

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, March 19, 2024, 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. Vice Mayor Head led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

D’Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring

Council Absent

Alfonzo

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring Saturday, March 23, 2024, as “Kiwanis Kids’ Expo Day” in Bullhead City.

Mayor D’Amico read the proclamation and presented it to members of the Kiwanis Club.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor D’Amico opened the call to the public.

Barbara Pape invited the community to attend the Colorado River Women’s Republican luncheon to be held on April 3rd at Chaparral Country Club.

Jason Newlin provided information regarding upcoming community events and Bullhead Hobby activities.

Mark Henderson commended the police force in meeting ever increasing and challenging demands. He requested the city address the public nuisance issues related to Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleef.

Tarren Lowell invited the community to attend the Mohave Health Coalition Family Health Fair to be held at Mohave Community College on April 6th.

3. Summer Camp Programs

Claire Adams from the Bullhead City Recreation Department provided information on the city's summer camp program.

4. Slurry Program Update

Public Works Director Johnson said as of March 16th, staff had completed slurry work on 17.02 percent of city streets. She said they planned to slurry 1.7 million square yards of pavement this year, which was 37 percent of city streets.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Ring displayed a tent that was given to a homeless woman at her campsite and discussed her experiences. She asked that organizations stop giving away free tents to the homeless and transients.

Mayor D'Amico said Vietnam Veterans Day would be recognized on March 29th at the VFW Post #10005. He invited the community to attend and honor the veterans.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

Council Member Hecht left the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Vice Mayor Head made a motion that Items No. 1 through 3 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: D'Amico, Head, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring
NAYS: None ABSENT: Alfonzo, Hecht

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on March 5, 2024; and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 5, 2024. (City Clerk Stein)
2. Approval of the Fourth 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)
3. Acceptance of the Corrective Warranty Deed (vicinity of 2541 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona/Portion of APN 220-01-030). (Utilities Director Clark)

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

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2024R-16 approving the City Center Redevelopment Plan, creating a redevelopment area in portions of Sections 19, 20, and 29, T20N, R22W, in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 36-1471 through 36-1479. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Manager Cotter said this was not about a new tax or any inconveniences to the neighborhood; it was a way for the city to help that neighborhood and other neighborhoods in the future.

Planning Manager Loera said Title 36 of the Arizona Revised Statutes allowed municipalities to create redevelopment areas in slum or blighted neighborhoods when necessary in the interest of public health, safety, morals or welfare of residents. He said the focus of the redevelopment plan would be on improving conditions within the redevelopment area by addressing the general decline in the conditions and maintenance of housing and other structures within the area. He said approval of the redevelopment plan would provide a path through which the city could apply for public and private funding to assist in the construction of new housing, rehabilitation or existing housing, and infrastructure improvements. He said the plan would increase the probability of receiving any grant awards. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

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

Sean Regan asked if any homes would be condemned in the area.

Planning Manager Loera said the city conducted a conditions assessment, and said any properties requiring demolition would be performed under the city's standard code enforcement procedure, and not as a requirement of the plan.

Scotty McClure said under the plan, the houses there would be considered a "slum." He said people would be kicked out of their homes.

City Manager Cotter said the term was statutory language used in making the application. He said there would be no condemnation. He said the city would apply for grants and improve the amenities.

Barbara Pape spoke in support of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Head made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024R-16 approving the City Center Redevelopment Plan, creating a redevelopment area in portions of Sections 19, 20, and 29, T20N, R22W, in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 36-1471 through 36-1479. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

5. Discussion and possible action to ratify payment of the invoices for Emergency Sewer Line Replacement in the total amount of \$306,005.74. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark provided a slide presentation of the Merrill Avenue sewer line break and repair. He said a 24-inch sewer main collapsed on December 11, 2023, in the vicinity of Highway 95 and Merrill Avenue. He said the collapsed pipe was part of old sewer infrastructure in the area. He said the project included the removal and replacement of the old pipe, parts, labor, Mohave Electric’s temporary removal and reinstallation of electrical conduit, cleaning the 18-1 lift station, and the establishment of a temporary sewer bypass to divert sewage from the collapsed pipe to the 18-1 lift station. He said various contractors and materials were involved in this extensive project.

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

Sean Regan spoke in support of the item and said he appreciated the knowledge and expertise of Utilities Director Clark.

Eugene O’Neill asked if the city used the same materials for the pipe repair. Utilities Director Clark said they used pvc pipe for the repair, rather than the old welded material.

MOTION: Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to ratify payment of the invoices for Emergency Sewer Line Replacement in the total amount of \$306,005.74. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

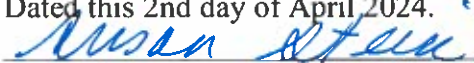
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 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 19th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2024.

Susan Stein, MMC, CPM, City Clerk