

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, August 1, 2023, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D'Amico called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

PLANNING MANAGER: Johnny Loera

POLICE CAPTAIN: Jason Harms

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Discussion regarding the future development of commercial storage units.

City Manager Cotter said he had a recent conversation with Council Member Lettman pertaining to the city's goals and visions. The topics of proliferation, demand, complexity, and design of storage units were discussed. After a meeting with Planning and Zoning staff, it was decided that a workshop should be scheduled with the City Council to discuss the needs, desires, and any interests in modifying the current ordinances and/or architectural standards of commercial storage units.

Planning Manager Loera reviewed the city codes specifically associated with storage facilities. There are two types of storage facilities: enclosed storage buildings which are allowed in C-2 districts and open storage facilities that are allowed in C-3 districts. Performance standards require metal buildings, inclusive of storage facilities, to have 1/3 of the wall height visible from the right of way to be covered with conventional materials such as stucco, brick, and stone. Open storage facilities require a six-foot screened fence around the right of way and any adjoining zoning districts. Examples of the facilities were presented to the Council.

City Manager Cotter said Council Member Lettman inquired if there was any way to adjust the zoning code to stop the proliferation. There was currently no process that could stop more storage facilities, and said this would be complicated.

Council Member Lettman said he has concerns about storage units and understands the difficulty in rolling back existing zoning. The primary concern is that storage units within commercial zoning areas do not create jobs. There is a finite amount of commercial land available going into the future. The city

needs to be careful to optimize employment as a strategic goal, understanding storage units will not generate jobs or revenue for the city, especially in light of the new General Plan.

Planning Manager Loera reviewed the city's current codes, noting the differences for mixed use districts, such as the Laughlin property across from Home Depot, which has specific architectural standards. For comparison purposes, he provided ordinances and architectural standards for the City of Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Parker, Flagstaff, and Oro Valley.

City Manager Cotter asked the Council if there should be an enhanced regulatory environment for storage facilities.

Council Member Lettman said he is not opposed to building storage facilities, but feels they can look better. The bar should be raised and demand more excellence from the developer community. The appearance of the storage facilities should be appropriate for the neighborhood they are in. For example, if they are in a residential neighborhood, they should look more residential. Likewise, if they are in an industrial area, they should look more industrial. He asked staff to look at this further, get input from the developers, and see what is appropriate. Planning Manager Loera clarified any projects within planned communities would require an architectural review and approval by the homeowner associations.

Council Member Alfonzo said storage facilities are necessary for residents to store boats, motorhomes, and other things, and said this is a "recreation-type" of city. If storage was not available, the city will lose people and revenue. The storage facilities have employees providing management and security. The facilities are a good thing if they are built using architectural standards that match the neighborhood, and are secure and safe.

Council Member Hecht said she would like to hear the Planning and Zoning Commission's opinion.

Vice Mayor Head said he supports this subject going back to the Planning and Zoning Commission, including the developers in the conversations.

Council Member Ring said the Council should not be involved as the conversations should be between the HOA and developer.

Mayor D'Amico agreed to send this back to the Planning and Zoning Commissioners and see what they bring back.

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

Scotty McClure went up to the podium but did not provide a comment.

City Manager Cotter said based on the recommendations, a workshop will be held with the Planning and Zoning Commission along with the development community. The Planning and Zoning Commission could propose an ordinance modification, which would ultimately be forwarded to Council.

2. Discussion regarding the installation of cameras in city parks for security purposes.

City Manager Cotter said Mayor D'Amico brought up the need for cameras by the skate park during the budget session. Some of the questions asked were how cameras deter crime, what are the privacy concerns, and what must be released to the public. Approximately 50 random articles from across the country were provided to the Council for review. Issues raised in the articles were the money spent on a good camera system and deterring and monitoring crime. The discussions would include the appropriateness of cameras in the parks, locations, how are they monitored, and what is the public's right to privacy. Vandalism and graffiti occur on a regular basis in the parks, specifically the bathrooms, even with the efforts made to minimize the vandalism.

Police Captain Harms said there are advantages and disadvantages with cameras from the police department's perspective. It is expensive because more than one camera is needed to cover multiple angles, and staff is needed to manage them.

City Manager Cotter said the first questions are: what are the right places to install cameras, how will this help the police department and park rangers solve crimes, and how will this protect the assets at the parks. Currently, there is a full-time security officer at Community Park. He asked how the Council Members felt about cameras in the parks and where to place them.

Mayor D'Amico said a workshop with the Police Department, park rangers, and the Parks and Recreation Commission will be needed to discuss the pros and cons of using cameras in certain areas. The combination of cameras and personnel is the best protection.

Council Member Alfonzo said the installation of cameras is an effective preventative measure that deters crime, they protect freedom and safety, and assist the police department in the event of a crime. Cameras can be found everywhere, especially in banks, retail stores, and many private residences. He agreed a workshop is necessary.

Council Member Lizarraga said he supports the combination of cameras and personnel, and said a workshop should be held.

Council Member Ring agreed to hold a workshop, and said the best surveillance is a camera and a nosy neighbor.

Council Member Hecht agreed to hold a workshop about this item.

Council Member Lettman expressed concern with a government agency using surveillance. He agreed to hold a workshop to further discuss surveillance and the need for safety and protecting assets.

City Manager Cotter said some of the logistical issues are the storage of recordings, how long they are retained, are they considered public documents, and how the public would use them.

Mayor D'Amico said he prefers the cameras to be used by the police department for criminal investigations. The public can video anything they want according to the law.

City Attorney Emery said the guiding principles are what is the scope and depth of what they want to do. Are there bad things to investigate or prevent; are there specific areas and activities, or is it just a general thought that cameras deter bad things. The privacy interests come into play, especially when private actions are captured and repeatedly replayed and magnified. There are privacy and retention record laws associated with the use of cameras, such as videos containing youth. Privacy interests and retention issues have a cost associated with them. For example, body camera footage must be viewed prior to being released and anything the public should not see has to be blurred out, which can be labor-intensive. The recommendation is to figure out the bad things they want to prevent, focus on where that is happening, and put measures in place to help prevent and remedy that.

Vice Mayor Head asked if the state laws addressed record retention for something like this. Has anyone already established a line that could be followed and if so, it would be helpful to have that information for the workshop. City Attorney Emery stated the city establishes its own retention periods for different purposes. He would have to research other cities to see what they have done in this situation.

Vice Mayor Head said some people are just trying to live their lives and there is no need to be videoing them. Others are doing things they should not, and it would be great to have video of them. Hopefully there is a way to blur out children from any surveillance.

Council Member Lizarraga agreed with Vice Mayor Head regarding blurring out children. He asked if there are measures in place to ensure sex offenders do not request and obtain surveillance that contain children. Does the city run background checks on citizen requests for recordings? Attorney Emery said it would not be part of a state statute, but could be part of probation terms. There is no procedure in place to conduct background checks on anybody who makes a record request.

Council Member Alfonzo said the cameras would be effective if a child was taken from the park.

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

Sean Regan said there is nothing to prevent an individual from photographing or videorecording children in a public park. We live in a free society and the government micromanaging situations leads to infringements of constitutional rights. There are a lot of bad people out there with bad intentions, but it was impossible to protect everyone. Cameras are not going to protect from everything, it is a matter of staying on top of it and dividing the line between private and public use, and another concern is the cost associated with the cameras.

Scotty McClure suggested looking at the cameras used by the school districts.

City Manager Cotter said without further discussion, the preliminary thought would be to have the cameras recording and not monitored, as that would require additional cost for staffing. There may be some special events that would require the cameras to be monitored. He asked Council Members to take some time to conduct their own research. A workshop will be set up in September with the Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:52 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 1st day of August 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, 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, August 1, 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 Bill Jones from Bethel Community Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Ring 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: Gamet 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

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark Clark

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor D' Amico opened the call to the public.

Donna Doyel from the Saving Animals In Need Together (S.A.I.N.T.) organization expressed concern with the rental increase at the Suddenlink Community Center. She said S.A.I.N.T., Food for Paws Food Pantry, and We Care for Animals do a lot for the community and are asking the Council to reconsider this rental increase.

Nick Parsons said he makes solar cars and alternative propulsion systems. He said, with continued cooperation from Parks and Recreation, he will have drone races next year in Bullhead City. He noted the need to start making and producing self-sustainable charging systems.

Sean Regan expressed concern with the city donating funds to Catholic Charities and asked for more accountability by those who chose the nonprofit agencies for funding. He said Catholic Charities is a multi-billion-dollar company and does not need the city's money.

Ivy Yeomans said there is an alcoholism problem in the community and is concerned about the teenagers hanging around and buying alcohol from the Liquor Castle. She asked the Council to look into opening a trade school for teenagers to acquire a trade and gain self-confidence because they are the future.

Pamela Smith invited community members to attend the Colorado River Republican Women's meeting to be held on August 2nd.

Eva Corbett announced the 5th Annual Bullhead City Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk will take place on September 23rd at Rotary Park.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Council Member Hecht asked to withdraw Item No. 2 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

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 Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Splash Bash Recap

City Manager Cotter played a brief video of the event's activities. He said this was an awesome family event with many sponsors making it free to the community, and said the pool was open with a lot of water activities.

2. Bullhead Belle Grand Opening

City Manager Cotter said the Bullhead Belle was moved to its permanent location at Community Park and is almost complete. The upper level of the Belle offers the most amazing view of the Colorado River and the facility will open for the first time on August 4th. Access to the Bullhead Belle is free, and the facility will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Lizarraga said Oktoberfest will be held on September 30th with free admission. He thanked the many sponsors and the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Alfonzo welcomed Councilman Henry Longbrake from Needles, California, who was in attendance with his service dog. He thanked Laurel Price, Office Manager, and Chef John at the Christine Stamper Catholic Charities facility for allowing his wife and him to assist in serving lunch to people at the shelter. He thanked Judge Richard Speer of the Bullhead Municipal Court for taking the time to show the progress on renovations being made at the court and to observe a complete case hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Vice Mayor Head made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 1 as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The item on the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

1. Acceptance of the Utility Easement, G&SRM (Water Utilities and Periodic Well Discharge Pond) located at 1752 Arriba Drive, Section 24, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, Arizona. (Utilities Director Clark)

HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of the expenses for disposal of bio-solids into the Mohave Valley Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 for fiscal year 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to approve resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Council Member Hecht stated the City of Kingman has been turning their sludge into fertilizer since 2012. Keenan Yarbrough, Assistant Public Works Director in Kingman, said he could provide a five-slide presentation for the Council. She asked City Manager Cotter to explain the other fees and potential savings by implementing a process like this. She asked for a workshop to be scheduled to explore composting opportunities.

City Manager Cotter explained the \$215,000 is for tipping fees at the landfill. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done about that cost which is rolled into citizens' wastewater fees. Staff has been looking into alternatives to taking the sludge to the landfill; however, composting of human waste cannot be used on farm fields per the ban issued in Mohave County 15-20 years ago. They would need time to see if there is a path forward with composting, including sourcing additional materials to make it a quality product and alternative wastewater treatment plant locations. He is happy to have a

workshop and talk more about it but staff is not ready to discuss this in detail at this meeting.

Council Member Hecht said she would like a future workshop to be scheduled.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the expenses for disposal of bio-solids into the Mohave Valley Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 for fiscal year 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to approve resultant payments. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

3. Discussion and possible action to approve an Agreement for On-Call Water and Wastewater System Repairs by job order with Premier Backhoe, Inc., in an amount not to exceed the approximate amount of \$182,000.00 annually; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said the purpose of this request is to lock in a fair and equitable on-call rate to assist with water breaks in the antiquated EPCOR system.

Utilities Director Clark stated since taking over the EPCOR system, they have addressed approximately 500 system breaks. He explained the various types and approximate age of the pipes in the water system. The department repairs service line breaks on a regular basis and generally has 30 projects at a time needing attention. Eight employees are in the construction group, six of whom are out in the field doing the repairs. Premier was paid over \$100,000 last fiscal year to assist with addressing water breaks and has provided a fixed labor and equipment rate for this fiscal year.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if Premier Backhoe has worked with the city in the past. Utilities Director Clark advised they have previously worked with the city and worked with EPCOR, and said they are familiar with the systems.

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

Billy Pershing asked if additional staff would be needed in order to service the breaks, what percentage of repair work is covered by the city crew versus contracted service, did they predict more problems with the age of some of the water lines, and is there a plan for replacing them. Utilities Director Clark said in the future they will be looking to hire new staff, but not immediately, and it is a 50/50 split between in-house and outside crews. He said they do not have plans to replace the lines soon, but future replacement is part of the Water Master Plan approved by City Council in February 2022.

Sean Regan said he was concerned with the amount of money that has been expended to repair the water system since acquiring it from EPCOR. Utilities Director Clark said they are spending money to fix problems that should have been taken care of years ago, because EPCOR did not spend any money on repairing the problems.

City Manager Cotter clarified these issues were addressed before the Arizona Corporation Commission, which is what gave the Council the reason to take over the inept EPCOR organization based in Alberta, Canada. Mayor D'Amico noted that even with all the money being spent, the city's water rate has not increased and any profits are put back into maintaining the local water system.

Gary Genovese inquired if Premier Backhoe is local and able to respond immediately. Utilities Director Clark confirmed they are local. City Manager Cotter said they also do work for Bermuda Water.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve an Agreement for On-Call Water and Wastewater System Repairs by job order with Premier Backhoe, Inc., in an amount not to exceed the approximate amount of \$182,000.00 annually; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Alfonzo 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 adopt Resolution No. 2023R-32 approving the Funding Agreement with Mohave County; and authorize the purchase of a generator for the Bullhead City Senior Campus. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this request is for approval of the funding agreement for \$350,000 from Mohave County, using ARPA Funds, to provide the generator for the new senior center building.

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 adopt Resolution No. 2023R-32 approving the Funding Agreement with Mohave County; and authorize the purchase of a generator for the Bullhead City Senior Campus. Council Member Alfonzo 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 approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River in the amount of \$50,000.00 for FY 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this is the annual agreement with the Boys and Girls Club to provide services to children in the Bullhead City community only. The annual report will be presented at the next meeting.

Council Member Alfonzo asked if there is any way to confirm the funds are used exclusively in Bullhead City. City Manager Cotter stated these funds cover a fraction of their costs and the organization had no problem showing us the books to confirm the funds stay in Bullhead City.

Council Member Lizarraga thanked Autumn Boyle-Robinson and the Boys and Girls Club for everything they do for our community.

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

Sean Regan asked how many children are serviced, if oversight is provided, who makes the decision to enter into these agreements and how much to award. City Manager Cotter said the City Council decides if contracts are suitable as part of the annual budgetary process.

Council Member Hecht asked if free rent is provided to nonprofit organizations such as the Veterans Music Program. City Manager Cotter said the comprehensive fee schedule allows for groups to receive free rent when parameters are met. Council Member Hecht said two people from the public addressed this issue and it should be investigated more for transparency as to why some are charged, and others are not. City Manager Cotter said this is off topic from the agenda item, and explained how funds are awarded to nonprofit organizations through the budgetary process. He intends to present next year’s budget including the same groups that are doing the same functions, and making the most impact in the community. If the Council would like other organizations to receive funding, the appropriate time to discuss that is during the budget process.

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the Twelfth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Colorado River in the amount of \$50,000.00 for FY 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve a Contract with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Inc., of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects within city limits (IFB 24-PW-013E), in an amount not to exceed \$965,498.04 for FY 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Pavement Manager David Witzel gave a brief presentation regarding the slurry seal application, crack sealing, and mastic applications.

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is for the oil used during the slurry seal application. An advertisement requesting bids was published in July with only two bids being received. Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions was the lower bid. Bullhead City has been purchasing oil from them for the last three to four seasons and staff was happy with their product.

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

Scotty McClure asked when the city will start using white paint. Public Works Director Johnson has attended seminars and researched painting the streets white. It has been determined it is not cost-effective and will not lower the temperature enough in Bullhead City to justify the expense.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve a Contract with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Inc., of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects within city limits (IFB 24-PW-013E), in an amount not to exceed \$965,498.04 for FY 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D'Amico declared a conflict of interest on Item No. 7 and left the dais.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with S&S Concrete and Materials LLC, of Bullhead City, Arizona, for the purchase of Type II Slurry Seal Sand for street maintenance projects within city limits (IFB 24-PW-013A) in an amount not to exceed \$115,940.80 for FY 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this is another product used in the slurry seal application. An advertisement requesting bids was published in July and three bids were received. S & S Concrete was the lowest bid and they will also be delivering the product to the work site, making the process more efficient.

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

MOTION: Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve a contract with S&S Concrete and Materials LLC, of Bullhead City, Arizona, for the purchase of Type II Slurry Seal Sand for street maintenance projects within city limits (IFB 24-PW-013A) in an amount not to exceed \$115,940.80 for FY 2023-2024; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D'Amico returned to the dais.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-33 authorizing the submission of the grant application for the FY 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and directing all follow-on activities. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said City Council approved the proposed application at the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. The written notice for publication in the local newspaper was inadvertently omitted and a new notice had to be prepared and published for today's hearing. The project and related items remain the same. The Council is being asked to approve another resolution reflecting the approval of the hearing and said the project application as a housekeeping item.

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

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-33 authorizing the submission of the grant application for the FY 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); and directing all follow-on activities. Vice Mayor Head seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the modification of the Rotary Park Master Plan by adding two handball/racquetball courts and an ADA playground. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said during the budget meetings, Council Member Lizarraga had requested handball courts. Working with Public Works Director Johnson and Park and Recreation Superintendent Heath, a sufficient location has been found at Rotary Park to install handball courts. The future ADA playground has been a project of the Rotary Club and sponsored by County Supervisor Angius through ARPA funds. He explained the land used for the parks is leased from the Federal Government at no cost. Through the Park and Public Purpose lease program, the city can utilize the land through a master plan, and all modifications are approved by the Federal Government.

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 modification of the Rotary Park Master Plan by adding two handball/racquetball courts and an ADA playground. Council Member Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D'Amico declared a conflict of interest on Item No.10 and left the dais.

10. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-17 by reference, approving an Amendment to Section 8.08.110, Unreasonable Noise, of Title 8, Nuisances, of the Bullhead City Municipal Code; and adopt Resolution No. 2023R-34 declaring the code amendment a public record. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said because a local contractor was pouring concrete in the evening hours, a resident requested clarification if the code allowed the after-hours work. Although the intent of the code is to allow this evening work, staff felt it was best to make a narrow change to the code and clearly show that pouring and finishing concrete in the evening is allowed. He said construction work could take place between June 1st and September 30th after hours, any lighting used in connection with the work shall be the minimum amount necessary to complete the work and shall be directed away from or shielded from adjacent residential zones, and the responsible party must notify all property owners

within 200 feet of the property line of where the work will occur at least 48 hours in advance. He said the alternative would eliminate any building in the summer months, which would handicap and/or put local contractors out of business.

Vice Mayor Head suggested the code language include the work of pouring and finishing the concrete.

City Attorney Emery clarified the amendment to Paragraph C-1 would read “the work involves the pouring and finishing of concrete only.”

Vice Mayor Head opened the public hearing.

Salvation Army Captain John Birks suggested adding language in the future to allow use of drones to deliver concrete. City Manager Cotter said that can be addressed in the future if it becomes an alternative way of pouring concrete.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-17 by reference, approving an Amendment to Section 8.08.110, Unreasonable Noise, of Title 8, Nuisances, of the Bullhead City Municipal Code; inserting the words under Section 8.08.110 (C)(1), “The work involves...*the pouring and finishing of...concrete*; and adopt Resolution No. 2023R-34 declaring the code amendment a public record. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None RECUSED: D’Amico

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D’Amico returned to the dais.

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 1st day of August 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of October 2023.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk