

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, May 1, 2018, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor David Maxson of Christian Joy Church of the Nazarene to deliver the invocation. Council Member Shutts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Susan Stein

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Keegan Littrell

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring the week of May 13-19, 2018 as "Peace Officers' Memorial Week," and May 16, 2018, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day."

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Bullhead City Police Lt. Edward Arvizu and Cpl. Sean Watson. Mayor Brady said the citizens appreciated the dedication and excellent work performed by the Bullhead City police officers. Lt. Arvizu invited the community to attend the memorial ceremony to be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Royanne Ortiz apologized for her comments during the last Council meeting. She said people had a right to express their views, and said she hoped they would keep an open mind. She said the community needed to come together in order to solve addiction problems. She thanked Mayor Brady and City Manager Cotter for their comments at the recent Epcor Water meeting.

Shawn Bradford, Epcor Water Arizona, Inc. Vice President of Corporate Services, said the company was in the process of filing a rebuttal schedule and said it had been amended. He said the revenue was reduced from \$22 million to \$14 million, and said the main driver was the change in corporate tax rates. He said Epcor would hold a third public meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Bullhead City to hear additional comments.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady closed the call to the public.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None

**WAIVER MOTION**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Clark made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. New Museum Building Presentation

Elsie Needles invited the public to attend a groundbreaking for the new Colorado River Museum to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Community Park. Karole Finkelstein said someone came forward with a large donation that enabled the new museum building construction to start. She thanked the community for everything they have done in support of the museum. Larry Adams thanked the generous benefactor that stepped up. He said this was the first phase of an ongoing project, and said the museum would be a valuable addition to Community Park. He commended the Museum's Board of Directors and all of the volunteers. He said the city building department really helped enable them to start construction by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He displayed drawings of the proposed museum building.

Elsie Needles said the current museum was located at Davis Park in a building that was built in 1947. She said when they moved into the building; Tom Brady signed their lease with Mohave County. She said they celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year, and said they had closed every summer because of air conditioning issues. She said it was a coincidence that Tom Brady was now Mayor and there to see the new museum built in Community Park.

City Manager Cotter said the city was budgeting to pay the building's utility costs, and said museum volunteers would manage the museum operations.

Mayor Brady said the county signed the lease 25 years ago and said the museum had been run for so long in an old building. He said the new museum would be a wonderful addition to the community. He said it had been a blessing to see the history of Bullhead City.

2. EPCOR Water Acquisition Update

City Manager Cotter said Agenda Items No. 5 and 6 were added as an amendment to the original agenda and said the Council would discuss them later that evening.

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

Council Member D'Amico said a few years ago, kids requested lighting installed at the Rotary Skate Park. He said at that time they realized both bowls were in bad shape and got bids for the repair work. He said bids for the repair came in around \$300,000 which was too expensive. He said City Manager Cotter found out that Azteca Construction could perform the repair work for about \$10,000 and said now the skate park was fully updated. He invited all of the kids that liked to skate to come out and enjoy the Skate Park. He thanked Azteca Construction for their help with this project.

Council Member Wegmann reminded the community that the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce would hold their mixer on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Cinco de Mayo theme.

Mayor Brady said Governor Ducey attended a Patriots Dinner in Kingman last weekend. He said Mohave County Supervisor Angius set up a roundtable meeting with elected officials beforehand. He said three city mayors, four county supervisors, and other officials attended this meeting to discuss mutual issues. He said the meeting was very productive.

**ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Clark 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 Bruck seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 17, 2018. (City Clerk Stein)

**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**

None

**Other Business**

2. Discussion and possible action to modify the Community Park Plan of Development by removing the island from the plan. (Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath)

City Manager Cotter said a Council workshop to discuss this issue was held in April that began with a tour of Community Park. He said they went back to the public hearing process over the past few years and discovered the island was not a priority of the public.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the idea of the island and realized it was too cost prohibitive to move forward. He said the Commissioners voted 4-0 to recommend removal of the island.

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

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Amico made a motion to modify the Community Park Plan of Development by removing the island from the plan. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Discussion and possible action to approve a budget amendment from "Non-Departmental Contingency" to fund the feasibility study on the establishment of a mountain bike trail system in Bullhead City. (Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath)

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Heath said he met with Parks and Recreation Commissioner Petrillo and Greg Riordan regarding the possibility of establishing mountain biking trails in Bullhead City. He said that meeting led to a meeting with Patrick Kell from the International Mountain Biking Association at which time they explored topics such as funding for the project, location of trails, and economic impact. He said the Parks and Recreation Commission voted 4-0 to move forward with the recommendation to enter into an agreement to conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a mountain bike trail system. He thanked Vice Mayor Clark for bringing some valuable insights into their communications.

Greg Riordan said the economic impact was great and said most mountain bikers visited other locations. He said Lake Havasu City and Kingman had many miles of mountain bike trails, and said Bullhead City should be another destination for mountain bikers.

Council Member D'Amico asked if the study would determine the locations of the trails. City Manager Cotter said the main purpose of the study was to develop trails and look at the feasibility of the surrounding acreage.

Council Member Ring asked about the five and four-star trail ratings. Mr. Riordan said he did not know, but said the ratings could represent the trail features and experience levels.

Vice Mayor Clark said he was very much in favor of the proposal. He said the trails would work beautifully with the city's philosophy in partnering with the Laughlin casinos for increased tourism.

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Shutts made a motion to approve a budget amendment from "Non-Departmental Contingency" to fund the feasibility study on the establishment of a mountain bike trail system in Bullhead City. Vice Mayor Clark seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve naming the new street north of Bullhead Parkway adjacent to the Fieldhouse as "Championship Boulevard." (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the city was granted a parcel of land in 2017 for the new bridge connecting Bullhead City and Clark County near the Target Shopping Center. He said as part of the land grant to the city, the developer required the city to install a small 800-foot street section located near the new high school Fieldhouse heading north from the new Parkway extension that was being built to the river to accommodate the new bridge. He said School Superintendent Riley Frei suggested the names of "Championship Boulevard," and "Victory Lane." He said the city agreed that "Championship Boulevard" would be an appropriate name that met the city's street naming criteria.

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Ring made a motion to approve naming the new street north of Bullhead Parkway adjacent to the Fieldhouse as "Championship Boulevard." Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Clark made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 6:14 p.m. Council Member Wegmann seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. **\*EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) concerning potential intervention of the City into rate case proceedings for EPCOR Water of Arizona pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission.

**MOTION:** Council Member Wegmann made a motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene the regular council meeting at 6:39 p.m. Council Member Shutts seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Shutts, Ring, Wegmann NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. \*Discussion and possible action directing the City Attorney to make request for intervention into the rate case for EPCOR Water of Arizona pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the city had attended a number of meetings with Epcor over the last few weeks, and said they discussed the possibility for the city to be an intervenor in their rate case. He said the time had passed, although they were told that Epcor would support this. He said they would file as soon as tomorrow. He said intervention was a process that allowed a person or party to help effect the outcome and participate in the rate case.

Mayor Brady asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Shawn Bradford said Epcor Water would fully encourage and support the city's request to intervene in the rate case. He said they would be willing to file a letter on the docket.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ring made a motion to make request for intervention into the rate case for EPCOR Water of Arizona pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission. Vice Mayor Clark seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann 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 6:42 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 1st day of May 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of May 2018.

  
Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk