

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, October 3, 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 Nicholas Grainger of Hope United Methodist 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, Lizarraga, Ring

Council Absent

Lettman

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Absent

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS: Edigar Kajirwa, Travis Pruitt

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Absent

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring Wednesday, October 4, 2023, as “National Night Out” in Bullhead City.

Mayor D’Amico read the proclamation and presented it to members of the Bullhead City Police and Fire Departments and Mohave Electric Cooperative.

2. Proclamation declaring the week of October 8-14, 2023, as “Fire Prevention Week” in Bullhead City.

Mayor D’Amico read the proclamation and presented it to members of the Bullhead City Fire Department.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor D’Amico opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee spoke about the upcoming test of the Emergency Broadcast System, and invited the public to attend the next Voices for Freedom meeting.

Robynne Mieding discussed the upcoming Colorado River Concert Association performances. She thanked Universal Upholstery for repairing the ripped military highway banners, and the Public Works Department for their assistance.

Judan Hogan, Treasurer for River Cities Community Theatre Players, provided information on their organization and performances.

Sean Regan thanked the community members for their support of the Arizona Veterans K-9 organization.

Sue Demarco from Saving Animals in Need Together requested the Council consider stronger laws against animal abusers.

Scotty McClure asked the Council to start a civil grand jury that would review citizens' complaints. He said this county needed a civil grand jury. He said he received information on the city's expense to hold a meeting with Senator Kyrsten Sinema at the Bullhead Belle. He said a right turn lane was needed for safe entry into the new hospital.

Jim Fuller said he had a great experience at the Mohave Electric Cooperative annual public meeting held at the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse.

Pamela Smith invited the public to attend the upcoming Colorado River Republican Women's luncheon 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 Head made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Update on Catholic Charities Activities

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa introduced himself and said City Manager Cotter was attending a conference. Human Services Director Tipton provided statistics on the Christine Stamper Center for Hope and Health homeless shelter. He said the total number of individuals served was 10,801(2021), 15,605 (2022), and 19,046 through September 2023. He played a video featuring local Catholic Charities staff working at the center.

2. Highway 68 Repaving

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was repaving Highway 68 from the Laughlin Bridge to Union Pass. He said lane restrictions would be limited to overnight hours and said work would not be conducted over the weekends.

3. Highway 95 Pothole Filling and Repaving

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said city staff performed pothole filling on Highway 95 over the weekend. He said ADOT staff was performing the work during the nighttime hours. He urged motorists to slow down and watch out for equipment and personnel.

4. Bullhead City Street Racing Event

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dave Heath said the first street racing event would take place on Trane Road on Saturday and Sunday. He said Trane Road would cause the least disruption of the community. He said the safety plans were reviewed and approved. He said both Ken Fovargue and Gary Keith Parks were reserved by the promoter for the event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht thanked everyone that attended the community baby shower. She said the First Friday cleanup would be held this Friday on Merrill Avenue.

Council Member Lizarraga invited the community to attend various Halloween events.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Hecht 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 Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 1, 2023. (City Clerk Stein)

2. Approval of the settlement with Shannon James in the amount of \$150,000.00 as settled by the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool, along with the City's \$5,000.00 deductible, for the lawsuit filed under United States District Court No. 3:21-cv-08091-MTL. (City Attorney Emery)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

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 the Grant Agreement with the River Fund, Inc., for \$50,000.00 from the Human Services budget to assist the homeless in Bullhead City with transportation needs; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said this request was approved by the Council for this fiscal year; however, the balance remaining needed to be replenished to continue this important resource for the community.

Council Member Alfonzo thanked Mike Connor and the River Fund for all of their great work and assistance provided to the community.

Mayor D'Amico said this was an important program, and said the funds assisted many members of the community. He said the River Fund has been a great partner.

Council Member Hecht asked about the number of persons assisted over the past year.

Mike Connor thanked the city and community for their support, and said more than \$7 million had been used to help those in need over the past 14 years. He said they also received grants from other sources. He said the funds would assist homeless individuals who might need overnight accommodations when assistance cannot be provided by the homeless shelter; provide bus tickets for those individuals who might need to travel to another location; and assist with vehicle reparations enabling individuals to continue their travels; and a variety of other expenses that assist homeless individuals outside of the scope of those offered by Catholic Charities. He said the grant agreement would require that assistance be limited to individuals that have been experiencing homelessness within Bullhead City.

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 Grant Agreement with the River Fund, Inc., for \$50,000.00 from the Human Services budget to assist the homeless in Bullhead City with transportation needs; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Council Member Hecht seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Basketball Court Resurfacing with Elite Sports Builders, LLC, of Phoenix, Arizona, through Omnia Partners contract #R220502, in an amount not to exceed \$84,092.00 for the resurfacing of the basketball court at Rotary Park; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the city and issue resulting payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said the resurfacing repair project would include removing and replacing the urethane caulking, filling in saw cut joints, and patching cracks. She said the entire surface would be pressure washed to roughen up the court for the coating treatment that consisted of primer, acrylic, and color finish. She said this was a budgeted item.

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

Scotty McClure said the cost to repair the courts at Rotary Park was less than the courts located at Ken Fovargue Park. He said no one was maintaining those courts. He said the empty post holes at Community Park were filling with water and breeding mosquitos.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said staff was aware of the water issue and had a plan in place to address it.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve the Agreement for Basketball Court Resurfacing with Elite Sports Builders, LLC, of Phoenix, Arizona, through Omnia Partners contract #R220502, in an amount not to exceed \$84,092.00 for the resurfacing of the basketball court at Rotary Park; and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract on behalf of the city and issue resulting payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 3rd day of October 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of November 2023.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk