

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, November 5, 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 Bruce Rahlf of the River Chapel Assembly of God to deliver the invocation. Council Member D'Amico led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark (via telephone), 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: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Glen Wiltse

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Harvey Pryor asked if the Police Department could get body cams. Mayor Brady said he would request that a staff report regarding this topic be provided at a future meeting.

Dave Lords said no matter what the result of the Proposition 415 election was, everyone did their best in the interest of Bullhead City. He said this was a testament to the citizens of Bullhead City.

Jamie Starr requested the Council consider adopting a resolution declaring Bullhead City as a second amendment sanctuary city, and said Mohave County and the City of Needles had recently passed similar resolutions. She said this was the Council's chance to leave a lasting legacy for the city.

Julie Hassett invited the public to attend the Colorado River Concert Association's upcoming performances throughout the 2019-2020 season. She said individual admission tickets and season tickets were available at reasonable prices.

Scotty McClure said there had been no discussions regarding the rules for the new homeless shelter. He asked if the topic could be included on a future agenda. He said he would like to see true ward districting in the city as he felt that his neighborhood was not properly represented.

Gene Quitmeyer said the city was seeking outside engineering bids which was another expense the public did not know about. He said statistics indicated the cost of living in Bullhead City was rated B plus and the property crime rate was 56 percent higher than the national average. He said the national average of 2.5 police officers per 1,000 residents was higher than Bullhead City with 1.7. He said police presence was needed to reduce crime.

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 Shutts seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

1. Election Information for Proposition 415

City Clerk Stein said voters had one hour remaining to drop off ballots or obtain replacement ballots at the Mohave County Library.

City Manager Cotter said preliminary election results would be posted on the Mohave County website shortly after 7:00 p.m. that night.

2. Veterans’ Court Grant – Presentation by Judge Psareas

City Magistrate Psareas said the grant was a result of many groups working together, and said he was very pleased that the city was awarded this grant.

Court Administrator Solano said the \$500,000 grant included assistance over a period of three years that would fund employment of the veterans’ treatment court clerk, partnerships with counselors, drug testing, case management, sober living assistance, and public defender services.

3. CDBG Ribbon Cutting

City Manager Cotter said the city recently held a ribbon cutting for new road and infrastructure improvements between First and Seventh Streets.

#### 4. Greenway Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony

City Manager Cotter said a ground breaking would be held on November 22nd for the new trail on the Arizona side of the river that ran from the Laughlin Bridge to the dam. He said the city would receive a \$7 million federal grant to complete the trail system.

#### 5. Highway Safety Improvements Project – Highway 95 from Aztec Road to Bullhead Parkway

City Manager Cotter said the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was planning another safety improvement project on the south side of the city from Bullhead Parkway to Aztec Road in Fort Mohave. He said the raised median project would restrict left turn movements that were the cause of many accidents. He said anyone with concerns or comments should contact ADOT by November 29th.

Council Member Bruck asked if the ADOT project would incorporate the city's traffic signal project at Corwin Road.

City Manager Cotter confirmed. He said the signal project would begin by the end of November and should be completed and operational by the beginning of next year.

#### 6. Board and Commission Opportunities

City Clerk Stein said there were opportunities for interested citizens to fill various board and commission openings, and said applications were available on the city's website.

#### 7. Council Candidate Packets Now Available

City Clerk Stein said nomination packets to run for a City Council seat in the August 2020 primary election were available, and said interested citizens should contact the City Clerk's Office.

Dave Lords said the Laughlin Ranch development included antique mining and steam equipment. He said Laughlin Ranch Boulevard had recently opened from Bullhead Parkway to Highway 95 and from Riverport to Sidewheel Drive. He said Laughlin Ranch Boulevard was a public street. He said the equipment and landscaping were donated and maintained by the Laughlin Ranch Homeowners' Association. He said he located some antique equipment in Fort Mohave that would be placed in the medians of the new road in Laughlin Ranch. He said they were excited to donate this equipment to the city, and said these historical monuments would fit into the motif of Laughlin Ranch.

City Manager Cotter said anything placed in a city right of way would need to be secured, and said safety would be paramount.

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

None

#### **ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bruck 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. Vice Mayor Wegmann 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 October 15, 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**

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the request to release the financial assurance and terminate the property escrow agreement for The Ridge at Fox Creek, Tract 5147, Unit 3, and to accept the required improvements into the city system for maintenance. (Development Services Director Wiltse)

Planning Manager Loera said the subdivision included 11 residential lots and the streets were dedicated to the city. He said staff has reviewed the request, inspected the project, and recommends approval.

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 the request to release the financial assurance and terminate the property escrow agreement for The Ridge at Fox Creek, Tract 5147, Unit 3, and to accept the required improvements into the city system for maintenance. Vice Mayor Wegmann seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019R-45 authorizing the acceptance of Contract 2020-405C-002 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for funding in the amount of \$32,970; and authorizing the Chief of Police and City Manager to sign all resulting documents. (Police Chief Williamson)

Police Chief Williamson said the Governor's Office of Highway Safety had funds available for the purchase of scanners, printers, and tablets to be used with AZ TraCS software that would allow officers the ability to scan barcodes on Arizona drivers' licenses and registration documents in the field. He said the information would be sent electronically to ADOT and the court. He said the process would greatly reduce the amount of time officers remained at traffic stops and improve efficiency.

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

Scotty McClure asked if each police car and motorcycle would be outfitted with the new equipment.

Police Chief Williamson said 25 vehicles would receive the new equipment that would be mounted inside the cars.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Wegmann made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019R-45 authorizing the acceptance of Contract 2020-405C-002 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for funding in the amount of \$32,970; and authorizing the Chief of Police and City Manager to sign all resulting documents. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Other Business**

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-16 approving the “Procurement and Federal Funding Provisions 2019” by reference; and approve Resolution No. 2019R-46 declaring the “Procurement and Federal Funding Provisions 2019” a public record. (Finance Director Vera)

Finance Director Vera said approval of the amendment would update the procurement code concerning language necessary for federal grants. He said the city currently practiced this procedure, and said the item was a housekeeping issue.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 2019-16 approving the “Procurement and Federal Funding Provisions 2019” by reference; and approve Resolution No. 2019R-46 declaring the “Procurement and Federal Funding Provisions 2019” a public record. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. Discussion and possible action to waive the mineral report/review of the Section 12 lands as currently included in the Cost Recovery Agreement. (City Manager Cotter)

Administrative Analyst Kozlowski said the waiver of the mineral report would allow the Department of the Interior the ability to maintain ownership of all minerals located beneath the Section 12 properties. He said there was no value beneath the property and said the city would have the opportunity to save \$10,000.

City Manager Cotter said the mineral report was part of the Section 12 land exchange process with the Bureau of Land Management. He said there were about 300 acres with the potential to be included in the land swap. He said a workshop regarding the exchange process would be held in the near future.

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Bruck made a motion to waive the mineral report/review of the Section 12 lands as currently included in the Cost Recovery Agreement. 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 6:20 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 5th day of November 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 19th day of November 2019.

  
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Susan Stein, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk