

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, February 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D'Amico called the special meeting to order at 3:30 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

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

PARKS AND RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT: David Heath

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

City Manager Cotter said the Comprehensive Fee Schedule was published on the city's website. He said each year, during the budget process, the proposed fee changes were presented to the Council for discussion and consideration. He said following the workshop, staff would post the recommended fee changes on the city's website for a minimum of 60 days and bring the recommended fee changes to the Council for consideration and adoption at the regular council meeting on May 16, 2023. He said fees adopted by the Council would become effective on July 1, 2023.

Finance Director Vera said the Development Services-Building and Zoning Departments recommended changes at an increase of one percent.

There were no questions or concerns from the Council Members.

Finance Director Vera said the Utilities Department requested the addition of a Pumping Fee (including fats, oils, and grease) at \$200.00 plus \$2.00 per gallon; Manhole Cover and Assembly Fee at Actual Cost plus 10 percent; and Fire Hydrant Relocation Fee of \$150.00.

There were no questions or concerns from the Council Members.

City Manager Cotter said staff had reviewed the current ramada rental fees and was proposing some changes. He said the proposal was to not charge for ramada rentals at Ken Fovargue Park, Rotary Park, Gary Keith Park, or Dean Hackett Park unless someone wanted to pay a premium to reserve the rental; otherwise, it would be first come, first served. He said the city was making money on the ramada rentals at Community Park. He said the recommendation was to charge \$100.00 for a Small Ramada, \$150.00 for a Medium Ramada, and \$450.00 for a Large Ramada at Community Park.

City Manager Cotter said language was included under Section A3.40.030.08 Parking and Recreation Programming that stated: *“The City Manager or designee has the authority to accept donations, sponsorships, or charge fees necessary to offset costs for parking and city-run leagues, tournaments, recreation programs, or special events.”* He said they could simply add the language, “ramada rentals,” after “parking,” which would give the opportunity to be able to charge for ramada rentals at the other parks. He said staff time was involved in all of the ramada rentals.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if the costs for cleaning were included in the deposit and rental fee.

City Manager Cotter said the costs were not fully reimbursed and said a terminology change could be added to recover the total costs.

Council Member Head asked about the fees that would be charged to reserve ramadas that were not located in Community Park.

City Manager Cotter said ramada rentals for non-profit organizations were always at no charge. He said the fees would depend on the amount of staff time required and other costs associated with the individual rental.

There were no additional questions or concerns from the Council Members.

City Manager Cotter said Utilities Director Clark wanted to add a contractor fee for taking videos of the water and sewer mains.

Council Member Hecht asked about the stage use fees for non-profit organizations (\$400.00) and approved sponsors (\$260.00).

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said the City Manager reviewed each request and could waive the fees. He said the \$260.00 fee was just for the transport.

Council Member Hecht asked about the abandoned shopping cart fee of \$50.00.

City Manager Cotter said they had not charged a single business for returning an abandoned shopping cart. He said the city had a full-time person cleaning up trash and a part-time person working in code enforcement collecting yard sale signs and abandoned shopping carts. He said this was a bureaucratic process and asked that the fee be stricken from the fee schedule.

There were no additional questions or concerns from the Council Members.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 3:53 p.m. Council Member Lizarraga 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 acceptance of the new opioid settlement agreement with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS and Walgreens.
3. Discussion or consultation pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.03(A)(3)&(7) for legal advice and/or direction to the City Manager concerning the possible acquisition of real property for municipal facilities.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 4:57 p.m. Council Member Hecht 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 4:57 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 21st day of February 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of March 2023.

Susan Stein
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, February 21, 2023, 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 of the First Southern Baptist Church of Mohave Valley to deliver the invocation. Council Member Lizarraga 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

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 D’Amico opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee provided information on upcoming “Voices for Freedom” meetings. He said he donated some radios and antennas, and said they would be conducting tests on members’ radios that Sunday night.

Patrick Holmes requested the Council consider passing an ordinance restricting electric bicycles from using the new pump track in Rotary Park.

Eva Corbett provided information on an upcoming Mohave County K-9 Unit fundraising event, the Tri-State Car and Garden Show, and the Colorado River Women’s Republican Club luncheon meeting.

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

Scotty McClure said rooms were needed at the Community Center for the free tax preparation that was offered each year. He said he would like Martha McSally to be named as “Master of

Ceremonies” at the Air Show. He said Council Member Ring should have recused herself from voting on an agenda item at the last meeting.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor D’Amico 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 Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Air Show Update

Assistant to the City Manager Travis Pruitt provided information and an update on some acts that would be featured at the Laughlin/Bullhead Air Show to be held on April 1st. He said admission and transportation to and from the parking lots would be free.

2. Grand Re-Opening Veterans Memorial Park – Howitzer

City Manager Cotter played a video of the event that was held on February 13th.

3. Update on Community Park Improvements

City Manager Cotter provided photos of the park’s projects that were recently completed or currently under construction; including bathrooms, playground, and splash pad.

4. Legislative Update

Assistant to the City Manager Pruitt said they were halfway through this year’s legislative session. He said the delegates presented a “skinny budget” which was vetoed by the Governor, and said the delegates would go back to the drawing board and re-submit. He said HB 2375 State Land Transfer was going through with very few questions and it looked good.

Mayor D’Amico said he just heard that HB 2375 passed 60-0 in the House and it looked good for the Senate to pass it. He said Mr. Pruitt and he would travel to Phoenix soon and lobby to get more funding for Highway 95 improvements. He said the city’s legislative representatives, city staff, and he and the City Council Members were working very hard on getting everything they could for Bullhead City during this legislative session.

Assistant to the City Manager Pruitt said HB 2543 included \$2 million for the improvement of Hancock Road, and said the bill was moving forward through the committees.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht thanked the volunteers that helped with the recent food distribution event. She thanked the public works staff for their great work in taking care of the roads.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Alfonzo made a motion that Items No. 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member Lizarraga 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 February 7, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Approval of the Third Extension to the Lease Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the American Legion Post No. 87, Bullhead City, Arizona; and authorize the City Manager to execute the extension on behalf of the city. (City Manager Cotter)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint a citizen to serve on the Franchise License Commission to fill a partial term expiring on December 31, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)

City Manager Cotter said one position was available and one application was received from Kevin Hippensteel.

Kevin Hippensteel said he was a current member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He expressed his interest in serving on the Franchise License Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to appoint Kevin Hippensteel to serve on the Franchise License Commission to fill a partial term expiring on December 31, 2023. Council Member Alfonzo 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 adopt Resolution No. 2023R-07 appointing Mayor Steve D’Amico to serve as the city’s representative and voting member on the Mohave County Water Authority; and appointing Utilities Director Mark R. Clark to serve as the city’s alternate. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the Water Authority was venturing into more political activities and Mayor D’Amico would be better suited to serve at this time. He said Mark Clark would continue to serve on the Board.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-07 appointing Mayor Steve D’Amico to serve as the city’s representative and voting member on the Mohave County Water Authority; and appointing Utilities Director Mark R. Clark to serve as the city’s alternate. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

5. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-06 approving the request for a zoning map change from C2 (General Commercial) to R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family District) for parcels of land located at 611 to 691 Hancock Road and described as Block 1, Lots 32 through 36; and Block 5, Lots 23 through 28 of Winterhaven Estates, Tract 4069, Section 18, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said the current commercial zoning had become a hardship for the property owner due to the limitations of the allowable uses, especially considering the location of the property in an area of residential development. He said the nearest adjacent developed parcels to the north, east, and west were all residential uses. He said the applicant was requesting approval of the zoning map change in order to develop the parcels with multi-family residential uses. He said

there were eleven lots covering three acres at the entrance to Winterhaven Estates. He said the applicant proposed to build 48 single-story townhomes and a block wall along Hancock Road with access to the rear. He said each unit would have a one-car garage with paved parking for two additional vehicles, for a total of three parking spaces for each unit. He said no on-street parking would be allowed as the street was only 25-feet wide. He said the residential zoning would give the Council and the city more control as to what was built there. He said if the zoning remained C-2, retail, vehicle repair garages, warehouses, or 20-foot high storage buildings would be allowed. He said Taylor Road was a privately owned strip of land and not owned by the city. He said the units would not be low income housing; they would be market rate units. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the request.

Mayor D'Amico opened the public hearing.

Bart Anderson said he was concerned about vehicular access to the lots and said he thought the development would affect the traffic flow. He said it made sense to have the traffic flow onto Ramar Road.

Planning Manager Loera said the main access point would be Ramar Road, which was a signalized intersection.

Mark Carbon spoke in opposition to the zone change. He said the duplex homes did not fit into the surrounding neighborhood and said the narrow street would create traffic issues. He said property values would be decreased for the existing property owners.

Janet Deschene said her back yard was parallel to Taylor Road. She spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Scotty McClure said the alley should be made one-way. He said two-car garages should be required in that area, and no more rentals were needed in the community.

Linda Hess said she lived in the Legacy Homes development for a number of years. She spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Nick Parsons said currently there was no way to control the number of vehicles allowed for a single-family home.

Eva Corbett said the homes would be too close together which would create a parking problem.

Lorna Edell said she lived in Winterhaven and their back yard faced Taylor Road. She spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Nancy Laughlin said she was concerned about the water shortage, and said more homes would have a negative effect on conservation efforts.

Raynelle Rynes said she lived in Rivers Edge and was opposed to the rezoning.

Mike Sharp said he and his partner, Kevin Barrett, were the applicants. He said, under commercial zoning, they could put in other buildings with businesses that could increase the traffic much more

than residential housing. He said residents could park one car in the garage and two cars in each driveway. He said he lived in the area, and they would own and control the rental units.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if the developers were fully funded, and when construction would begin.

Mr. Sharp said they were currently partially funded and would not have a problem getting additional funding. He said they would start the process after approval was granted by the city.

Council Member Hecht asked for the reason the developer decided to build housing, and about the anticipated amount of monthly rent.

Mr. Sharp said they were aware there was a need for more rental homes in the community, and said rent would start at approximately \$1,000.

Vice Mayor Brummett asked if additional parking spaces could be provided by not building the two single-family units at each end of the project and using those empty lots for excess parking.

Mr. Sharp said that decision would be from the Planning Department.

Council Member Lizarraga confirmed that access would not be from Hancock Road and that no parking would be allowed on Hancock. He asked if emergency vehicles would be able to fit through the narrower street.

Mr. Sharp said the width of the street was the same as the width of the streets in Laughlin Ranch, and said it was large enough to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Mayor D'Amico said commercial traffic would be much heavier than in residential neighborhoods, and traffic counts would be significantly less. He said there was a major rental housing shortage in the city.

Utilities Director Clark said the city's water entitlement was 30,000 acre-feet from the river; and said the city used almost 11,000 acre-feet of water last year. He said the general plan called for the city to build out to about 100,000 people, and said the city had plenty of water for additional growth and development.

City Manager Cotter said they believed this was a "down-zone" request, with much less impact on the neighborhood.

Council Member Head asked for clarification if Taylor Road was a street or an alley.

Planner Loera said there were some issues when the area was initially platted. He said it was a privately owned parcel and not a city right of way.

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

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-06 approving the request for a zoning map change from C2 (General Commercial) to R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family District) for parcels of land located at 611 to 691 Hancock Road and described as Block 1, Lots 32 through 36; and Block 5, Lots 23 through 28 of Winterhaven Estates, Tract 4069, Section 18, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Ring 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 break at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING.** Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-07 approving the request for a zoning map change from PL (Public Lands) to R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family District) for the northwest 21 acres of a parcel of land located at 2541 Highway 95 and described as a portion of Section 20, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said this request was for a zoning map change of the northwestern 21 acres of a parcel that covered a total of 246 acres. He said the current zoning of the land was PL (Public Lands) as it was held under Arizona State Land ownership until March of 2021, when the applicant acquired the land from the state. He said the applicant proposed to develop the site with a 390-unit apartment complex.

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

MOTION: Council Member Head made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-07 approving the request for a zoning map change from PL (Public Lands) to R2MF (Residential Multiple-Family District) for the northwest 21 acres of a parcel of land located at 2541 Highway 95 and described as a portion of Section 20, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of the Water Reclamation Plant Influent Screening System from Huber Technology in the amount of \$555,360.00 plus applicable sales taxes, as outlined in the itemized schedule; and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documentation and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said the screening system was an integral part of the plant expansion. He said the screens removed the unwanted items that were not processed through the treatment process and disposed of them. He described the disposal process. He said they received four proposals and Huber Construction was selected. He said this action was an equipment purchase only with installation coming at a later date under a separate construction solicitation.

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

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the purchase of the Water Reclamation Plant Influent Screening System from Huber Technology in the amount of \$555,360.00 plus applicable sales taxes, as outlined in the itemized schedule; and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documentation 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

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two Ebara Pumps from Arizona Pump Resources, LLC, as outlined in Quote #22-715 dated February 13, 2023, in the total amount of \$99,665.57; authorize the City Manager to issue resulting payments; and find, pursuant to the Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D), that a waiver of competitive bidding is in the best interests of the city. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said Lift Station 16-2 was in the process of being rehabilitated and pumps were being upsized to meet the new demands of this lift station. He said the request was for two spare pumps for that lift station. He said Arizona Pump Resources was the sole provider for these pumps which have the specific pump curve that met the criteria for timely and continued operations. He said intermingling types and specifications for emergency replacements could compromise public safety.

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

Gary Genovese said the pumps would be purchased from a limited liability company and asked if the city would be protected.

Utilities Director Clark said Arizona Pump Resources LLC was the distributor and not the manufacturer.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the purchase of two Ebara Pumps from Arizona Pump Resources, LLC, as outlined in Quote #22-715 dated February 13, 2023, in the total amount of \$99,665.57; authorize the City Manager to issue resulting payments; and find, pursuant to the Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D), that a waiver of competitive bidding is in the best interests of the city. Council Member Hecht 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 purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2 Dump Truck from Empire CAT of Phoenix, Arizona, in the total amount of \$179,136.60; authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase order and any resulting paperwork; and further approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$33,657.00 from the slurry program account. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said staff searched for used dump trucks and could not locate a suitable truck. She said Empire CAT was a cooperative vendor. She said the new dump truck would be used daily for street maintenance, flood cleanup, and assist with the slurry program.

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

MOTION: Council Member Head made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M2 Dump Truck from Empire CAT of Phoenix, Arizona, in the total amount of \$179,136.60; authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase order and any resulting paperwork; and further approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$33,657.00 from the slurry program account. 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 Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn of Tucson, Arizona, for professional engineering services for the design associated with the realignment of Merrill Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$211,829.00; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign resulting documents on behalf of the city. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said the city and the developer would be splitting the costs for the realignment project.

Public Works Director Johnson said the project consisted of the development of the roadway/intersection alignments and design, including traffic design, drainage evaluation and design, and preparation of construction documents for the approved roadways, traffic signal,

intersection, and drainage crossing improvements. She said the project was advertised and four statements of qualification were received. She said Kimley-Horn was chosen after careful consideration, and said Kimley-Horn had designed other intersections and traffic signals within the city and throughout Mohave County.

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

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn of Tucson, Arizona, for professional engineering services for the design associated with the realignment of Merrill Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$211,829.00; and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign resulting documents on behalf 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

Other Business

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-08 formally requesting from the U. S. Department of Defense the authority to apply for and accept a decommissioned military item to be displayed at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bullhead City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the city was very successful in the recent placement of the Howitzer in Veterans Memorial Park. He said the city must now officially make another request to be eligible for an additional item from the Department of Defense. He said the city must also be prepared to pay any expenses related to the relocation and demilitarization of the donated piece. He said the city had an obligation to maintain the Howitzer and any other piece of military equipment in the same high level condition it was today.

Mayor D'Amico said his goal was to get another piece of equipment and more memorials for the park.

Council Member Alfonzo said the pieces were on loan to the city and the city had custody of the equipment.

Council Member Hecht said hopefully the proposed legislation would pass and the city could put the lease payment savings toward the acquisition of another military piece.

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

Gary Genovese asked if the city could refuse a piece of equipment after review.

City Manager Cotter said if a piece of equipment was rejected, the city would have to start the process from the beginning.

Grace Telsner asked if the city could be liable if someone gets hurt from climbing on the equipment.

City Manager Cotter said the parks were always subject to vandalism and graffiti, and said staff quickly took care of the issues. He said additional signage would be erected at the Howitzer and police could take action if they caught people climbing on the equipment.

Nick Parsons suggested the addition of bridges connecting the two peninsulas and a boardwalk at the park site.

City Manager Cotter said the process would take time as a lot of planning was required with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-08 formally requesting from the U. S. Department of Defense the authority to apply for and accept a decommissioned military item to be displayed at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bullhead City. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Brummett, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lizarraga, Ring
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 7:50 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 21st day of February 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of March 2023.

Susan Stein
to/ Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk