the city. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark displayed a video of corrosion damage to manholes and equipment exposed to hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas. He said the purchase would include the cone and barrel assemblies that supported the lids and manhole covers being procured under a separate agenda item at this meeting. He said the Armorock material came with a 50-year guarantee and provided a long lasting system.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Grace Bellsner asked if the corrosion would occur under the manhole lids.

Utilities Director Clark said there are entire structures underneath the lids.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the quotation from Armorock in the amount of \$303,368.00, plus taxes; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments; and further, due to the unique circumstances presented with this purchase, the City Council finds, pursuant to Section 3.37.030(D) of the Bullhead City Municipal Code, that waiver of competitive bidding is in the best interest of the city. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with EJ USA Inc. for the procurement of 101 manhole lids and frames in the amount of \$163,666.35; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this request would include the purchase of 101 composite manhole frames and lids from EJ USA Inc. He said this purchase was part of the approved Manhole Rehab Capital Improvement Project in the adopted budget.

MOTION: Council Member Alfonzo made a motion to approve the contract with EJ USA Inc. for the procurement of 101 manhole lids and frames in the amount of \$163,666.35; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Vice Mayor Brummett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

13. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order Nos. 1, 2, and 3, from Redmond Construction LLC under Project No. 23-U-031 (Highway 95 Crossings), in the amount of \$117,222.50; and authorize the City Manager to execute the orders and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said the change orders were a result of additional and unforeseen work that occurred during construction. He said additional expenses were incurred because part of the median had to be removed in order to divert traffic during construction; an old cattle guard buried underground caused the need to re-direct one of the lines; and some underground storm drains caused additional adjustments.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Scotty McClure asked if the buried material could be located during the staking process.

Utilities Director Clark said the existing utility lines were located but not the buried items.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to approve Change Order Nos. 1, 2, and 3, from Redmond Construction LLC under Project No. 23-U-031 (Highway 95 Crossings), in the amount of \$117,222.50; and authorize the City Manager to execute the orders and issue resultant payments. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

14. Discussion and possible action to approve a construction contract with JTR Engineering Contractor LLC. for the sewer extension of Marble Canyon Drive in an amount not to exceed \$175,701.60; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and issue resultant payments, and to engage in all other work or transactions necessary to bring the Marble Canyon Drive sewer extension and Miracle View Condominiums sewer connection matter to closure. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said the city saved about 30 families living in the Miracle View Condos from being homeless. He said this area was never connected to the city's sewer system. He said now their current system had failed and the county contacted the city to come up with a solution. He said the city currently had the condos connected via a temporary above ground sewer line and pumps from the manhole on Marble Canyon Drive to the property. He said the city would pay to add an extra manhole for a sewer lateral to the property, and said the owners would assume the cost for the on-site connections. He said the owners would reimburse the city for the cost of pumping.

Council Member Lizarraga thanked city staff for helping those families.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing asked if Marble Canyon Drive was located in Bullhead City. Utilities Director Clark confirmed.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve a construction contract with JTR Engineering Contractor LLC. for the sewer extension of Marble Canyon Drive in an amount not to exceed \$175,701.60; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and issue resultant payments, and to engage in all other work or transactions necessary to bring the Marble Canyon Drive sewer extension and Miracle View Condominiums sewer connection matter to closure. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

15. Discussion and possible action to: 1) add the Trane Roundabout Project to the City's Transportation Plan for future planning and not to be considered in the 5-year Capital Improvement Project; or 2) direct staff to receive additional public outreach for the Trane Roundabout Project; or 3) budget the project in fiscal year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Projects for inclusion of \$1,504,000.00 in the proposed budget to be considered with all other projects in the upcoming budget process; or 4) remove the Trane Roundabout Project from future planning and consideration. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said the Council held two previous work sessions to discuss the Trane Road traffic design and other traffic related issues. He said the City Council expressed interest and concern, with staff and the consultant Kimley-Horn, regarding a potential roundabout at the intersection of Trane, Baseline, and Ramar Roads. He said this intersection was a five-leg un-signalized intersection with all-way stop signs and identified as one of the eight accident locations in the city. He said the engineer's estimate for the construction of the roundabout was \$1,500,000. He said based on the new cost estimate and the Council's concern with costs at the workshop, staff was requesting direction.

Mayor D'Amico said he went out and obtained public comment, and the consensus was the roundabout was not needed at this time. He said the business owner located at the corner was against it. He requested the Council consider Option 4.

Council Member Alfonzo discussed some missing information from the engineer's traffic report. He said he was not in favor of roundabouts and agreed with Mayor D'Amico.

Council Member Ring said she agreed with Mayor D'Amico and Council Member Alfonzo.

Vice Mayor Brummett said the funds could be put to better use.

Council Member Head said a big circle in the middle of the road might be more confusing to drivers.

Council Member Lizarraga said the project could be considered sometime in the future.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Scotty McClure spoke in favor of the roundabout project. He said it would be an improvement to the city.

MOTION: Mayor D'Amico made a motion to remove the Trane Roundabout Project from future planning and consideration. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

16. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-67 approving a loan with WIFA (Water Infrastructure Finance Authority) for drinking water funds in the amount of \$6,445,000.00 with \$1,177,000.00 forgivable for 30 years at a rate not to exceed 4.5 percent. (City Manager Cotter)

Assistant to the City Manager Edigar Kajirwa said the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) had approved the city's request for \$6.4 million in funding for 30 years at a rate not to exceed 4.5 percent with \$1.1 million of the loan being forgivable. He said the loan would be secured with utility revenues with no liability to the general fund. He said the loan was planned to close on December 9, 2022.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Billy Pershing said he was confused about the breakdown of the WIFA loans. Assistant to the City Manager Kajirwa provided an explanation.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brummett made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022R-67 approving a loan with WIFA (Water Infrastructure Finance Authority) for drinking water funds in the amount of \$6,445,000.00 with \$1,177,000.00 forgivable for 30 years at a rate not to exceed 4.5 percent. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

17. Discussion and possible action to: 1) adopt Ordinance No. 2022-33 approving the code amendment "Boards and Commissions Amendments 2022" by reference; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 2022R-68 declaring the code amendment a public record. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the current city code did not mandate city residency for all boards and commissions, and said it was assumed that all applicants would be city residents. He said the code

change required that all board and commission appointees be 18 years of age and be a resident of Bullhead City. He said several other minor technical modifications were also in the code revision.

Council Member Hecht asked if the current members would have to step down or serve out their terms. City Attorney Emery said they would serve out their current terms.

MOTION: Council Member Alfonzo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-33 approving the code amendment “Boards and Commissions Amendments 2022” by reference; and adopt Resolution No. 2022R-68 declaring the code amendment a public record. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D’Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

18. Discussion and possible action to: 1) adopt Ordinance No. 2022-34 approving the code amendment “City Council Vacancy Amendments December 2022” by reference; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 2022R-69 declaring the code amendment public record. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said several Council Members have talked to him over the past few years about the appointment process to fill a vacant City Council seat. He said the city had one of the more complex appointment processes in the state. He said most cities had adopted a code ordinance requiring the governing body to appoint an individual to the Council when a vacancy occurred, which was consistent with State Law. He said the proposed ordinance would eliminate the candidate recommending committee and charge the Council with the direct discussion and deliberation over the most qualified candidates for a Council vacancy. He said this was consistent with most Arizona communities; such as Lake Havasu City, Mesa, Cottonwood, Avondale, Safford, and Glendale.

Mayor D’Amico said he prayed they would never lose anyone on the Council and have to go through the process again. He said the Council ultimately were the ones to make the final decision and said the process should be simplified.

Council Member Alfonzo said the committee selection method was discriminatory and unfair. He spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Vice Mayor Brummett said she thought the current process was fair. She said the nomination committee did the groundwork for the Council.

Council Member Hecht said the current process was uncomfortable, and said she was in favor of changing the ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-34 approving the code amendment “City Council Vacancy Amendments December 2022” by reference; and adopt Resolution No. 2022R-69 declaring the code amendment public record. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, D’Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: Brummett 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 8:20 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 6th day of December 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of December 2022.


Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk