

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 joint work session on Tuesday, August 20, 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 3:00 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

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

Parks and Recreation Commission Members:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER: John Becker

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER: Kenya Cribb

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER: Heather Petrillo

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Joint workshop with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss a revised Community Park Master Plan.

City Manager Cotter welcomed the Parks and Recreation Commissioners and said John Griffin, consultant for EPG Terracon, has a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Community Park Master Plan update.

Mr. Griffin said his team looked at parks with river walks around the country to get some information regarding amenities that might be good for Community Park. He said one of the key opportunities was lighting and play areas so people of all ages will be able to have different types of activities within the park that will make the park unique. He said nature's colors will determine the color palette and materials used, while adding vibrant colors in key areas. He said lighting will be vibrant to draw visitors to venture throughout the park.

Mr. Griffin said activities on the river can be expanded to include paddle board, kayak rentals, and swim areas that can be used year-round and be more accessible. He said an important consideration is the river's edge and explained the options of a boardwalk or pier adjacent to the river, and additional areas for picnics, hammocks and people watching. He explained the plans for river exploration and elevated views in the park.

Mr. Griffin explained the various concepts for the park. He said it is divided into 5 parts: North Beach, South Beach, Central Beach, Secret Pass Sports Area, and Uplands Recreation Area. He said North Beach includes an overlook, restroom, more pavilion space, fishing and year-round activities. He said Central Beach wraps around the Bullhead Belle and the concept is to build a boardwalk out over the

water and reconfigured access, parking, and circulation. He said the idea is to bring people to the Bullhead Belle and down to the beach area and the center of activity. He said South Beach will have more restrooms, expansion of the Family Fun Zone and beach volleyball, and connect North and South Beaches with the boardwalk.

Mr. Griffin explained Secret Pass Sports Area will be developed with a ball field complex, a playground, disc golf, a pickleball complex, and more restrooms. He said plans for architectural earth art such as a spiral to create both an overlook and something that people will recognize as they are coming down the highway into Bullhead City. He said the Uplands Recreation Area will include amenities that capitalize on the topography. He said this will include trails, mountain bike courses, and a dog park with a swim pond and shade trees. He said it will include a streamside walk around the pond.

Mayor D'Amico said this plan will change, and nothing is written in stone. City Manager Cotter said this is a multiple year plan and will take time to complete these projects. He said staff will evaluate all funding opportunities for the projects.

Mayor D'Amico said the top priority is to have handicap access to the river. Mr. Griffin said there are plans for ADA access in Central Beach with ramps and parking.

Council Member Lizarraga asked if the areas on both the west and east sides of the highway are called Community Park. City Manager Cotter said the entire area is still referred to as Community Park. Council Member Lizarraga said he liked the vibrant colors, but bright colors tend to fade quickly in the sun.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if the ADA sidewalks will be wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass. Mr. Griffin said it will be incorporated into the final implementation. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked what disc golf was. Mr. Griffin explained it is like golf but with Frisbees and baskets with chains instead of holes and balls. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if there were enough restrooms planned. Mr. Griffin said the concept includes programming the restrooms to the demand of the number of people at the fields at any given time.

Council Member Hecht asked if there will be First Aid Stations. Mr. Griffin said the Chamber of Commerce building works well for a central location and can be expanded with the addition of docking points at both piers.

Council Member Lettman asked what other agencies are required to approve the plan. City Manager Cotter said just the Bureau of Land Management. He said anything below the high-water mark will be approved by the Army Corp of Engineers by permit. Council Member Lettman asked if the boardwalk will extend to the hotels planned near the south end of the park. Mr. Griffin answered affirmative. Council Member Lettman asked if the plan was to still have only one way in and one way out of the park. City Manager Cotter said the other gates can be opened at any time. Council Member Lettman asked if the east side will have only one way in and one way out. Mr. Griffin said Laughlin Ranch Boulevard is the main connection, but a new entrance is proposed off the highway.

Mayor D'Amico asked if there were any questions from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Petrillo asked if there is a traffic plan for busy weekends. City Manager Cotter said there will be a second controlled intersection near the hotels towards the south end of the park. He

added there are several exit points that can be regulated by police in case of an emergency. Commissioner Petrillo asked if there was any consideration for pedestrian crosswalks. City Manager Cotter said the culvert channel can be opened on holiday weekends for pedestrian use. He said there will be more discussions on the location of crosswalks. Mr. Griffin said there is another wash crossing at Secret Pass Wash that can be used for pedestrian crossing.

Commissioner Cribb asked how many small parks for kids are planned and where they will be located. Mr. Griffin said a Family Fun Zone is planned for the south end and playgrounds on the east side so there is something for siblings when family is playing ball at the fields. Commissioner Cribb asked for more information on the mixed retail area. Mr. Griffin said this area would be an expansion of the Bullhead Belle and marketplace and a place for food trucks. Mayor D'Amico said this is a conceptual plan and any decisions made will be brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council for approval.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. Gene O'Neill asked if the City could get sponsors to take some of the financial burden off the city. City Manager Cotter said they will explore those options.

Jason Newlin said shade trees are preferred to palm trees along the river. He said palm fronds are breeding grounds for the caddisflies. He would like to see a RC Track at Community Park.

Harvey Pryor said he is concerned about some of the features in the floodplain because they may not stand up to the elements. He was concerned there were no lifeguard towers along the almost a mile-long beach. He said the dock around the Bullhead Belle looks like it was set up for water taxis and takes away the swim area. Mayor D'Amico said the swim beach will not be eliminated. He said this is just a conceptual plan at this time.

Shawn Regan said he was concerned about burrow damage in the park trying to get to water. He said he would like an obstacle course and possibly a zip line.

Sheila Barger said the river is dangerous and barriers for the swim beaches are necessary.

City Manager Cotter said the city has total control of Highway 95 and works with the Bureau of Land Management on control of the facilities within the park. He said the Bureau of Reclamation has given authority to the Bureau of Land Management for approvals and they have given authority for the City to submit the master plan. He said the Army Corp of Engineers regulates below the high-water mark in the river and some washes. He said this will be a multiyear plan that will take many years to accomplish.

2. Political signs in the right-of-way under Arizona Revised Statutes Section 16-1019 and sign-free zones as may be permitted.

City Manager Cotter said a work session was requested regarding political sign placement. He said state statute gives cities some limited authority to restrict where political signs can be placed. He said staff looked at Paradise Valley, Lake Havasu City, and Scottsdale's political sign zones. He said now we allow political signs are currently allowed in the right-of-way, but the state does not. He said the City now has jurisdiction over Highway 95 and must decide if we are going to restrict signs on the highway.

City Attorney Emery said this deals with only city right-of-way, not private property. He said the city has the liberty to designate commercial tourism, commercialized resort, and hotel sign-free zones, and that would apply to the rights-of-way that occur within those zones. He said the City can not have more than two zones and, collectively, cannot designate more than three square miles. He said the predominance of commercial tourism, resort, and hotel use is the only condition to consider when deciding the zones.

Council Member Head asked for clarification of the three-square mile condition. City Attorney Emery said the zone can be tailored to be specific to where these zones could be. City Manager Cotter said Paradise Valley spread their zones out across the community, Lake Havasu City has a large central area of right-of-way as their zone, and Paradise Valley picked all the commercial tourism areas for their zones.

Council Member Lettman asked how candidates would know where the right-of-way was. City Manager Cotter said the City would educate candidates of the no-sign zones and location of rights-of-way.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone wanted to speak. Gene O'Neill said he would like a designated temporary fence area for candidates to attach their signs and would also like more public speaking opportunities for candidates.

Harvey Pryor said he would like a size limit for signs. Mayor D'Amico said we must follow state statute on sign sizes.

Council Member Head asked if the state law is controlling, and if cities have no authority. City Attorney Emery said this came from cities having too many different regulations and it became overwhelming, so the state overwrote the cities' regulations. Mayor D'Amico said he would like Highway 95 and Bullhead Parkway to be no political sign zones.

City Manager Cotter said moving billboards was an item brought to him. He said the digital billboard vehicles used in the primary election did run into some code violations. He said allowing the vehicle to run the billboard sign while parked was a code violation. Planning Manager Loera said a conditional use permit is necessary when the vehicle is parked and the billboard is running. Council Member Hect said it is possible for the operator to turn off the billboard when parked.

Council Member Lizarraga asked if there is a limit on the amount of billboard trucks allowed. City Attorney Emery said if the truck was driving, it is considered a motor vehicle. He said it may be necessary to come up with more definition in the future.

Council Member Lizarraga asked if the parks are already considered sign free zones. Planning Manager Loera said political signs are not allowed in the parks or on federal land.

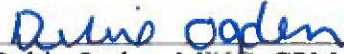
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:46 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 20th day of August 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of August 2024.



Debie Ogden, 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 20, 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. 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.

Kim Grousner said she was pleased with the way things are going in the city. She thanked city staff and all the volunteers for their hard work, and said she is excited to see the new Senior Enrichment Center.

Pamela Smith said the Colorado River Republican Women's Council will meet on September 4th at Chaparral Country Club. She said September 17-23 is Constitution Week, and said the Daughters of the American Revolution is going to unveil and dedicate the new memorials at Veterans Memorial Park on October 12th.

Tammy Lafond said she owns the Bazaar on Hancock Road. She said she allows the homeless to come in and get clean clothes and shoes, a haircut, and wash their faces at no charge. She said she also helps transition the homeless from the streets into housing. She said the discrimination that is happening against the homeless is unacceptable. She said Kim Cool from the Senior Center is asking people to bathe in the splash park before they enter the Senior Center. She accused Kim Cool's husband of stalking her. She gave a complaint form to City Clerk Ogden.

Tom Shanahan said he lives next to an Airbnb and said it is very noisy. He said the police department is not helping him, and now they are harassing him. He said something needed to be done, and asked for the city's help.

Donna Doyle said she is with S.A.I.N.T (Saving Animals In Need Together). She said they are now offering deeper discount vouchers to spay dogs and cats. She said the Bowling for Paws event will take place at Riverside Lanes on August 25th.

A woman who did not give her name said Tammy Lafond had a heart attack 30 minutes after meeting with City Manager Cotter on May 24th.

Harvy Pryor asked who is the second in command in the Utilities Department. He said there are a lot of holes at the City Square parking lot and by Wells Fargo Bank. He said he wished Sharon Haugen was allowed additional time to speak during call to the public at the last council meeting.

Julie Hassett from the Colorado River Concert Association spoke about the upcoming concert season.

Scotty McClure said Sharon Haugen should have been given additional time to speak during call to the public at the last council meeting. He accused Mayor D'Amico of solen valor because he was quoted in a newspaper article stating that he is a Vietnam Veteran.

Sean Regan said he has seen little to no support from the Council for his nonprofit Arizona K-9 Veteran Services.

Emily Dotter said conditions on the river have improved, and said the police are doing a good job patrolling the river. She said she has also had a lot of problems with people who rent vacation homes. She said retail stores should not sell glass bottles during the summer months. She said the city should have a water commission.

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. Caddisfly Suppression Program and River Clean-Up

City Manager Cotter said the city had a low flow water event last Tuesday. He said the main purpose of this event was to kill the caddisflies. He said the low flow events during the summer heat seem to be the most successful at eliminating the caddisflies. He said during the event, areas of the riverbed were exposed to the summer heat for over 6 hours. He said the test chambers showed between 76-100 percent mortality rate. He said another low flow event may take place sometime in the fall. He said the low flow event also gave people an opportunity to clean-up the river. He said local businesses helped with the clean-up event, and encouraged them to stop selling beverages in glass bottles during the summer months.

2. Economic Development Projects

City Manager Cotter said there are numerous economic development projects going on in the city. He said city sales tax has increased 15.2 percent, totaling \$23.5 million. He said the Mohave Crossroads Shopping Center is almost full; a 60,000 square foot warehouse is being built on Laughlin Ranch Boulevard; Emerald Bay and City Center will start development in the near future; North Fork at Laughlin Ranch is almost complete; Circle K is building a new service station; Church's Chicken is moving forward; storage units are being built throughout the community; 161 lots are being developed in Rancho Colorado; condominiums are being built at the end of Hancock; Chaparral Terrace is almost fully built out; the dorms at Mohave Community College just opened; the Havasupai Apartments are currently under construction; the Abbott located at Clearwater is under construction, and 36 townhomes are currently under construction on Sunbeam. He said another gas station is submitted for the area along Merrill Avenue, and two hotels are also in play. He said developers recently purchased the Grand Vista Hotel and they are going to rebrand and rename it. He said they are investing approximately \$10 million into the project.

3. City Payroll Conversion

City Manager Cotter said there has been talk on social media about city employees not getting paid. He said he wanted to make it clear that employees have been paid. He said the city switched software from Esuite to NeoGov, and said some mistakes were made during the conversion. He said any further issues with paychecks will be taken care of immediately and efficiently.

City Manager Cotter said this Sunday the city will celebrate 40 years of incorporation. He showed a brief video of the upcoming Bullhead City Birthday Bash event taking place at Community Park on Sunday.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Hecht said she attended the Housing and Water Policy Summit in Phoenix and said it was a great event. She thanked everyone that participated with the beach clean-up during the low flow event, and thanked the volunteers that helped with the food distribution event. She said Cal Ranch and Tractor Supply offer veterinarian services. She said registration for Operation Cool Shade begins on August 26.

Council Member Head said high school football begins on Friday at the Anderson Fieldhouse.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Head 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. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: Ring

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
2. Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-42, approving the issuance of bonds for the acquisition of the Joshua Springs Senior Assisted Living Facility in Bullhead City as limited by the provisions of the resolution. (City Manager Cotter)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 6 (Bar) Liquor License Interim Permit and Owner Transfer No. 300782 submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller for The Sand Bar located at 1654 Highway 95, Bullhead City. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said staff has reviewed the application and have no concerns or questions.

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

Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 6 (Bar) Liquor License Interim Permit and Owner Transfer No. 300782 submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller for The Sand Bar located at 1654 Highway 95, Bullhead City. Vice Mayor Alfonzo 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

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the 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 in an amount not to exceed \$311,372.00 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Mayor D’Amico said he was abstaining from this item and left the dais.

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is for a contract with S&S Concrete to purchase Type II slurry seal sand for street maintenance projects within City limits. She said the bid was advertised on July 8 and July 15 and said the bids were opened on July 24. She said 8 vendors downloaded the bid and the lowest bidder was S&S Concrete. She said the contract is to haul and supply up to 10,000 tons of slurry sand.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said it was sad that 8 vendors downloaded the bid and only 1 company submitted a bid.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if anyone wanted to speak on this item.

Scotty McClure asked Public Works Director Johnson why only 1 bid was received, what companies submitted bids last year, and who was the bid awarded to last year. Public Works Director Johnson said S&S Concrete has supplied this material since she became Public Works Director. She said in the past they may have received 2 bids at most.

Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve the 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 in an amount not to exceed \$311,372.00 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D'Amico returned to the dais.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada for the purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,384,788.89 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is for the purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions for street maintenance projects within the city in an amount not to exceed \$1,384,788.89, including taxes, fees, and shipping for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. She said the bid was advertised on July 8 and July 15, and said 8 vendors downloaded the bid documents. She said two responsive bids were received, and said Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions was the lowest bidder.

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

Nick Parsons asked if the oil and sand purchases are for Highway 95 and side streets. City Manager Cotter said the only thing Highway 95 will need is fog seal because it was just repaved.

Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the contract with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada for the purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,384,788.89 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve 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 contract with Perco Rock Company of Cedar City, Utah for the Optimum Center Parking Lot Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,145,755.00 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract and issue resulting documents on behalf of the city. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said in order to move forward with the Optimum Community Center project, a large parking lot is needed, and said the parking lot will be able to accommodate approximately 400 vehicles.

Public Works Director Johnson said this project was advertised on August 2, 5, and 7. She said 4 bids were received and opened on August 12. She said the project will consist of moving over 100,000 cubic yards of material, paving, curb and gutter, retention basins, parking lot lighting, and underground electrical.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said the contract states that the project must be completed by December 1, 2024 and asked if the contractor will be able to complete the project by the specified date. Public Works Director Johnson said the contract states they must have the project substantially completed by December 1. She said they would like to open the community center in December.

Council Member Lizarraga asked if the dirt will be used at another location. Public Works Director Johnson said most of the dirt will be utilized on site.

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

Harvy Pryor asked if the parking lot will be located on the lot nearest to the homes on Lee Street. Public Works Director Johnson said the parking lot will be located behind the school garage area and the existing homes. She said they are going to build a retention wall and will also grade up at a 2 to 1 slope to the top of the existing slope.

Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the contract with Perco Rock Company of Cedar City, Utah for the Optimum Center Parking Lot Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,145,755.00 and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract and issue resulting documents on behalf of the city. Vice Mayor 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 ratify the execution of the construction contract with Kay Constructors, LLC., for the installation of the new 24-2 well in the amount of \$465,306.83 and authorize the City Manager's continued authorization of payments for the completion of the project. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said staff has been working on this project for quite some time. He said this is one of the wells that was received during the Epcor purchase. He said since the city took over Epcor, 10 of the wells that were received have gone out of service and need to go back into service. He said most of the areas within the city do not have a backup source for water so they have been working very hard to keep this system operating, and said well site 24 is a single well site. He said the existing well has dropped its capacity by about half. He said they knew the well was in bad shape and that is why they drilled the new well. He said they were a little slow in starting the project because the city is financing the project through WIFA and they wanted to do an environmental study on the lot before construction could begin. He said they did not have time to wait for the study to be completed because the water production began to drop. He said they advertised the bid, and 3 bids were received. He said Kay Constructors was the lowest bid. He said they anticipate having the well completed sometime next week and then they will have to wait for ADEQ approval before the well could be in use. He said they have been running 3 water trucks 24/7 to the 24 site so customers will have water.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked approximately how much money has been spent on transporting water. Utilities Director Clark said they are currently spending approximately \$50,000 a week to transport water and have been doing so for approximately 2 months.

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

Gene O'Neill asked if this is a budgeted item. Utilities Director Clark said the completion of the well is a budgeted item, but hauling water is not.

Harvy Pryor asked Utilities Director Clark if he could give the locations of the well sites so the public will know where the well sites are located. Utilities Director Clark said they do not provide the locations of the well sites due to security reasons.

Scotty McClure asked Utilities Director Clark why the difference in bid amounts is so high. Utilities Director Clark said Felix is a very large corporation and they have a lot of overhead when they do projects. He said Kay Constructors is currently working on projects in Bullhead City, so they have very little mobilization charges, and they are a much smaller company with less overhead.

Sean Regan asked when the water will become drinkable. Utilities Director Clark said they have applied for a grant that will allow for surface and ground water treatments. He said it will take a substantial grant to be able to afford the needed treatments.

Council Member Hecht made a motion to ratify the execution of the construction contract with Kay Constructors, LLC., for the installation of the new 24-2 well in the amount of \$465,306.83 and authorize the City Manager's continued authorization of payments for the completion of the project. Vice Mayor Alfonzo 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 "Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant Aeration Basin #1 Improvements" in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item is for the design of one of the existing aeration basin stations. He said this is to completely rehab the station to improve its efficiency.

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

Nick Parsons asked why engineering services cannot be performed in-house. Utilities Director Clark said the city does not have the engineering capabilities in-house.

Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to approve the “Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant Aeration Basin #1 Improvements” in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and 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

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the “Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant Third Clarifier Design” with Morrison-Maierle in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said they are in the beginning stages of expanding Section 10 by approximately 50 percent. He said there are currently two clarifiers at the plant and this item will add an additional clarifier.

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

Harvy Pryor asked if the new clarifier is being put in because of new development that is coming in, or is it for existing development. Utilities Director Clark said the clarifier is being put in because of the growth the city has had over the past few years.

Council Member Hecht made a motion to approve the “Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant Third Clarifier Design” with Morrison-Maierle in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 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

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the Motorola Solutions Quote Number 2566869 dated July 15, 2024 in the amount of \$224,618.43 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resultant payments. (Police Chief Trebes)

Police Chief Trebes said this item is for Motorola Solutions II to provide management services for the Bullhead City Police Department’s Motorola Flex server and network management. He said Solutions II will assess current Spillman Flex infrastructure and address the needs of the agency. He said Solutions II will provide system administration services for the Motorola Flex server, GIS server, and back-up systems along with network configurations. He said Solutions II will provide hardware and software infrastructure along with VPN connections for internal and external systems.

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

Harvy Pryor asked if this is encrypted in any way. Police Chief Trebes said the system is encrypted. Mr. Pryor asked if the software would have any effect on police scanners used by the public. Chief Trebes said this software has nothing to do with the radio system.

Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the Motorola Solutions Quote Number 2566869 dated July 15, 2024 in the amount of \$224,618.43 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

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 6:52 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 20th day of August 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of August 2024.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk