

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 19, 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 Stephen Brown from Praise Chapel to deliver the invocation. Mayor D’Amico led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Alfonzo, Dallman, D’Amico, Head (via telephone), Hecht (outgoing), Lizarraga (outgoing), Newlin, O’Neill, Ring

Council Absent

Lettman

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Presentation to outgoing Council Member Grace Hecht by Mayor D’Amico.

Mayor D’Amico presented a plaque and memory book to outgoing Council Member Hecht.

2. Presentation to outgoing Council Member Rich Lettman by Mayor D’Amico.

Outgoing Council Member Lettman was not in attendance.

3. Presentation to outgoing Council Member Juan Lizarraga by Mayor D’Amico.

Mayor D’Amico presented a plaque and memory book to outgoing Council Member Juan Lizarraga.

4. Council Member Elect Rodney Head will take the Oath of Office as Bullhead City Council Member.

Council Member Rodney Head joined the meeting via telephone. A short video of the Honorable Richard Speer administering the oath of office to Council Member Head was played.

5. Council Member Elect Karen Dallman will take the Oath of Office as Bullhead City Council Member.

The Honorable Richard Speer administered the oath of office to Council Member Dallman.

6. Council Member Elect Jason Newlin will take the Oath of Office as Bullhead City Council Member.

The Honorable Richard Speer administered the oath of office to Council Member Newlin.

7. Council Member Elect Gene O'Neill will take the Oath of Office as Bullhead City Council Member.

The Honorable Richard Speer administered the oath of office to Council Member O'Neill.

**BREAK** The City Council took a short break and then reconvened the regular meeting.

### **OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor D'Amico opened the call to the public.

Barbara Pape said the Colorado River Republican Women will hold a luncheon on December 4th at Chaparral Country Club.

Jeremy Brunk from TWN gave an update on projects taking place within the city.

Grace Telsner said she was recently informed that Greyhound Bus will no longer serve Bullhead City. She said transportation to Las Vegas is needed because a lot of seniors must travel to Las Vegas for doctor appointments.

June Shadduck, President of the Kiwanis of the Colorado River, said their Cornfest event was very successful. She said because of the event's success, they will be able to donate \$50,000 back into the community, and said they will keep \$20,000 for their scholarship program. She apologized for the delay in taking the tent down. She briefly spoke about the Kiwanis upcoming events.

Aaron Anderson from Mohave Community College spoke about upcoming events.

Leland Gilmore said he is the Senior Vice Commander for the VFW Post 1005. He spoke about their year round water drive for the homeless.

Stephen Brown said he is the new Executive Director of the Bullhead City Regional Food Bank. He said they will have a Christmas meal box handout on December 2nd at the food bank.

Grace Hecht thanked the volunteers that assisted with the Lerner and Rowe Thanksgiving food giveaway. She said they were able to distribute 750 bags of food to people in the community. She thanked Lizzy's Kitchen for their upcoming Thanksgiving meal giveaway.

Rose Jacobs spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Concert Association season.

Janice Johnston said she volunteers at the Bullhead City Pride Center. She spoke about their upcoming Trans Day of Remembrance event that is taking place tomorrow. She said they are hosting a highway clean-up event on November 23rd, and a sidewalk sale on November 30th.

Ivy Yeomans said she lives near the liquor store that is located across the street from the Mormon church. She said she saw a little boy walking by himself at approximately 6:00 p.m. and said the city needs an employee from the police department whose only job is to search for lost children. She said the city should have a recreation area for the kids in the community and young adults and should offer counseling. She said the city should fund a program where police officers could play sports with the youth in the community. She said the city should also have a trade school.

Scotty McClure talked about how much money different candidates spent during the election. He said something needed to be done about the amount of election signs candidates are allowed to put out.

Gary Genovese spoke about the Honey Baked Ham fundraiser for the Colorado River Museum.

Eva Genovese spoke about upcoming fundraising events.

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 Ring seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### 1. December Special Events

City Manager Cotter said there are many special events happening during the month of December. He encouraged the public to follow the City's social media accounts, press releases, and traditional media to learn about all the upcoming events.

#### 2. Boom Box Parade

City Manager Cotter said the Boom Box Parade will take place on Hancock Road on December 6th. He said the Boom Box Parade is the largest parade in the city.

### 3. North Pole Adventures – December 14

City Manager Cotter said the North Pole Adventures event will take place at the Anderson Field House on December 14th. He said there will be amusement rides, Santa's train, a petting zoo, photos with Santa, North Pole letters, crafts, live entertainment, and food vendors.

### 4. Senior Enrichment Center Construction Update

City Manager Cotter said there is a lot of grading going on and paving will follow. He said a few more weeks are needed to finish the project and move into the new building. He said they hope to have the new Senior Enrichment Center open by mid-January.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo congratulated Gary and Eva Genovese on their recent nuptials. He read a prepared statement to outgoing council members Hecht, Lettman, and Lizarraga. He congratulated Hildy Angius, and said she is the first Senator from Bullhead City. He welcomed newly elected Council Members Dallman, Newlin, and O'Neill. He wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

## **ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

City Attorney Emery said Item 3 needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion that Items 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. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approve of the final plat for the Toy Shack Subdivision, Tract 5158; the water allocation in the amount of 2.7 acre-feet; and authorize the Mayor to execute the final plat. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)
2. Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-56, ratifying entry of the "Disaster Assistance Agreement for Federally Declared Disasters" between the State of Arizona, through its Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, and the City of Bullhead City, Arizona. (Assistant City Manager Kajirwa)
3. Accept the "Grant and Dedication 10-foot Public Utility Easement located at Section 19, T20N, R21W, (Pocito Lane/Dianna Dahlgren to the City of Bullhead City)." (Utilities Director Clark)  
**THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.**

**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**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2024-31, approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L (Residential: Single-Family Limited) to C2 (General Commercial) for a 1.56 acre parcel of land located at 1577 Sherryn Drive and described as Parcel A of the Parcel Plat recorded in Book 36, Pages 12-12A, Section 23, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Manager Cotter said this parcel is a strip of land located near Wendy's Restaurant. He said the parcel of land is zoned for residential, but all the surrounding land is zoned for commercial.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked what kind of business might be considered for that area. City Manager Cotter said the parcel is large, but oddly shaped. He said currently there is not an intended use for the parcel.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item. No one spoke.

**Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-31, approving the request for a zoning map change from R1L (Residential: Single-Family Limited) to C2 (General Commercial) for a 1.56 acre parcel of land located at 1577 Sherryn Drive and described as Parcel A of the Parcel Plat recorded in Book 36, Pages 12-12A, Section 23, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

None

**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 6:07 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 November 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of November 2024.

  
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Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk