

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, February 19, 2019, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

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

Vice Mayor Ring called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Roy Hagemyer of The Way Christian Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Shutts led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Brady (via telephone), Bruck, Clark (via telephone), D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann (via telephone)

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: Angie Johnson  
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring the month of February 2019 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Bullhead City.

Vice Mayor Ring read the proclamation and presented it to Jon Moss, a representative for Mohave Accelerated Schools, and Gina Covert, the Career and Technical Education Director for the Colorado River Union High School District. Ms. Covert briefly explained the local career and technical organizations and student programs.

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Vice Mayor Ring opened the call to the public.

Brenda Fury said she rented space from the city at the Suddenlink Community Center. She said her space and the entire building did not have enough heat. She said she met with the management staff and was told that her rent might have to be increased in order to pay for the additional heat. She said she had lost clients due to the condition of her space.

Bill Holtrum said he loved the new beaches along the Colorado River. He suggested the city charge an admission fee for entry into the park, or issue city vehicle stickers in order to raise funds to maintain the parks.

Ed Catalfamo, General Manager for the Anderson Auto Field House, invited everyone to attend the grand opening of the new field house to be held on March 2nd. He said various activities had been planned for that day, as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Eva Corbett said tickets were available to attend the 2019 Patriots' Dinner to be held at the Riverside Casino, as well as raffle tickets to win a hand gun. She said the free weekly veterans' buffet was sponsored by the Tropicana Casino.

Scotty McClure said some residents would like to voice their opinions about refuse service and recycling. He suggested that a public meeting be held to receive comments. He said he would like to know how each member of Arizona Corporation Commission voted and which member had abstained from voting on the EPCOR rate case. He said he did not like the fact that Canada controlled the Colorado River water. He said he was concerned the Veterans' Stand Down would be shut down after this year's event.

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

### **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None

### **WAIVER MOTION**

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Amico made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### 1. EPCOR Rate Case Update

City Manager Cotter said Mayor Brady and Council Member Wegmann participated in the EPCOR interim rate case hearing today in Phoenix. He said they would also attend the hearing at the start of the rate case tomorrow before the administrative law judge. He said the city and its outside attorney filed an answer and requested the administrative law judge to not let the proposed interim rates move forward.

#### 2. Sports Tourism

City Manager Cotter said this was the time of year that the city hosts many sports tournaments. He said the tournaments had a huge impact on the local economy and the community. He reminded the businesses and restaurants to be prepared for welcoming additional visitors to the community.

3. Winter Visitors' Expo

City Manager Cotter said Mayor Brady welcomed 900 people into the Seventh Annual Winter Visitors' Expo that was held last Friday at Mohave High School. He said it was another successful event and thanked the sponsors.

4. Tri-State Veterans' Stand Down

City Manager Cotter said the Annual Veterans' Stand Down would be held on March 2nd and March 3rd in Community Park. He said resources and assistance would be available for all veterans in the tri-state area during the event.

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

Vice Mayor Ring said Culver's Restaurant was doing great after being open for just a short time.

**ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member D'Amico 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 Special Council Meeting held on February 5, 2019; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2019. (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**

2. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2019R-03 supporting HB 2573 providing for the transfer of approximately 12.4 acres of certain state sovereign land from the State Land Department to the City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this land swap had been worked on extensively by Mayor Brady and Administrative Analyst Kozlowski. He said there were approximately 12.4 acres of sovereign wetlands that had gone unused since the incorporation of the city. He said river frontage was very important to the city and its visitors, and said the city would like to have the land in order to maintain it and offer the use of the land to the community. He said the land in question was located just below the Laughlin Bridge and north of Don Laughlin's riverboat shuttle service. He said the Council had previously discussed the proposed transfer, but said they wanted to provide an additional opportunity to receive comments.

Mayor Brady said City Manager Cotter did a good job in explaining the item, and said he had no additional comments.

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

**MOTION: Council Member Bruck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019R-03 supporting HB 2573 providing for the transfer of approximately 12.4 acres of certain state sovereign land from the State Land Department to the City. Council Member Shutts 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: 1) the Amendment to the Services Contract with Cassidy & Associates; and 2) authorize a budget amendment for the transfer of \$45,000 from contingency to the current fiscal year budget to continue funding the contract with Cassidy & Associates, Inc. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the city had budgeted to fund a contract with a professional lobbyist firm to assist with the federal land swap transaction. He said it was also agreed that they would sign the contract under a limited basis and come back to the Council if additional funding was required to complete the land swap. He said Senate Bill 47, the Natural Resources Management Act, included the major land exchange of approximately 1,100 acres of city land donated by Don Laughlin for approximately 300 acres of federally owned land in Section 12 or Community Park. He said the Senate passed the bill, and said they hoped for a successful passage in the House and a signature by the President over the next month or two. He said this was a major piece of federal legislation that

would impact the city forever. He said the lobbyists had done an excellent job in getting the city to this point.

Administrative Analyst Kozlowski said staff had been in communication with the lobbyist firm on a daily basis, and said they were doing a great job.

Council Member Clark said this bill had bi-partisan support and said he hoped the House would pass it quickly with as large a margin as it had when it passed in the Senate.

Vice Mayor Ring asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Eva Corbett asked if the annual lease payment to the federal government in the amount of \$30,000 would go away when the land swap was approved. City Manager Cotter said that payment went away last year when the conversion of the concession lease to the park and public purpose lease took place. He said the current lease with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was nominal, about \$10 per year. He said many of the city's buildings sat on BLM land under a park and public purpose lease. He said the BLM made their money on concession leases.

**MOTION:** Council Member Shutts made a motion to approve: 1) the Amendment to the Services Contract with Cassidy & Associates; and 2) authorize a budget amendment for the transfer of \$45,000 from contingency to the current fiscal year budget to continue funding the contract with Cassidy & Associates, Inc. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Other Business**

None

**COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vice Mayor Ring declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 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 February 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of March 2019.

*Dennis Ogden Deputy City Clerk*  
for Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk