

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, September 3, 2019, 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 Roy Hagemyer of The Way Christian Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member Ring led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark, D’Amico (via telephone), 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: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Absent

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 7, 2019, as “Awareness and Information Day for Integrated Health Care.”

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Andrea Moran, the Corporate/Community Education Coordinator for Mohave Community College, and members of the Mohave Area Partnership Promoting Educated Decisions (M.A.P.P.E.D.).

2. Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 14, 2019, as “Recovery in the Park Celebration Day.”

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to Karole Finkelstein and members of M.A.P.P.E.D. Ms. Finkelstein urged the community to attend their event that would feature music and prizes.

3. Presentation of a check to the city from the Kiwanis Club in support of free swim lessons.

Beverly Meyer, President of the Bullhead City Kiwanis Morning Club, presented a check in the amount of \$10,940 to the city in support of free swim lessons for children. She said their organization had been helping children in the community for 19 years.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Al Scigliano read an excerpt from Article 15 in the Arizona Constitution. He said the value of the Mohave and North Mohave Valley water systems had already been assessed by the Arizona Corporation Commission at \$34 million and \$7 million. He said EPCOR was in violation of their franchise agreement.

James Barber said the value of the water system was between \$39 million to \$130 million. He said EPCOR was factoring in possible lost profits. He spoke in support of Proposition 415 to keep the operation local.

Larry Tunforss thanked the city for cleaning the beaches so quickly following the jam-packed holiday weekend.

David Lipinski, Student Council Advisor for Mohave High School, invited the public to attend the 50th Anniversary activities for Mohave High School. He provided information on the events that would take place in September, including a parade and homecoming game.

Gerald Ross spoke in support of the city taking over the water system.

Gene Quitmeyer said a forensic financial analyst looked at the city's budget. He said he had concerns regarding employee wage and benefit amounts, and "other" costs in the budget that were not explained. He said he reviewed the wastewater budget and said he had questions about the allocations and water impost fee.

Royanne Ortiz thanked the city for responding to her complaint regarding the early posting of political signs. She invited the public to a meet and greet with State Treasurer Yee at the Bullhead City GOP Office on September 10th.

Scotty McClure said he would like to have Senator Martha McSally's first combat plane placed near the Veterans' Memorial in fulfillment of the request for a decommissioned piece of military equipment.

Eva Corbett said the signs against Proposition 415 should include the Canadian flag and not the United States flag in order to avoid confusion.

Dawna Quitmeyer said there was an odor coming from the sewer system in the vicinity of Lakeside and Yale Drive. She requested the city to clean the gutters and drains in the Holiday Shores area as there was a lot of stagnant water there following the rain.

Rose Marie Ortiz discussed some issues with new block wall and retaining wall permits on her home site. She was directed to contact City Manager Cotter after the meeting for assistance.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Wegmann 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. September 10th – Special City Council Meeting Explaining Potential Water Rates

City Manager Cotter said a special meeting would be held on September 10th at 5:30 p.m. regarding the proposed preliminary anticipated water rates under city ownership.

2. Fall Sports Tournaments

Human Services Director Tipton said the city would be very busy with tournaments over the next three months. He provided information on numerous softball, senior softball, girls’ fast pitch, baseball, pickle ball, and soccer tournaments that would be held in Bullhead City.

Mayor Brady reminded drivers to not exceed the speed limit near the parks in order to protect the children.

3. Cost of Living Index

City Manager Cotter said once again Bullhead City was the most affordable city in Arizona. He said there was good value in living in Bullhead City as the cost of living was lower than any other city in the state.

4. Mohave County Fair

City Manager Cotter said the fair would be held from September 12th to September 15th. He urged everyone to visit the city’s booth at the County Fairgrounds in Kingman.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS’ REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

None

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member 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 Shutts 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 August 6, 2019; the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 6, 2019; and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 19, 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

None

Other Business

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the conceptual plan for construction of the second phase of the Colorado River Museum. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dave Heath said the Parks and Recreation Commission recently learned that a donor was willing to pay for the second phase of the Museum construction. He said the Colorado River Historical Society and the donor would like to move forward as quickly as possible. He said the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that Council approve moving forward with Phase Two of the Colorado River Museum.

Elsie Needles of the Colorado River Historical Society said 1,500 square feet would be added to include indoor space for displays, a library and meeting room, new office, larger gift shop, and a

storage room. She said they were the keepers of the history of the tristate area. She thanked the donor for her help in securing a big piece of the future of Bullhead City.

Karole Finkelstein said they were proud to represent the Historical Society and were thankful for the opportunity to expand the Museum. She encouraged everyone to become a member of the Historical Society.

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 the conceptual plan for construction of the second phase of the Colorado River Museum. 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 Resolution No. 2019R-33 supporting the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) environmental assessment for the Golden Vertex Corporation's (GVC) Mine Plan of Operations to expand the existing Moss Mine operation onto federal land, and provide for mineral exploration in the area surrounding the mine. (City Manager Cotter)

City Management Assistant Anthony Kozlowski said the proposed resolution would support Golden Vertex's mine expansion onto BLM land.

Joe Bardswich, President of Golden Vertex, said they were tight for space on their existing land and said they would like to expand. He said in order to expand on federal land; they had to submit a mine plan of operations with the BLM. He said they held an initial public scoping meeting last week, and had a mining contractor on site. He said their total work force totaled 125 employees with good paying jobs.

Mayor Brady said the environmental assessment from 2018 indicated that tanker trucks transferring diesel fuel for the generators would travel on Silver Creek Road. He said the proposed action at that time discussed air quality. He said the current report indicated that post construction activities along the road would not be expected to exceed the current levels and the road surface material along with the use of water trucks on the road should alleviate the dust. He said the new application and mine plan of operations indicated that Phase Three materials arriving and leaving the mine would be transported by trucks with eleven round trips per week. He said the report also indicated that local contractors would be transporting accumulated barren rock from the mine for decades.

Mayor Brady said there was a real problem with dust on Silver Creek Road by the Parkway. He said he had received numerous complaints from the Long Ridge Mobile Home Park and Laredo Village. He said Golden Vertex was now asking for approval to operate the mine for the next thirty years and there was no reference as to what they would do in conjunction with the rock haulers to mitigate the dust problem. He asked Mr. Bardswich how they planned to control the dust in the future.

Mr. Bardswich said contractors and haulers were responsible to control the dust and maintain the road at their expense. He said his company was spending \$200,000 per month on fuel. He said they ran over budget and did not have enough money to finish the power line. He said they currently had an agreement with Mohave Electric to obtain a low interest loan in order to build the power line which would eliminate the fuel trucks. He said the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) indicated the road should be maintained by the county and city.

Mayor Brady said the company had an ADEQ permit to suppress dust, and said the road to the mine site was causing problems. He said the dust management plan was addressed to continue routine dust suppression on the unpaved roads. He said it should not be the responsibility of the city to take care of it, and said it should be the responsibility of the mine and the BLM through the environmental assessment. He said the issue needed to be resolved.

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

James Barber said Golden Vertex would be operating the mine and using the road for 30 years, and said paving the road should become a part of their operation. He said if the road was paved, the dust problem would be solved.

Greg Soule said he was a Bullhead City resident. He said he rode ATVs in the area and asked if the mine expansion would affect the trails. He asked about the mine's water wells and asked if the water table would be impacted.

Mayor Brady told Mr. Soule the answers to his questions were part of the environmental assessment that could be found on the BLM's website.

Council Member D'Amico asked if the mine could address a solution to the dust problem.

Mayor Brady suggested adding a sentence to the last paragraph in the resolution after the words, "*the mine...*", "*and to improve air quality by paving Silver Creek Road to the mine.*" which would let the BLM know the city was not happy with the dust problem and that it needed to be addressed.

Mayor Brady said the dust was not caused by Golden Vertex; and said the waste material from the mine was being hauled by truckloads out of the mine, which created the dust. He said all parties would get together and come up with a solution.

MOTION: Mayor Brady made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019R-33 supporting the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) environmental assessment for the Golden Vertex Corporation's (GVC) Mine Plan of Operations to expand the existing Moss Mine operation onto federal land, and provide for mineral exploration in the area surrounding the mine, and to improve air quality by paving Silver Creek Road to the mine. Vice Mayor Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

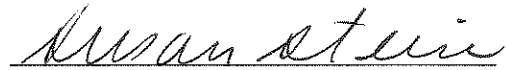
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 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 3rd day of September 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of September 2019.



Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk