

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 6, 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 George Lyman, Desert Shores Community Baptist Church to deliver the invocation. Pastor Lyman was not in attendance, and Captain John Birks from the Salvation Army volunteered to deliver the invocation. Council Member Head 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

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

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**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor D’Amico opened the call to the public.

Sharon Haugen spoke about her daughters recent death. She said she was upset by the way the Police Department, and the Mohave County Medical Examiner handled the situation. She said she asked the Medical Examiner’s Office to do an autopsy and was refused because autopsies are not performed if the death was due to natural causes. She said there was no way of knowing if the death was due to natural causes without an autopsy.

Steven Lee said he wanted to let the newly elected officials know that they work for the citizens of Bullhead City. He spoke about the “great reset,” graphene oxide in oral shots, and 5G technology.

Jeremy from TWN gave a brief update regarding projects they are working on around the city.

Grace Telsner said the cost for breakfast at the senior center is \$2.00; coffee is \$1.00; lunch is \$3.00; and the cost of city transit to and from the senior center is \$4.00. She said this will cost someone \$50.00 per week if they go daily, and said that is a sizable amount of money for someone on a fixed

income. She said some of the seniors are upset because the cost of lunch is going to be increased to \$5.00 and asked the Council to keep that in mind when the expansion opens.

Barbara Pape said the Colorado River Republican Women will have a luncheon at Chaparral Country Club on August 7th. She said she worked for voter registration and said voter turnout was very low.

Shawn Regan said the city needs to start informing residents when work will be done in their neighborhood. He suggested the city start doing public service announcements.

Chris Bonde said he is the Vice President of River Valley Democrats. He said they will be doing a road cleanup on Laughlin Ranch Boulevard. He said they put up a sign announcing the cleanup, and it is now missing.

Nick Parsons said he has given away 50-60 drones to essay winners. He said he was trying to encourage kids to learn about drones and all their possibilities by holding an essay contest and each winner will receive a free drone. He said the city needed to think about how to make jobs available to people without a college degree.

Scotty McClure said he is going to the Attorney General because the Council will not listen to anybody. He asked for responses to his document requests.

Harvy Pryor said he has requested meetings with Mayor D'Amico and nobody has replied to his requests. He thanked City Attorney Emery for having Council Member Lettman keep his comments to a minimum during the July 16th Council Meeting. He said the city needed to buy a truck load of air conditioners and give them to people who do not have air conditioners in their homes, especially during the summer months. He said the city needed to take care of everyone if the power went out.

Eva Corbett said S.A.I.N.T. (Saving Animals In Need Together) will hold a fundraising event on August 25th at the Riverside Lanes.

Jerry Hardy from Mohave Electric said there is a misconception about the power that will be generated at the proposed new power plant in Mohave Valley. He said the power that is generated at the power plant will stay in Mohave County. He said the power that will be generated is for Mohave Electric and its members. He said the benefits of the new power plant will be reliable power, keep costs low, and provide emergency services when needed.

John Hassett said he is the Director of Operations for the Mohave County Medical Examiner's Office. He said it was brought to his attention that a Facebook post has been circulating about the death of Sharon Haugen's daughter, and said there were some extenuating circumstances regarding her death. He said the Bullhead City Police Department and the Medical Examiner's Office did ample due diligence during the investigation. He said all the information about the case is a public record and encouraged people to request the documents if they have questions or concerns about the case. Having no one else present requesting to speak, Mayor D'Amico closed the call to the public.

#### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None

## **WAIVER MOTION**

**Vice Mayor Alfonzo 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. July 30 Primary Election Results**

City Manager Cotter said Mohave County will be canvassing the election results soon. He said the County will then provide the city with the numbers and we will canvass our election shortly thereafter. He said Proposition 416 passed by a wide margin, and thanked all the voters who voted in favor of the Proposition. He said the new council members will be sworn in at the second meeting in November.

### **2. Highway 95 Water Main Break**

Utilities Director Clark said there was a major water break at the intersection of Highway 95 and Merrill Avenue. He said they recently energized the Rancho Colorado system, and said it is now feeding the River District. He said there are a lot of old pipes throughout the city and unfortunately more breaks are to be expected.

### **3. Animal Shelter (BARC) Construction**

City Manager Cotter said construction for the new animal shelter kicked off on Friday. He said the bid was awarded to a local contractor, and said they will create a 27,000 square foot animal shelter and a storage area for police boats. He said additional discussions about hiring a veterinarian and outfitting the new facility will take place during next year's budget discussions.

### **4. Caddisfly Suppression, River Cleanup August 13**

City Manager Cotter said the river will be at a historic low level on August 13th, and said the Bureau of Reclamation is proposing a half unit. He said the reason why the water level will be so low is for a caddisfly suppression program. He said the belief is that very low water levels on a very hot day will kill the caddisfly eggs. He said this is also the perfect opportunity to hold a river cleanup. He said private landowners and business are encouraged to clean up their property during this time. He said they are encouraging people to participate in the cleanup efforts.

### **5. August 25 City Birthday Celebration**

City Manager Cotter said a birthday celebration will take place at Community Park on August 25th. He said most of the festivities will take place at approximately 5:00 p.m. and additional information will be coming out in the following weeks.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS**

Vice Mayor Alfonzo thanked Gonzo's Plumbing for their quick response with plumbing issue he had in his home.

Council Member Lizarraga thanked everyone who voted during the primary election and congratulated all the newly elected officials.

Council Member Hecht extended her condolences to Ms. Haugen. She thanked John Hassett from the Mohave County Medical Examiners Office's for speaking during the open call to the public. She said the River Fund is a great resource for people that are having issues with their air conditioners. She thanked everyone that voted during the primary election and wished the best of luck to the newly appointed officials.

**ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council Member Head made a motion that Item No. 1 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, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, 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 City Council Meeting held on July 16, 2024. (City Clerk Ogden)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Revenue to approve the application for a Class B Bingo License submitted by Lawrence Crummey of behalf of the American Legion Post 87 located at 2249 Clearwater Drive, Suite B, Bullhead City, AZ. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said staff has reviewed the application and has no concerns or questions. He said the applicant was present.

Mayor D'Amico asked if the applicant wanted to speak on this item.

Lawrence Crummey said he is the applicant and the Finance Officer for the American Legion. He said the VFW has had a bingo license for a few years and they thought it was time to catch up.

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

**Council Member Ring made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Revenue to approve the application for a Class B Bingo License submitted by Lawrence Crummey of behalf of the American Legion Post 87 located at 2249 Clearwater Drive, Suite B, Bullhead City, AZ. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Building, Planning and Zoning Items**

None

#### **Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2025 F-750 Diesel Crew Cab Base (W7D) upfitted with a Falcon PRO-14 galvanized steel 108CA crane body in the amount of \$261,444.97, and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item is for the purchase of a new crane truck for the Utilities Department, and said the Wastewater Department has a crane truck that is used daily. He said the truck is past its useful life and has mechanical issues so now they must hire contractors to pull pumps out of lift stations and the Section 10 wastewater treatment plant because the current truck can no longer do it. He said the truck will be purchased through an Arizona Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, and said the cost of the truck also includes an extended warranty.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if any 2024 models were available. Utilities Director Clark said they could not find any 2024 models for sale. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if Ford was the only maker that offered this kind vehicle. Utilities Director Clark said Ford was the only truck that is available. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked Utilities Director Clark approximately how much money has been spent on outsourcing vehicles. Utilities Director Clark said approximately \$30,000 has been spent between the crane truck and the vactor truck.

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

Harvy Pryor asked if the old truck will be kept or sold. Utilities Director Clark said the old trucks will be sold at the city's public surplus auction.

Sean Regan said the city has spent an astronomical amount of money on the water system. He said the city should slow down on spending so much money.

Gene O'Neill said he is retired from the automobile industry. He said F-750 and F-550 trucks are almost impossible to get. He said if an average person was to buy one, it would probably take about 7 months for it to be delivered.

City Manager Cotter said the city purchases as many vehicles as possible from local dealers. He said those that are on state bid or police packages are typically not available locally.

**Council Member Lettman made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2025 F-750 Diesel Crew Cab Base (W7D) upfitted with a Falcon PRO-14 galvanized steel 108CA crane body in the amount of \$261,444.97, and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments. Council Member Ring 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 approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-550 Chassis 4X2 SD Super Cab upfitted by Balar with a five-year/75,000 mile extended warranty in the amount of \$182,039.54, and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item is for the purchase of a new valve truck. He said during the budget process, the Council approved hiring two valve technicians, and said this is the vehicle they use to maintain all the fire hydrants and valves within the city. He said the truck will be purchased from the Arizona Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

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

Harvy Pryor asked if other vehicles will be used for the fire hydrant maintenance. Utilities Director Clark said additional vehicles and equipment may be used if fire hydrants need to be repaired.

Shawn Regan said the city claims it will not raise taxes, but rates and fees will eventually be increased. He said raising fees will hurt people that are on a limited income. He said his bill increased when the city combined the water and sewer into one bill. He said his landlord no longer pays the sewer bill because sewer and water are combined on one bill, causing his bill to double.

Utilities Director Clark said the city runs the Utilities Department as an enterprise fund, meaning the Utilities Department must stand on their own. He said the Utilities Department does not receive funds from the general fund or other departments.

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-550 Chassis 4X2 SD Super Cab upfitted by Balar with a five-year/75,000 mile extended warranty in the amount of \$182,039.54, and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments. Council Member Ring 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 purchase of a Kaiser Premier Aquastar Vactor truck in the amount of \$744,934.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this truck will be used to clean the sewer system. He said the old vehicle will be sold at the city’s public surplus auction. He said the vehicle will be purchased through the Arizona Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, and said the truck does have an extended warranty.

Mayor D’Amico said there are two different prices being shown in their packet material. Utilities Director Clark said the cost for the truck without the extended warranty is \$744,934.00 and the cost with the extended warranty is \$821,992,98. Mayor D’Amico said the warranty is very expensive and asked Utilities Director Clark if he thinks the vehicle may have problems within the first three years. Utilities Director Clark said they usually request to purchase the extended warranties because these types of vehicles are very complex and have a lot of moving parts. Mayor D’Amico said he is not in favor of purchasing the extended warranty on this vehicle because of the high cost.

Council Member Ring said she was in favor of purchasing the extended warranty. She said the vehicle is an investment and we cannot afford it to be down.

Mayor D’Amico asked if the extended warranty would cover every moving part of the truck. Utilities Director Clark answered affirmative. He said the warranty is expensive because it covers a lot. Mayor D’Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Gene O’Neill spoke in favor of purchasing the extended warranty. He asked if the dealer would provide a loaner truck if the new truck broke down. Utilities Director Clark said the dealer will not offer a loaner truck.

Harvy Pryor asked if the Utilities Department or Public Works Department owns the current vacuum truck. Utilities Director Clark said the Utilities Department has two trucks, but they are used for the wastewater department. Mr. Pryor asked which department has the truck that cleans stuff up along the sides of the roads. He said there is a street sweeper located by a water tank near his house that has not moved in months. He said every time there is a water break, he has to call Public Works Director Johnson to have the rocks cleaned from the road. He said the street sweeper has not moved in over a month. City Manager Cotter said the vactor truck is used by wastewater.

Pamela Smith asked when the truck would be delivered. Utilities Director Clark said the truck will be delivered immediately. He said if they had to order a truck, the delivery would take approximately 13 months.

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve the purchase of a Kaiser Premier Aquastar Vactor truck in the amount of \$821,992.98 to include the extended warranty and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Vice Mayor 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 the purchase of a three-year subscription to Utility Cloud Software in the amount of \$120,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said the Utilities Department uses two software packages; the Utility Cloud Software and the SCADA Software. He said this software is used for preparing reports to ADEQ and ADWR, the hydrant and valve maintenance program, the backflow prevention program, and the fog program.

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

**Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the purchase of a three-year subscription to Utility Cloud Software in the amount of \$120,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Lizarraga 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. 2024R-38, approving the "Arizona Mutual Aid Compact" between the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City for aid and assistance in responding to emergency situations and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. (Police Chief Trebes)

City Manager Cotter said this item could have been placed on the consent agenda, but staff wanted to place it on the regular agenda in case the Council had any questions.

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

**Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024R-38, approving the "Arizona Mutual Aid Compact" between the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City for aid and assistance in responding to emergency situations and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Council Member Lizarraga seconded the motion.**

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



**MOTION CARRIED**

8. \*Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of three (3) 2024 Ford Expedition Patrol Vehicles from Phil Long Dealerships in the amount of \$185,082.65, and authorize the City Manager to issue the resultant payment. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said the Phil Long Dealership affords the city cooperative selling prices it offers as a bidder under the Cooperative Educational Services of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a total cost of \$185,082.65. He said the cooperative provides public solicitation services for 81 school districts and other governments in the State of New Mexico. He said the Council previously authorized purchases under this cooperative. He said the funds have been budgeted in FY 2024-2025 for the purchase of the vehicles. He said it is getting harder and harder to find police vehicles in stock, and said the Phil Long Dealership currently has these vehicles on their lot. He said the only other option is to be placed on a waiting list and hope they will be able to purchase vehicles early next year.

Mayor D'Amico asked if the vehicles will come with all the needed equipment. Police Chief Trebes said the vehicles will have to be upfitted. Mayor D'Amico asked what the delivery time will be. Police Chief Trebes said the vehicles will be shipped immediately.

Council Member Lizarraga asked approximately how long it will be before the vehicles will be in use. Police Chief Trebes said the vehicles should be ready in December.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if any of the vehicles will have an extended warranty. Police Chief Trebes said they usually do not buy the extended warranty because of the amount of miles that are put on the vehicles. He said the fleet maintenance staff are very good at repairing police vehicles.

Council Member Ring asked Police Chief Trebes to explain what the police package and upfit is. Police Chief Trebes said the police package is a package that the manufacture makes strictly for police vehicles. He said the engine will have an upgraded transmission cooling system and larger brakes. He said the upfit includes the cage, lights, sirens, and the computer. He said the upfit is an additional cost to the vehicles. Council Member Ring asked approximately how much per vehicle the upfit cost. Police Chief Trebes said the upfit will cost approximately \$40,000 per vehicle.

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

Sean Regan asked if the new vehicles will be used. He said the police motorcycles never get used and only 3 out of the 5 police boats get used. He asked if there are any grants available to pay for the vehicles. City Manager Cotter said there are no grants available for patrol vehicles. He said all the police boats were paid for by SLIF grants. He said all the patrol boats are used along the river on the weekends. He said the police motorcycles are used very frequently, but not during the summer months.

Police Chief Trebes said Mr. Regan's comments are untrue. He said all five police boats may not be on the river at the same time, but all of them are used. He said the motorcycle officers do have the option of driving a police vehicle instead of a motorcycle when the temperature is above 110 degrees.

Gene O'Neill said local car dealerships can get the vehicles if an order is placed. He said local car dealerships do not keep this type of vehicle on their lot.

City Manager Cotter said staff have talked with Swanty's, Anderson Motors, and Findlay about purchasing police vehicles from them. He said they were told that it is extremely difficult for them to get vehicles with the police package.

**Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) 2024 Ford Expedition Patrol Vehicles from Phil Long Dealerships in the amount of \$185,082.65, and authorize the City Manager to issue the resultant payment. Council Member Lizarraga 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 purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford Expeditions from Peoria Ford (PFVT Motors, LLC.) in an amount not to exceed \$127,070.74, and authorize the City Manager to issue the resultant payment. (Police Chief Trebes)

City Manager Cotter said this item goes along with Item 8 on the agenda.

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

**Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford Expeditions from Peoria Ford (PFVT Motors, LLC.) in an amount not to exceed \$127,070.74, and authorize the City Manager to issue the resultant payment. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Other Business**

10. Discussion and possible action to: 1) approve the five-year Fire Hydrant Program; 2) the purchase of 320 fire hydrants from Clow Valve Company over the next five years in accordance with the rates as set out in the "iHydrant Proposal Bullhead City-2024" plus applicable taxes and shipping; and 3) hydrant installation in a fixed cost under the existing utility job order contract; all in a total amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.00 (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said all hydrants have different tools and they are very expensive to purchase. He said they use Clow hydrants because they already have all the tools for them. He said this is a five year program and over the five years they will install 320 new fire hydrants. He said of those fire hydrants, 180 will be Clow iHydrants and 140 will be Clow Medallion Hydrants. He said the iHydrants have technology built into them that will give constant pressure and temperature readings. He said 4 iHydrants will be placed per square mile and any extra pressure zones will be added if needed. He said the iHydrants prices will be frozen for the program, and said they will receive free iHydrant monitoring for 5 years. He said they will share access to the database with the fire department so they can set their strategy based on the information of the area they are going to. He

said this system will allow staff to know right away if there are any water main breaks because the pressure will drop, they will know if there is any water theft or breakage in the system.

Mayor D'Amico asked what the delivery time is for the hydrants. Utilities Director Clark said delivery is approximately 60 days. He said they will start installing the new hydrants as soon as they get delivered.

Council Member Lizarraga asked what powers the components in the iHydrants. Utilities Director Clark said they are battery powered. He said the batteries last approximately 6 months to 1 year, and hydrant will send an alarm when the battery needs to be replaced.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if the batteries are generic or a special type of battery. Utilities Director Clark said they are generic batteries that can be purchased anywhere.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone wanted to speak on this item.

Grace Telsner said she lived at the Fiesta RV Park and asked if that hydrant will be replaced. Utilities Director Clark said the hydrant located at the Fiesta RV Park is privately owned and the city will not replace it.

Gene O'Neill asked if iHydrants will tie into the new utility software. Utilities Director Clark said the iHydrants will tie into the SCADA software.

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to 1) approve the five-year Fire Hydrant Program; 2) the purchase of 320 fire hydrants from Clow Valve Company over the next five years in accordance with the rates as set out in the "iHydrant Proposal Bullhead City-2024" plus applicable taxes and shipping; and 3) hydrant installation in a fixed cost under the existing utility job order contract; all in a total amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.00 Council Member Ring seconded the motion.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-36, authorizing submission of an application to the Arizona Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant State Special Projects Grant Funds. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said the city is eligible to apply for the grant funds for emergency repairs and minor rehabilitation projects. He said the grant allows up to \$15,000 to perform emergency repairs for low to very low income homeowners who are faced with substandard housing conditions. He said the conditions include those posing a serious threat to the health, safety or welfare of the household or the immediate liability of the home, such as heating/cooling, plumbing, septic, electricity, roofing and accessibility accommodations. He said this is a competitive grant for which the city can apply to receive \$177,000 for construction and administration of funds. He said all homes that are assisted will be owner occupied, single-family residences. He said the funding will allow the city to provide a more comprehensive and efficient housing program to its low and very low income citizens. He said the Grant Committee has reviewed the grant proposal and has recommended Council

approval. He said there is no match required from the city, and said the application is due on August 20, 2024 and the award decision is expected within 60 days from the application deadline.

Mayor D'Amico said this program will help low income homeowners with air conditioning repairs. He said air conditioning units can be replaced under this program.

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

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024R-36, authorizing submission of an application to the Arizona Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant State Special Projects Grant Funds. Council Member Head seconded the motion.**

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Discussion and possible action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2024-22 "Portable Amusement Amendments 2024" by reference; and approving RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-39, declaring "Portable Amusement Amendments 2024" a public record. (Recreation Superintendent Heath)

City Manger Cotter said this item applies to portable amusement rides such as bounce houses and inflatable slides. He said portable amusement rides are becoming more popular in the parks, and said the city does have some liability. He said this amendment will protect the city and include some rules for people who use the portable rides in the parks and for businesses to operate in city parks. He said the business owner must have a valid business license and a license agreement with the city if the amusement is deployed within any City park. He said the amusement may only be operated in connection with a park reservation agreement issued to the person the amusement owner or operator has contracted for the amusement. He said if two or more amusements are deployed at the same location, the owner, or an adult employee or agent of the owner and knowledgeable in and qualified to supervise the operation of the amusements, must remain with the amusement while the amusements are in operation. He said "portable amusement" means any mobile or inflatable amusement, including bouncy houses, slides or swings or any amusements intended for temporary recreational purposes. He said violations of the amendments are a class 1 misdemeanor.

Council Member Hecht asked if the city is going to notify businesses owners of the change. Recreation Superintendent Heath said he spoke with the largest vendor in town and said they are aware the change is coming, and said this will affect their rates. He said he would be happy to speak with each business owner. Council Member Hecht asked Superintendent Heath to explain the section about being required to rent a ramada when an inflatable amusement will be used. Recreation Superintendent Heath said it usually is not a problem because the first contact they get is from someone asking about power. He said they have to have power to use any of the inflatable amusements, and said staff will show the customer the ramadas that have power and also explain to them that they will have to rent a ramada if they are going to use any type of portable amusement.

Council Member Head asked if the Park Reservation Agreement is done for every reservation that is made in the parks. Recreation Superintendent Heath answered affirmative. Council Member Head

suggested placing the amendments on the reservation and rental agreement. Recreation Superintendent Heath said the forms have been updated to include the amendments.

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

**Council Member Head made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-22 “Portable Amusement Amendments 2024” by reference; and approving Resolution No. 2024R-39, declaring “Portable Amusement Amendments 2024” a public record. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

13. Discussion and possible action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23 “Park Sanitation Amendments 2024” by reference; and approving RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-40, declaring “Park Sanitation Amendments 2024” a public record. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this item is to prevent people from bathing in the splash pads. He said showers are available at Catholic Charities, and said the showers have been used thousands of times over the course of a year. He said there was a lot of negative comments made on social media that accused the city of allowing the homeless to bathe in the splash pads. He said they want bathing in the splash pads banned, and said they do not want people thinking it is okay to bathe in the splash pads. He said anyone who needs a shower needs to do it at an appropriate location. He said the showers at Catholic Charities are available 7 days a week.

Council Member Hecht said members from the Bullhead City Moms group have told her they do not feel comfortable taking their children to any of the splash pads for this exact reason. She said the splash pads should be a safe place for families to enjoy.

Council Member Lizarraga asked if no bathing allowed signs will be placed at the splash pads. City Manager Cotter said signs will be posted.

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

**Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-23 “Park Sanitation Amendments 2024” by reference; and approving Resolution No. 2024R-40, declaring “Park Sanitation Amendments 2024” a public record. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

14. Discussion and possible action to accept the dedication of 5-foot of right-of-way for Highway 95 in the vicinity of 5th Street along the western boundary of Parcels 214-03-310 and 214-03-311 as required for the development of a new Circle K fueling station and car wash on the subject parcels. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said Circle K is moving to the south and will be built on the entire city block from 4th to 5th Streets, and said the minor dedication is needed for this project.

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

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to accept the dedication of 5-foot of right-of-way for Highway 95 in the vicinity of 5th Street along the western boundary of Parcels 214-03-310 and 214-03-311 as required for the development of a new Circle K fueling station and car wash on the subject parcels. Council Member Head 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 8:02 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 6th day of August 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of August 2024.

  
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Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk