

Upon notice duly given under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431, et seq., as amended, the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 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 from First Southern Baptist Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Lizarraga led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Captain Jason Harms

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

PLANNING MANAGER: Johnny Loera

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor D'Amico opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee speaking for Voices for Freedom said their next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22nd at Casa Serrano in Fort Mohave. He has radios available as part of the Emergency Radio Program. Tickets are available to attend Charlie Kirk's Anti-Davos Time to Free America Tour being held on August 25th and 26th at Trump International in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Captain John Birks of the Salvation Army introduced himself and his wife Misty, who recently moved here from Idaho. They hope to help as many people in need as they can while they are here.

Bob Horn of Veterans in Motion said flyers were provided to Council Members regarding upcoming ballroom dancing with veterans, their families, and a band. Upon receipt of \$100,000 from County Supervisor Hildy Angius, they were able to purchase two vans, one with a wheelchair lift to transport veterans to appointments, and they are looking for drivers.

Gary Lane of World Sports League said they will be starting their first in Bullhead City women's softball league to add to the men's league, co-ed divisions, and lower men's divisions. They are looking at starting a senior league as well. The goal is to get back to when softball was fun. There is a need for umpires who get paid \$25 per game.

Grace Telsner said the Council's commitment to the Senior Nutrition Center and the seniors would provide necessary space for many activities.

Sue Demarco said S.A.I.N.T. found a forever home for Kane last week. She invited community members to Bingo Night on Friday, July 28th with a \$20 admission fee that includes a meal. She asked for more good restaurants to come to Bullhead City.

Corey Hardy said he would like to bring awareness to the lack of pain medicine from pharmacies in Bullhead City, and asked the Council to investigate it.

Sean Regan from Arizona Veterans Canine Services said the organization needs volunteers and asked those interested to contact him.

Nicole Tracey said in honor of her late husband Kirk Tracey the first Musical Memorial Fund Walk was held on June 4th on the Arizona side of the Heritage Trail. A virtual event was held during the month of May, where participants would walk 20 minutes per day. She thanked the many sponsors and participants for their generosity. In recognition of Mr. Tracey's love of music and animals, the funds raised provided two high school musicians with alto saxophones and a \$2,000 donation to S.A.I.N.T.

Eva Corbett invited community members to attend the 79th annual Republican picnic to be held on July 29th in the Hualapai Mountains. Admission is \$30 with lunch and \$10 without. She thanked the many sponsors and asked for cookie donations for dessert.

Scotty McClure said he was not happy with Council Member Hecht's explanation for not recusing herself from the \$800,000 vote at a previous meeting and is requesting the last three years of tax returns for Make Bullhead Better according to IRS laws.

Jim Fuller said the Mayor is doing an awesome job and thanked him. He shared the story on how he met Mayor D'Amico. He said he wished people would talk to one another and fix whatever differences they have.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Cotter said the city continues to monitor the extreme heat and is ready for any emergency that may occur, including having the cooling stations open. The key is for Mohave Electric to keep the power on.

1. Annual Report from Republic Services

Mark Masterson, General Manager for Republic Services Northern Arizona, provided a brief presentation on trash services in the Bullhead City community. He provided statistics and facts related to the partnership with Bullhead City which began in 1990.

Council Member Hecht asked about the process for residents to notify Republic Services of dumpsters with graffiti. Mr. Masterson said there is a process; unfortunately, it takes time due to staffing constraints. City Manager Cotter said in the past, any dumpster with graffiti in a prominent area has been replaced within an hour. If there is ever a concern, reach out to his office and they will make sure it is removed as quickly as possible.

Council Member Hecht inquired of the total tonnage in Bullhead City compared to Kingman and Havasu. Mr. Masterson said they do not service Kingman; however, the Mohave County Landfill and Lake Havasu City Landfill are within 10 tons with 360 to 380 tons per day.

2. WARMC/Fire Department/Police Department AED Program

Bullhead City Police Corporal Danny Crawford said he has been looking for an AED grant that would allow the police department to add AEDs to their first aid program but had not been successful. During a public safety leader meeting, one of the chiefs said some AED devices were available in Phoenix. The fire department was able to secure 40 AED devices from the Military Surplus Program. Unfortunately, all the AEDs needed to be serviced. Through a partnership with WARMC and TriState CareFlight Air Methods, they agreed to service the AEDs with new batteries and pads.

Bullhead City Police Corporal Crawford said the community should be proud to know that all Bullhead City officers are sworn officers and basic life support (BLS) certified. All police vehicles, boats, and some public locations are now equipped with an AED, advance bleeding control, and Narcan as part of the first aid program. This allows officers to provide CPR and assist the fire department in life saving situations, such as cardiac arrest. Statistics show immediate rapid defibrillation and high-quality CPR has a 100% survival rate.

Mayor D'Amico thanked Corporal Crawford and partners for their hard work in obtaining the AEDs.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht made several announcements on upcoming community events.

Mayor D'Amico said at the last Mohave County Board of Supervisors meeting, Scotty McClure stated his First Amendment rights were taken away as there was no call to the public during the Council Member appointment process. During the appointment process, the Council was only interviewing candidates and there never has been nor will there ever be a call to the public; therefore, no First Amendment rights were violated. He added that this Council gives more time and respect to First Amendment rights than any other local government and uses more than the allotted 30 minutes each meeting to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Vice Mayor Head made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as stated. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023R-28 appointing and directing City Finance Director Robert Drexler to submit the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General. (Finance Director Drexler)

HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC HEARING ACTION ITEMS

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023R-16 approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L-D35 (Residential: Single-Family District with a density of 35,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) to R2MF-D3 (Residential: Multiple-Family District with a density of 3,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) for the parcel of land located at 2499 Calle De Mercado and described as a portion of Section 24, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera provided an overview of the parcel of land in question, which is owned by the Bullhead City School District. The intent is to build rental homes for teachers and staff on the five-acre parcel located in the Tierra Grande area just off Silver Creek Road at the west end of Calle De Mercado. There would be 20 individual units with approximately 1,100 square feet of living space. The property would be accessed off Calle De Mercado. The applicant is responsible for extending the road to the parcel boundary and all interior driveways would be privately maintained by the school district. The general plan designation is medium density, which allows for up to six units per acre; however, the proposal is for four units per acre. Although multi-family zoning is requested, it would remain one single parcel and the development would have the appearance of a single-family residential development.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if any surveys had been taken from residents in the area. Planning Manager Loera stated as part of the process letters were sent to all owners within 300 feet. Some residents came to the commission meeting to address their concerns.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if more land was available for future development and growth. Planning Manager Loera stated if more units were required, there is more land available to the west and south, which is also zoned single-family residential with the same density.

Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Stewart stated this proposal came about due to difficulty in attracting and retaining employees to the school district because of the high cost of rentals in the community. No funds from local taxes would be required to support this project as the Federal COVID Relief funds would be used. The intent is to keep rental prices affordable to the employees. Should additional housing be required they would be funded through the rental profits from the first phase.

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

Sean Regan stated his opposition to this proposal because it allows the school district to become landlords and reward teachers when the test scores are below national average. He stated that veterans deserve housing assistance.

Barbara Pape agreed with Mr. Regan, stating the veterans sacrificed their bodies and should be taken care of.

City Manager Cotter clarified this is a zoning issue and the funding is only available for the school district and could not be used for veteran services.

Larry Tunforss said he agrees with City Manager Cotter and supports the project. If teachers cannot be attracted and retained, class sizes would increase.

Billy Pershing asked if the school district owning and renting these units violated any discrimination laws. Dr. Stewart stated this is not a new thing, and Arizona law allows for providing housing and bringing teachers to service that school.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023R-16 approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L-D35 (Residential: Single-Family District with a density of 35,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) to R2MF-D3 (Residential: Multiple-Family District with a density of 3,000 sq. ft. of land per unit) for the parcel of land located at 2499 Calle De Mercado and described as a portion of Section 24, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

3. Discussion and possible action to approve, in concept, the proposed floor plan for the Bullhead City Animal Shelter. (Human Services Director Tipton)

City Manager Cotter said this has been 20 years in the making and the opportunity to build a new animal shelter is finally here. The community has been engaged since announcing the city would purchase the Mohave Valley Daily News building. The Brehm Communication family offered the building far below the appraised value, which will comprise over 27,000 square feet of space. Some of the space will be utilized as secure indoor storage for the police department.

Human Services Director Tipton said the request this evening is to approve the conceptual design for the new Bullhead City Animal Resource Center. Meetings, workshops, tours, and a survey have been conducted which contributed to the layout presented. Approval of this design will move it to the final design phase, preparation of bid documents, and putting it out to bid. Staff will come back to Council to award the bid for a contractor to begin construction.

Council Member Lettman inquired of the location and hours for the dog wash station. Human Services Director Tipton said it will be a freestanding room with a door that only allows access to that room. The dog wash station will be open 24 hours a day and use an app that provides an entry code through text messaging.

Council Member Hecht asked about the storage location for food and donations. Human Services Director Tipton said there are seven different areas, some that will be used as office/visitation, but can also serve as storage for donations.

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

Sean Regan asked if a generator would be installed and if there is an outdoor space for a dog run. Mayor D'Amico said there are plans to turn the existing parking lot into an outdoor dog run. Architect Rob Sampson from Selberg Associates stated a generator was a top priority and is planned to keep all kennel and cat areas cool. If cost permits, the entire building will be cooled.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve, in concept, the proposed floor plan for the Bullhead City Animal Shelter. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to 1) approve the construction contract with T.R. Orr of Kingman, Arizona in the amount of \$3,292,532.00 for the construction of a new building at the Senior Campus; 2) approve the revised CDBG application; 3) adopt Resolution No. 2023R-29 approving the change in the CDBG grant application adding leverage funds to the CDBG contract in the amount of \$2,275,836.00; and 4) approve the transfer of \$202,363.00 from the general fund contingency for the project. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said this is another project that has been a long time in the making and a legacy decision of City Council. The most recent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$1 million were allocated to this project and the city is putting in over \$2 million into the project. Tonight's presentation is a culmination of all the hard work put into this project.

Public Works Director Johnson said this project has been in the works since 2021 and many public meetings have been held to hear all requests. Final plans were completed for a 9,000 square foot building, advertised for approximately 30 days and four bids were received, with the lowest coming from T. R. Orr. If approved, a preconstruction meeting will be held next week and construction would begin in early August, which is anticipated to take 10 to 12 months. Mohave County Supervisor Angius approved a donation of \$350,000 to cover the cost of the generator for this project.

Mohave County Supervisor Angius responded to Mayor D'Amico's comment regarding public comment, stating everyone is allowed to speak at the County meetings, but they must follow the process of filling out a form to speak.

Mohave County Supervisor Angius said upon speaking with Mayor D'Amico and City Manager Cotter it was determined this would be a good use for the ARPA funds, and the generator would provide another option for a cooling station within the community. Mayor D'Amico said there is a good working relationship between the County and the Council, and thanked Mohave County Supervisor Angius for the support.

Council Member Alfonzo asked what the \$202,363 charge for cost of construction and material testing was for. Public Works Director Johnson said this is an estimated cost for material and special inspections that is included in all city projects, and she does not anticipate it will cost that much.

Architect Rob Sampson from Selberg Associates said this is a 9,000 square foot multi-purpose building. It will offer space for indoor and outdoor activities, crafting, office space, central entrance point, and other amenities. The price came in where they hoped it would and he is pleased with the floor plan.

Senior Services Program Manager Kim Cool said over the past three years she has built an ever-growing activities schedule for area residents over 50 years old. The current Nutrition Center serves as both nutrition and activity center, which can be challenging at times. The additional 7,700 square feet of indoor space will allow the activities to be expanded and include quiet spaces. She reviewed some of the current activities and meal offerings at the Nutrition Center. She thanked the sponsors and volunteers, because without them they would not be able to provide the services they do.

City Manager Cotter said it was through a multi-year process of planning and saving that this project has come to fruition, and said additional funding will be requested in July. The location of the new building will be to the west of the current Senior Nutrition Center.

Mayor D'Amico thanked and applauded the volunteers because they are the heartbeat of this operation.

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 construction contract with T.R. Orr of Kingman, Arizona in the amount of \$3,292,532.00 for the construction of a new building at the Senior Campus; 2) approve the revised CDBG application; 3) adopt Resolution No. 2023R-29 approving the change in the CDBG grant application adding leverage funds to the CDBG contract in the amount of \$2,275,836.00; and 4) approve the transfer of \$202,363.00 from the general fund contingency for the project. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to 1) approve the purchase of Praestol K 148 L and Praestol K 274 FLX Polymer from Solenis, LLC., of Wilmington, Delaware for use at both Section 10 and Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$62,214.00 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; 2) find, that pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D), that waiver of competitive bidding process in this matter is in the best interests of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to approve resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said although this item is necessary at the wastewater treatment facility, it has to come before the Council because it is an expenditure of over \$50,000.

Wastewater Manager Chad Hunter explained the polymer is a major component in making sludge as it removes the water and coagulates the sludge, the sludge runs through the sludge press, and is hauled to the landfill. Multiple jar tests were completed with other polymer vendors, and this is the only one that coagulated with the content of the sludge.

Council Member Alfonzo inquired if any other vendor in the world made this product. Wastewater Manager Hunter said not this exact polymer, and said Solenis is the only source of it.

Council Member Lizarraga congratulated Wastewater Manager Hunter on his 25 years of service to the city.

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 purchase of Praestol K 148 L and Praestol K 274 FLX Polymer from Solenis, LLC., of Wilmington, Delaware for use at both Section 10 and Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$62,214.00 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; 2) find, that pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D), that waiver of competitive bidding process in this matter is in the best interests of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to approve resultant payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-30 expressing support for and intent to initiate the transactional process of transferring State Route 95, within the City's corporate limits, from the State of Arizona to Bullhead City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this item continues the legacy of tonight's agenda because asking the State of Arizona to transfer jurisdiction and right of ways for Highway 95 is a big deal that has been in the works for at least a decade. Approval of this item would start the process of sending a formal request to ADOT to transfer the jurisdiction of Highway 95 from the bridge on the north side of town to Sterling on the south side. ADOT is not well suited to run this roadway for the city. The city is sophisticated enough, has enough budget funding, expertise, and a great road crew to take over jurisdiction of this section of the highway.

City Manager Cotter said at the last workshop and City Council meeting, there was a long presentation and discussion on this matter. This discussion included the fact that the Public Works department has been taking care of everything associated with the roadway, except for reconstructing it. Due to the perseverance of the Mayor, City Manager, and City Council, \$27 million was secured through the Legislature for the reconstruction of Highway 95, which is taking place now under the supervision of ADOT. An additional \$8 million was secured, which has already been allocated to ADOT specifically to construct right-turn lanes. The agreement will include the transfer of the \$8 million so the city can construct the right-turn lanes. Public Works Director Johnson has identified a list of items they hope to have added to the final agreement.

Council Member Hecht inquired about what went wrong in front of Mohave Community College. City Manager Cotter stated cold patch was used to fill the potholes, and unfortunately due to the temperatures, the cold patch wore down and the holes returned. Public complaints had to be directed to ADOT, and because of liability issues there was nothing the city could do. The contractor did try to fix it, but put too much cold patch in, resulting in large bumps. The contractor's crew was out again today correcting the situation.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if there would be a checklist of items ADOT must complete prior to the final sign off. City Manager Cotter said that will be part of the final IGA; however, everything may not be agreed upon.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if the contract would include spare parts and ancillary equipment. City Manager Cotter said they have asked the state about this. Because of ADOT's procurement process, it will be difficult for them to give the city spare parts and functional pieces. ADOT staff said they will consider any requests. The city may want to think about specific language for incidents within the first year or two and the potential to loan parts while waiting for replacement parts. The expectation is that ADOT will give the city everything in working and functional order and after that it is the city's responsibility to manage it correctly.

Council Member Alfonzo asked what the time frame would be. City Manager Cotter said it is anticipated to take three to six months and would run parallel to the reconstruction of Highway 95, expected to be completed in January or February 2024. He will keep the Council apprised of anything that comes up, including any meetings held with ADOT and/or the State Transportation Board.

Council Member Lizarraga inquired if the city would be able to keep up financially with maintenance without help from the State. City Manager Cotter said the city is already doing it and is better suited to maintain the highway because they would have local control of the budget. They do not anticipate the need to hire additional staff or purchase new equipment. One added cost will be the \$50,000 spent yearly to maintain the traffic signals. Part of the discussions was to create a separate account that gets \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually for future highway repaving.

Council Member Lettman asked what happens if the road is done to ADOT standards and not city standards. City Manager Cotter said Public Works Director Johnson participates in weekly preconstruction meetings and is diligently watching this project.

Council Member Lettman asked if the city would still move forward with the acquisition if ADOT is unwilling to turn over all or a portion of the \$8 million. City Manager Cotter said he would definitely come back to the Council for further discussion, but believes it is still important to move forward. It is believed ADOT does not have an option, as those funds were allocated specifically for right turn lanes in Bullhead City. Mayor D'Amico said ADOT is aware that would be part of the deal.

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

Barbara Pape said funding, approvals, and studies take time. She believes City Manager Cotter will budget accordingly as he has done in the past with other projects and believes the resolution should pass.

Billy Pershing asked if there is a possibility of getting concessions from the State for revenue to go to the city for relieving them of their responsibilities. Mayor D'Amico said the city would acquire the money by going to the Legislature just like they did for the reconstruction of Highway

95, the only difference is the money would come directly to Bullhead City. City Manager Cotter said outside of the funds allocated by elected officials, ADOT's budget is very small, and they are not willing to reimburse the city.

Sean Regan expressed fiscal concern with all these projects and capital expenditures and asked if property and sales taxes would increase. City Manager Cotter said as previously mentioned the city is already paying for everything except for the reconstruction. A plan would be put in place to budget accordingly for potential reconstruction about 25 years down the road. There will be increased costs in utilities, staff, et cetera for the other projects, but that has been planned and budgeted for. The animal shelter and senior center have potential to bring in revenue, which could at times exceed the expenses.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Head made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-30 expressing support for and intent to initiate the transactional process of transferring State Route 95, within the City's corporate limits, from the State of Arizona to Bullhead City. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-31 expressing support for the I-40 Colorado River Bridge Replacement Project. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

Assistant City Manager Pruitt stated this resolution is only to express support for the replacement of the I-40 Colorado River Bridge project. Although this bridge is outside the city limits, it is utilized by many, including tourists, to enter the city and it is a source of revenue. The proposed resolution is to build a new bridge to the south or north of the current location, which would keep traffic flowing over the current bridge during the construction phase. They could rebuild the current bridge and keep traffic flowing with one open lane at a time or they could do nothing. Each option has a different cost and environmental impacts to consider, as this is a shared project. CALTRANS has the lead on this project and estimates the project to cost between \$91 and \$107 million. Both CALTRANS and ADOT are completing environmental studies and the results will be factored into the decision-making process.

Mayor D'Amico stated the construction will not cost the city anything, but it could cost future revenue. They need to protect and preserve the roads that go in and out of the city.

Council Member Alfonzo said based on his research, less than ten percent of city residents transition that bridge; most of the traffic is coming from California. He supports the repair, but not financial support.

City Manager Cotter said that bridge is an important infrastructure for the community. They need to support the construction alternatives because the do-nothing approach would affect the economy.

Vice Mayor Head said if the bridge is closed, trucks will be traveling through Bullhead City and using the Laughlin Bridge to get into California.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-31 expressing support for the I-40 Colorado River Bridge Replacement Project. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, 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 7:49 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 18th day of July 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of September 2023.

Susan Stein
for Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk