

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 Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Head called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith

Parks and Recreation Commission Members Present

Amanda Amann, Kenya Cribb, Heather Petrillo

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

I. Discussion regarding the creation of a dog beach at Rotary Park.

City Manager Cotter said the Parks and Recreation Commission members have been invited to discuss this item with the Council. He thanked the Commission Members for attending the meeting and said it was good to have everyone together. He said this topic has been brought up for quite some time and said they think they have found a good location for an off leash dog beach within Rotary Park. He said the cost is minimal, but staff will have to come back to the Council and amend the code so that there is a specific area in the code where people could legally have their dog off leash and not be in violation of the city code.

Public Works Director Johnson gave a slideshow presentation showing the location of the proposed dog beach area at Rotary Park. She said the proposed hours will be 4:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. She said there is already a natural barrier with trees and brush and said there are a couple of areas where staff would like to add a fence and a gate. She said they are also proposing to add signage at each end of the beach stating "end of leash area." She said the length of the beach area would be approximately 1,000 feet. She said they are also proposing to add signs coming from each end of the beach stating "caution: leash free area." She said there will be a main gate, and it will have a sign reminding people to keep the gate closed and a second gate will have a sign on it stating the park rules. She read the following proposed rules: leash free dog beach open from 4:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.; dogs must be on a leash from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; beach access for all other recreation during park hours of 4:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; all users assume the risk of entering the beach during the leash free time period; all dogs must be collared with a valid license and vaccination tags; dogs must be on a leash until entering and leaving the gate; users must ensure the gate is secure upon entry and exit; users must have a leash in their possession at all times; users are fully responsible for assuming all liability for the actions of their dogs; no aggressive dogs, bite collars, or use of whistles; no female dogs in heat or dogs under the age of four months. She said waste bags and receptacles will be provided. She

said there will also be signage stating that if a person's dog gets injured by another dog or user, to call the police department for assistance and to make a report and to call 911 if there is an emergency.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked Public Works Director Johnson how they came up with the idea to open the dog beach at 4:30 a.m. City Manager Cotter said during the summer months, people go to the park as soon as it opens at 8:00 a.m. He said by allowing people to use the dog beach at 4:30 a.m. it will allow dog owners to use the park and leave before the crowds start. He said people walk their dogs very early in the morning all year round. He said staff are open to suggestions, and said the hours can always be modified. He said a lot of people walk on the path year round and said some people may be reluctant to walk in that area knowing there are dogs off leash. He said they wanted to look at all angles and make sure that they are trying to accommodate all the interests and take care of everybody the best they can. He said for those who want to be sure that they are never by a dog off leash can walk around the entire area. He said they believe it can be very safe if people have their dog on a leash as they are leaving the gated area.

Council Member O'Neill said he regularly rides his bike on the path at Rotary Park. He said he does not have a problem with the dog beach, but a bike lane needs to be added to the path near the proposed dog beach. He said people walk their dogs on the path and they take up the entire path which makes it dangerous for people on bikes. City Manager Cotter said they will look into adding a bike lane.

Council Member Newlin said he liked the location for a potential dog park, and said the hours are a good starting point. He suggested widening the path and adding a bike lane near the proposed dog beach. He said he liked the idea of having two gates and said the natural barrier might be enough to keep dogs contained in the area. He suggested fencing the entire area if dogs are able to get out through the natural barriers. He said he really liked the idea of city providing waste bags and waste receptacles.

Council Member Dallman asked what staff's plan was for policing the area and enforcing the rules. Recreation Superintendent Heath said if a park ranger is not on duty, he will get the call. He said animal control is not interested in enforcing anything when it comes to dogs in the park. He said he and park rangers cannot write citations or make arrests. City Manager Cotter said police officers will respond when needed.

Council Member Smith asked if there are still plans to develop a dog park on the east side of Highway 95 across from Community Park. City Manager Cotter answered affirmative. Council Member Smith asked why they are proposing to open the dog beach so early. City Manager Cotter said most people arrive at the beach at approximately 8:00 a.m. He said there was no science behind the proposed time, and said the time can always be changed.

Council Member Ring said she was okay with adding the dog beach. She said she has friends that walk their dogs at 4:30 a.m. and said it is very common.

Parks and Recreation Chairwoman Petrillo said she liked the idea of a dog beach, and said it has been needed in the community for a long time. She said she thought widening the walking path in the area is a good idea to help prevent any congestion, and said the rules seem to be very straightforward. She said the hours seem reasonable, and said the hours could always be changed if any issues develop.

Parks and Recreation Commission Member Cribb asked if there would be separate areas for large and small dogs and if the dog owner must be present while the dog is in the park. City Attorney Emery said the current rule states that the owner must remain in possession of the dog with a leash in hand. He said the rule presupposes the owner will remain in the park with their dog and not leave a dog unattended.

Council Member O'Neill said he thought the hours are great, especially during the summer months. He said dropping dogs off in the park and leaving them unattended would be a disaster and cannot happen.

Mayor Head said he liked the plan and thought it was a nice idea.

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

Shawn Regan said the exemption rule for service dogs needs to be stipulated. He said law enforcement officers need to be informed of the exemption to the leash law as it pertains to service animals.

The Council took a break from 3:26 p.m. until 3:35 p.m.

2. Mohave County Airport Authority Issues-County Supervisor Rich Lettman

City Manager Cotter said if anyone has been following the media accounts and watching the County Board of Supervisors meetings, they are probably aware of what is happening with the Airport Authority, the County, and some of the issues. He said he, Supervisor Lettman, and Mayor Head thought it was important that they educate the Council and the community about the issues. He said even though the city does not run the airport and does not have any stake in the airport, it is in our community. He said thousands of people use the airport to get to Laughlin, the Riverside Casino and Harrah's and said many jobs are supported at the airport. He said the airport is part of our economics and a very important part of our tourism economy. He said anytime they hear of potential problems or issues, they want to help solve the issues and be part of a solution.

County Supervisor Lettman said when he ran for County Supervisor, he focused on two things. He said the first was fighting for Bullhead City and the second was pushing economic development. He said he believes that the best way for the County to get out of its current financial situation is through economic growth, which is largely dependent upon the generation of property taxes. He said he never thought that when he said he would fight for Bullhead City, he would be talking about the Laughlin Bullhead International Airport. He said during one of his campaign events, a person approached him and asked him to look into the airport if he got elected. He said the person told him that something seemed to be off with the Airport Authority and told him that the organization seemed to be in a state of chaos. He said after he was elected, he looked at the county's finances and realized the county was financially short in attaining the revenues needed to accomplish the things he wanted to do. He said the first thing he did was look at a list of vacant parcels owned by the county that they might be able to sell. He said they created a very lengthy list of properties they might be able to sell, and said there were some vacant parcels around the airport. He said he thought it would be interesting to look at why the parcels remained vacant and why they could not sell them. He said that led them into the broader issue of the relationship between Mohave County and the Mohave County Airport Authority. He said apart from an acquisition of approximately 200 acres made by the airport authority, all the

land that the airport sits on and the commercial land around the airport is owned by Mohave County and by extension, the taxpayers of Mohave County. He said it was his opinion that the success of the airport is critical to the economic development and the financial well-being of Bullhead City.

Supervisor Lettman said in the late 1980's, the county executed its first lease with the Mohave County Airport Authority (MCAA). He said at that time, the Kingman Airport was included in the lease and later the City of Kingman went through a condemnation procedure, took control of the airport, and transferred it to the city. He said since then, there have been revisions, and the original lease has essentially been divided into two parts. He asked Mohave County Attorney Davis to give a brief explanation about the two leases. Mohave County Attorney Davis said initially there was one lease that encompassed the airport and what the legal descriptions refer to as the "Home Depot parcel" which is the area where Home Depot, Sam's Club, and the surrounding restaurants are located. He said in 2005, that lease was split into two: The Home Depot parcel lease (often referred to as the "original"), and the Airport Master Lease, which produces revenue for the airport, alongside the airport operations lease, which governs airport operations. He explained that the leases are largely the same, but it is important to understand that there are two of them, and a default under one lease does not automatically trigger action under the other. He said the biggest differences concern the expiration dates and which party holds the right to extend them. He noted that while there have been amendments, they have mostly been small corrections. He said for example, the original lease required county approval for expenditures over \$10,000 but that provision was later removed. He said these changes were handled through separate documents rather than rewriting the entire lease. Mr. Davis emphasized that the most significant point is that both leases expire in December 2048, and the Mohave County Airport Authority holds the sole right of extension and does not require county consent. He described the agreement as a "lease-build-operate" arrangement, meaning the Airport Authority leases the property, develops it, and operates it. He said revenues generated from the commercial parcels are used to support the operations of the airport itself.

County Supervisor Lettman said this is one of the worst deals ever executed by the county. He said the Airport Authority collects rent, leases, and sublease payments and those funds are used towards the operation of the airport. He said the Airport Authority is a nonprofit, so they do not pay any property tax. He said the county does collect taxes on the improvements, but no tax is collected on any of the vacant land, including unimproved land. He said the school districts, fire district, college, library, and the flood control districts do not receive any tax dollars because the Airport Authority is a nonprofit. He said they are now looking into renegotiating the lease and most of the people that executed the agreement are no longer here. He said his job as a County Supervisor is to try to help the county identify situations like this and get it changed so Mohave County can share in some of the proceeds from the airport land.

Supervisor Lettman said the Mohave County Airport Authority has a general membership of the board. He said if someone has an interest in aviation, they can apply to be a member of the board and join the association, and said they appoint their own board members. He said the board members do not report to anyone other than themselves, and therein lies part of the problem. He said that when you have a self-appointed board running a nonprofit corporation that operates an airport, a cornerstone of economic development in Bullhead City, it is important that their goals align with Bullhead City's goals and, to a lesser extent, with Mohave County's broader economic development goals. He said the airport staff are doing a good job and that their intentions appear to be in the right place, however, the county wants to renegotiate the leases so they provide a direct stream of income to Mohave County. He explained that earlier this year the Board of Supervisors asked three things of the Mohave County Airport Authority: a presentation from the board president and executive director

to the Supervisors; audited financial statements for the last two years; and a voting seat for Mohave County on the Airport Authority's board of directors. He said these requests were made under rights established in the lease. He said the Supervisors wanted to hear the Authority's plan for the airport, what they are doing, their successes, challenges, and how the county could assist in making the airport more successful. He said despite these requests, no presentation has been delivered, no audited financials have been provided, and no board membership has been offered. He said instead, the county has only received delays, excuses, and missed deadlines. He added that the county has specifically requested, through board action, the audited financials for two years, but those have still not been produced. He said the first request was made in 2020, and the county also recommended that Bullhead City be given representation on the board. Supervisor Lettman then showed a video from the May 19th Board of Supervisors meeting, the date when Mr. Osborne and Mr. Sheller were scheduled to present to the Supervisors. The video showed the Clerk of the Board stating that Mr. Osborne informed her late the prior Friday that they would not be appearing, citing advice from their legal counsel. Council Member Lettman explained that the Supervisors had already passed a Resolution of Displeasure on April 7, 2025, and he distributed copies of the resolution to each council member. He also distributed copies of the Mohave County Airport Authority's financial statements, and briefly spoke about how they violated the Arizona Open Meeting Law. He said the County Attorney's office is being asked to review the paperwork and testimony to determine whether the matter should be referred to Attorney General Kris Mayes. He added that he is confident the material will ultimately go to the Attorney General's office in Phoenix. He also gave council members a copy of Supervisor Borrelli's Request for Board Action, which asked the Arizona Joint Legislative Audit Committee to convene a hearing and direct the Arizona Auditor General to: obtain audited financials from the Airport Authority; audit activities surrounding the purchase of fixed-base operations from Signature Aviation, focusing on the lack of due diligence on the fuel farm; investigate alleged embezzlement or criminal activity by LBIA employees and evaluate deficiencies in financial controls; review the use of upstream funding (CARES Act) combined with sublease revenue to retire long-term debt, versus leaving the \$1 million in interest-bearing accounts; and assess the overall financial health of the Airport Authority and recommend improvements for stability. He further distributed a May 7, 2025 email from Mr. Osborne to County Manager Sam Elters regarding a Mohave Daily News article on the fuel farm, as well as an email from Mr. Osborne to Airport Authority board members that they may have already or will have to sign for a letter from the County Clerk. He said the letter is a notice regarding the County Supervisors' Resolution of Displeasure. He noted that Osborne said he "disposed" of the notice. Supervisor Lettman stressed that it is critical for the airport to be successful, but he does not believe the current team is the right group to run it. Council Member O'Neill asked if the land Supervisor Lettman spoke about is at the top of the airport by Findlay car dealership. Supervisor Lettman said most of the commercial land is on the western side of the airport, and said he believes Findlay owns the land the dealership is on. He said the land is located where the runway fence is and all the way down Highway 95.

Council Member Newlin thanked Supervisor Lettman for his presentation. He said he did not have any questions, and said he would be paying close attention to this.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if anyone has thought about subpoenaing for the records. County Attorney Davis said they currently do not have plans to subpoena for the records because the Legislature could exercise their power and obtain the records their way. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked Mr. Davis if there is anything in the Airport Authority's contract that allows the county to terminate Mr. Osborne or give adequate notice of termination and replace him without a vote from the board. Mr. Davis said

there is nothing in the contract that allows the Board of Supervisors to terminate Airport Authority members.

Council Member Ring commended Supervisor Lettman for a job well done.

Council Member Dallman said Supervisor Lettman is doing a great job. She said she thought the county and the taxpayers could benefit from the sale of the land. She said she was going to do some research and come back to him with questions at a later date.

Council Member Smith asked Supervisor Lettman why he felt the Airport Authority was in violation of the Arizona Open Meeting Law. Supervisor Lettman said the assertions would have to do with conduct in the meetings, proper noticing of meetings, quorum notices, and discussions between board members outside of meetings.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked Supervisor Lettman if all the Airport Authority's records are available to the public. Supervisor Lettman answered affirmative. He said they started asking for the Airport Authority's financials late in 2024. He said meeting minutes and financial statements were not readily accessible on their website until earlier this year. He said he felt that there was a scramble by the Airport Authority to get into compliance. Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked Supervisor Lettman if they can request documents under the Freedom of Information Act. Supervisor Lettman said they could go that route, but he did not think they would have to. He said the FAA and ADOT have plenty of information, and said ADOT will be extremely cooperative because they are a state agency.

Mayor Head asked Supervisor Lettman what his and the County Attorney's perception is on where we are going. Supervisor Lettman said he has made it very public that he is not interested in running an airport, and said he does not think Mohave County should be running an airport. He said to get to that point is very lengthy, complicated, and expensive. He said what they are looking for is a change in leadership at the board level. He said he felt that they needed board members with better business and finance background, and said he did not think that owning or leasing a hangar at the airport qualifies someone to make decisions about how to run an airport.

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

Council Member Dallman made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 4:32 p.m. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith **NAYS:** None

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney concerning the Chaparral Golf Course. Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.03(A)(3).
2. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney concerning a possible water transaction with Bermuda Water. Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.03(A)(3).

3. Legal update in the matter of Thornton v. City (food sharing ordinance/CV-22-08195-SMB-MTM).

Council Member Ring made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 5:19 p.m. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Head declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 5th day of August 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of August 2025



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

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, August 5, 2025, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Head called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Stephen Brown from Praise Chapel to deliver the invocation. Council Member Dallman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

DEPUTY FINANCE DIRECTOR: Juvencia Alvarez

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Update from Southwest Gas

Jack Jolly said he is the Operations Manager for Southwest Gas and gave the following update: Staff are working on a mainline upgrade that is running north from Riverview Drive on the west side of Highway 95 to Black Mountain and heading east on Black Mountain Road to Goldrush Road. He said the project is intended to support growth and demand throughout the Bullhead City area. He said they did not have any outages, and said their total customer count for Bullhead City is 14,479. He gave the following energy saving tips: set your water heater to 120 degrees; install water efficient showerheads and faucets; wash clothes in cold water; keep the dryers lint trap clean; and set your thermostat between 65-68 degrees during the winter.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Head opened the call to the public.

Captain John Burks brought a group of children that attended the Salvation Army's Music Camp to play music demonstrating what they learned during camp. The children that performed were Ashlyn, Daniel, Jaylene, and Leilani. No last names were given.

Dan Ramsdale said he is a Board Member of the Riverview RV Resort located at 2000 Ramar Road. He said he was representing the over 55 community consisting of 697 lots and approximately 1200 residents. He said they had an issue with the handling of the water shut off and turning back on to the

entire park. He said residents incurred damage to their homes, water heaters, and water lines due to the water department's negligence by not adjusting and monitoring the amount of pressure coming into the park. He said on July 24, 2025, the water was turned off to the entire park without notice, and said the residents of the RV park were not prepared. He said after the city completed the repairs; the water was turned back on without city employees checking the pressure reducing valves coming into the park. He said only city employees have access to the valve. He said the valve was wide open and came into the park at 120 PSI without any reduction. He said they could not reach anyone from the city until the following day to request the valve be inspected and turned down. He said they could not start making repairs to their property until someone from the city arrived to turn down the pressure from the stuck valve. He said several homeowners have filed claims against the city and said their claims were denied. He asked the city to reexamine the claims. He said they are requesting assurance from the city that the Utilities Department will adjust and monitor the valve when returning water to the park. He said the residents are also requesting their water and sewer bills for July 24-26, 2025 be looked at for possible reimbursement of the water use because it directly ties into sewer billing. He said this is a loss of water, not consumption.

Janice Johnston said she was representing PFLAG. She said they will be hosting a meet and greet on August 16th at the Mohave County Library from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. She said they are currently holding a membership drive, and said the membership year is October 1st to September 30th. She said they are offering the first year membership for \$15.00 per person and said the price will be \$30.00 per person after October 31st. She said the Mohave County Democratic Central Committee has opened a District 2 office at the Alexandria Plaza located on Ramar Road, close to Chase Bank and Harbor Freight.

Paula Hamby read the following quote from John F Kennedy dated June 10, 1963: "And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's futures. And we are all mortal".

Stephen Brown said the intersection at Clearwater and Marina is very poorly lit at night. He said he and his son were riding their bikes and almost got hit by a car at the intersection. He said the intersection is a four way stop and said cars speed right through the intersection without stopping. He asked if the city could install flashing stop signs at the intersection.

Scotty McClure said the kiosk located at City Hall is now charging a \$1.00 fee to pay his gas bill and asked why he was not notified of the new fee. He said city staff contacted him about his high water usage. He said the man that broke into his home left the water on and because of that his water bill is now \$300.00. He said he will not pay it. He said the trees at the Mohave County Library are useless and said they leak sap all over the pavement. He said the city needs to start using cold pavement and asked that an item be placed on the agenda regarding the use of cold pavement.

Eva Genovese spoke about the Colorado River Republican Women's luncheon that is being held at the Chaparral Country Club on August 6th.

Shawn Regan spoke about an article he read in the Mohave Valley Daily News about how Bullhead City students are lacking in their English and math test scores. He said it is despicable that teachers who are not teaching are being recruited. He said students cannot sign their name in cursive because it is not taught anymore, and said he felt the reason why is because they do not want kids to be able

to read the Constitution as it is written. He said there are some students in the eighth grade that are scoring below the ten percentiles in math and English. He said teachers should have to prove they can teach by having the students tests scores increase before they are rewarded with housing.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Head 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 Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith **NAYS:** None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Modification of City Council Meeting Date to Monday, August 18th

City Manager Cotter said the Tuesday, August 19th Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, August 18th so council members could attend the annual Arizona League of Cities and Towns annual training.

2. Receive Report from Golden Vertex Regarding Mine Operations

Jamie Baughn, General Manager of Golden Vertex said their mining operations ceased last July. He said they never stopped processing ounces, but they ran on a skeleton crew of approximately 32 employees. He said on March 26th they were taken over by a new owner and said they started building the management team, communications, ownership, and trust. He said their whole goal is efficiency, profitability and sustainability. He said they are also going to have accountability, respect, continuous improvement, and shared purpose. He said their ultimate goal is to succeed and be part of the community. He said they looked at the mine plan and said there is plenty of mineralization in the mountains, and said they expect to be part of the community for a long time. He said they plan to crush approximately 10,000 tons per day and move approximately 30,000 tons total waste. He said in the beginning of the year they decided to build infrastructure on the property. He said they took all their wells apart, cleaned all the screens, pulled and descaled all the pumps and checked all the motors, and rebuilt the crusher from the ground up. Anthony Pompos, Human Resources Manager, said in mid-March they had 32 employees and they are up to over 62 employees and said by end of next years second quarter they plan to have approximately 97 employees. He said their headquarters is in Tucson, Arizona, and said they have geology and mine engineers that have come to Bullhead City to help them develop the plans for most of the mine. He said those employees are going to be present on site while they get the operations started, and said they will hire leadership positions soon. He said they are very proud that most of their employees are Bullhead City residents and said they did not have to hire a lot of people from other areas. He said they offer quite a few benefit programs, and said they offer 85 percent coverage of medical and dental through Blue Cross Blue Shield, short term and

long term disability, personal time off, and paid holidays. He said they are currently looking into partnering with Mohave College's welding program to obtain some internships and help the students build a future with them. He said once they do all that, they are going to increase the maintenance department and look into offering a welding program and an electrical program.

3. Recreation Programs

Recreation Superintendent Heath said the following recreation programs are currently taking place: senior slow pitch softball at Ken Fovargue Park every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 6:30 a.m.; "eccentrics aging in reverse" exercise class with Carol Mackey is taking place every Tuesday and Thursday at the Recreation Building; open horseshoe play at Ken Fovargue Park every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m.; open pickleball play with the Bullhead City Pickleball Club everyday at Rotary Park from sunrise until 11:00 a.m.; open pickleball at the Optimum Community Center everyday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; indoor pickleball on Monday through Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club starting Monday, August 11th from 9:00 a.m. until noon; indoor walking at the Optimum Community Center gym; open basketball at the Optimum Community Center every Friday starting at noon for seniors, children start at 2:00 p.m., and teens start at 4:00 p.m.; Fun Friday events for kids age 2-14; and indoor mini RC racing on August 8th and 22nd at the Optimum Community Center. He said August 21st is National Senior Day. He said they are hosting an event in conjunction with the Senior Enrichment Center, and said the event is sponsored by Pizza Hut. He said there will be a free pool party for seniors from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and free snow cones will be offered to anyone aged 50 and over. He said a free movie will be shown at the Optimum Community Center at 2:00 p.m. and said free popcorn and pizza will be served. He said a volunteer fair will take place on August 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.; Invictus Fitness Center will host power weightlifting training for the 2026 Golden Games on August 29th from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and rifle training for the 2026 Golden Games will take place at the Tri-State Shooting Range on August 30th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Recreation Supervisor Heath briefly spoke about the municipal pool schedule.

4. Mohave College

City Manager Cotter said Mohave Community College is now Mohave College. He said the college has already incorporated athletics and student housing and is now offering bachelor programs. He said in the future they would like to offer 19 different bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, and start working with the business community.

5. Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Plan Update

City Manager Cotter introduced Steve D'Amico, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Steve D'Amico said the public participation will go through several stages during this development, and said today is day 1 of 45 days that the plan must go out to the public. He said the following is how the development, adoption and revision of the Public Participation Plan will happen: preparation of a preliminary draft plan; evaluation of the plan to ensure compliance with all federal regulations; review of the plan by stakeholders, including the general public, governmental agencies, transportation and business professionals; revision of the plan based on reviews; completion of the final draft plan; and circulation of the plan for at least 45 calendar days. He said this includes notice to all potentially affected interest in the final draft plan and is available for review, including

placement at the MPO's office and website. He said they will review and evaluate any further recommended changes and make available large prints of the plan, braille, and audio and video cassettes of the plan for individuals with hearing or vision impairments. He said once this is completed, they will submit the plan to the MPO executive board and they have to approve it before they can start working on projects and plans. He said they will have a Town Hall Meeting on August 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Bullhead City Council Chambers. He said he will also be speaking at the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Meeting, Findlay Radio podcast, Bullhead City Rotary Club, Bullhead City Board of Supervisors Meeting, Military Moms, and will also be doing interviews for Mohave Valley Daily News. He asked if anyone who had a group he would like him to speak to contact him. He said hard copies of the plan are available at City Hall, Mohave County Library, Mohave County Supervisor Rich Lettman's office, and Supervisor Ron Gould's office. He gave a brief breakdown of how much time they will take for public comment on the different plans. He asked everyone to attend any of the meetings.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Head announced that yesterday the Governor of Nevada named the highway coming from the Searchlight area to Bullhead City the Colorado River Valley Highway, and said it mirrors Arizona's naming of Highway 68. He said where they join, the State of Nevada has named the bridge the Donald J. Laughlin Memorial Bridge. He said this is quite the tribute to Don Laughlin and the Colorado River Valley.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Newlin made a motion that Items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approve expenses incurred from the disposal of biosolids to Mohave Valley Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for fiscal year 2025/2026, and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)
2. Accept the dedication of utility improvements within City right-of-way, including a booster station, located in the vicinity of 1579 Havasupai Drive, Bullhead City, as outlined in the "Letter of Intent to Dedicate Utility Improvements to Bullhead City" dated June 22, 2025. (Utilities Director Clark)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for an Interim Permit and new Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Job No. 343710 submitted by Miguel Navarro for Miguelito's Mexican Food located at 2440 Adobe Road, Suite 112, Bullhead City, Arizona. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said the application has been reviewed by staff and there are no objections

Mayor Head asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Scotty McClure asked why the application is asking for the applicant's gender. City Attorney Emery said it is a state application and is not generated by the city.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Head closed the public hearing.

Council Member Dallman made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for an Interim Permit and new Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Job No. 343710 submitted by Miguel Navarro for Miguelito's Mexican Food located at 2440 Adobe Road, Suite 112, Bullhead City, Arizona. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and Catholic Charities Community Services in Support of the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help and Hope, effective July 1, 2025 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the agreement. (Human Services Director Tipton)

City Manager Cotter said there has been a lot of discussion about this agreement. He said he spoke with Council Member Ring after the workshop about some of her concerns related to reporting and payment. He briefly explained the changes that were made to the agreement and said Catholic Charities also accepted the changes.

Council Member Newlin said he thought the additional reporting requirements were very good and said he was glad to see them in the agreement.

Mayor Head asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Scotty McClure said they need to install a fence along the back of the shelter to keep trespassers out. He said homeless people are digging holes and sleeping in them and said there is human waste behind the shelter.

Sean Regan applauded Council Member Ring for requiring more reporting from Catholic Charities. He said some of the homeless veterans may be digging holes and sleeping in them because they are in survival mode. He said he would like the shelter to allow people to stay longer during the summer months.

Community Outreach and Shelter Operations Manager Rebecca Vaughn thanked the Council and said they appreciated the Council's support. She said they would love to install a fence in the back of the property, but it is a funding issue. She said it is on their radar and said they will have a fence installed as soon as it is feasible.

Council Member Ring said she liked the reporting because they need accountability, and said she liked that the city is going to give them a monthly check instead of one lump sum.

Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and Catholic Charities Community Services in Support of the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help and Hope, effective July 1, 2025 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the agreement.

Council Member O'Neill said if anyone had questions about Catholic Charities, they should visit the shelter and volunteer. He said Catholic Charities has an exceptional veterans program.

Council Member Dallman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fourteenth Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Colorado River effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2025/2026 and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said during the budget process, the Council discussed adding \$100,000 to the budget for the Boys and Girls Club. He said his commitment to the Council was to bring this item back for discussion. He said at that time, there were discussions about consolidating with the Phoenix Boys and Girls Clubs. He said some of the current board members from the Bullhead City Boys and Girls Club approached him and asked if there could be an increase in funding, specifically for this

year to help them with some of their costs and considerations. He said he asked Teri Tomlinson to attend tonight's meeting to explain and justify the additional requested funds. He said this request was made by the board of the Bullhead City Boys and Girls Club and at that time the decision was made to continue the conversation before moving forward.

Teri Tomlinson said she is with the Legacy Foundation and said she also sits on the Boys and Girls Club board. She said from the Legacy perspective, they have been committed to the mission of the Boys and Girls Club for many years. She said not only have they committed with their hearts, but they have committed through the Legacy Foundation with funding, and said they have committed funding again to the Boys and Girls Club. She said she is especially aligned with the Boys and Girls Club because she worked there for several years. She said a decision was made by the Legacy's Board of Directors to allocate \$250,000 to the Boys and Girls Club and to be allocated as follows: \$50,000 for operational support; \$100,000 as a no interest loan; \$50,000 to recruitment to hire a new CEO; and \$50,000 towards the salary of the new CEO.

Council Member Smith asked why they are requesting \$100,000 this year when in previous years they have requested \$50,000. Kari Gunsalus said she is the Director of Administration and Interim CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River. She thanked the Council for their generous support in the past, and said the funding they receive is a lifeline for their organization and ensures that they can keep their doors open to every child who needs a safe place to learn and grow. She said the city's investment allows them to pay their staff a competitive wage so they can retain the mentors who guide and inspire the youth every day. She said the funding also helps to sustain the many impactful programs they offer and briefly spoke about some of the programs. Council Member Smith asked why the additional \$50,000 is being requested and what is different this year from last year. Ms. Tomlinson said during the budget process, City Manager Cotter had mentioned the possibility of merging with Scottsdale, and said she believed those discussions began sometime in January. She said she thought that once they felt the merger was likely, the focus may have shifted away from fundraising and building up the resources needed for summer. She said as a result, when they learned about the merger talks, they also discovered that they were short on funding for the summer day camp. She said the Legacy Foundation stepped in to help and hoped the city would partner with them to sustain the operation of the summer day camp program, which carries significant costs. She explained that staffing alone can reach about 60 employees during the two or three months the camp serves children, and said when she reviewed payroll, the numbers were upside down. She said that perhaps attention was diverted at that time, and the fundraising needed to support the club was not fully carried out. She said this year they needed help, and she asked the Council to consider approving the funding increase.

Council Member Newlin said this year he will be following the efficiency of the Boys and Girls Club and their continued programs. He said he believes that the Boys and Girls Club serve an important purpose in the community.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he believes in the Boys and Girls Club and what they do. He said he does not like inefficiency, mismanagement, and not following the principles of business. He said he stopped at numerous businesses in town, including the Boys and Girls Club Thrift Stores, and asked the managers if they had store inventory. He said each store manager told him they did not keep store inventory, and said they had no idea what was in their inventory. He said if there were a fire, flood, or act of God, they would not know what information they should give to the insurance company because they have nothing but bifurcated numbers which would be defrauding the insurance

company. He said he visited the Bullhead City store and said he wanted to purchase an old shoehorn they had. He said the item was rusted and the leather on it was shredded. He said it would cost him approximately \$50.00 to have it fixed. He said it was marked for \$6.00 and offered \$3.00 because of the cost it will be to fix it. He said the employee told him the store policy does not allow them to lower their prices. He said he left without purchasing the shoehorn, and said he has seen this happen on numerous occasions. He said they need to remember that they are making 120 percent profit because they do not purchase inventory; everything is donated to them for free. He said not too long ago they had a fundraising car show event with the Fellows Car Club. He said there were also a few vendors at the event selling their goods. He said the only advertising they had was someone handing out leaflets. He said their event would have been much more successful if they advertised it in the paper, on local television, or in Our Town Magazine. He said he will not be voting in favor of this item.

Council Member Dallman said she believes in the Boys and Girls Club and everything they have done. She said the loss of Autum Boyle-Robinson as the Chief Executive Officer speaks volumes. She said they are no longer doing a lot of the fundraising events they used to. She said they used to have a Margarita Blast event that paid for the summer programs, and said they are no longer doing that event. She said she is in favor of this item because she has seen the efforts they have made to find a new director. She said they are working hand in hand with the Legacy Foundation and said Teri Tomlinson has joined the board. She said Ms. Tomlinson's efforts when she was director were amazing, and said she knew they would pick the best person to take over the Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Head asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Terri Tomlinson said she agreed with Vice Mayor Alfonzo's comments. She said she joined the board in May, and said part of her responsibilities as a board member was to look into the finances, efficiencies, and how to lower costs while still doing a great job. She said she visited both thrift stores yesterday and today and said she directed the store managers to negotiate prices with the public. She said she is looking at their current staffing and putting together financial statements that will show what each store makes and what their costs are. She said when they hire a new director, they need to look at how they can better manage their resources and staff.

Tina Nunez, a resident of Bullhead City, stated that she had raised her two children in the community, ages 15 and 18. She said she had also worked in social services for nine years, where she visited homes with babies and young children. She noted that the average age in Bullhead City was 58, which was also her age. She said it was not typical for someone her age to still be raising children. She expressed concern that the community had a deficit of support for children. She stated that many children could not afford to attend the Boys and Girls Club or participate in extracurricular activities. She said parents were struggling to clothe their children for school while school fees continued to rise. Ms. Nunez said the challenges families faced today were very different from those of earlier generations. She said the Boys and Girls Club was being asked to do the impossible; to serve children in crisis with limited funding while still paying qualified staff to guide and mentor youth. She said without the right adults, the community risked losing its children. She shared that she was also a mental health advocate and, through her work as a home visitor, she had seen how young parents, often 18 or 19 years old, had grown up in the same school system without direction. She said these young parents were told to go to college, get a career, and get a job, but in her experience, it was difficult to find opportunities even as a highly educated and experienced professional herself. She said the community was failing its children and that without intervention, another generation would

be lost. She noted that she was not familiar with city finances but emphasized that families were suffering, some were homeless, and many were struggling. Ms. Nunez urged the council to picture themselves as children and to remember what they had needed at that age. She said she could take care of herself, but many younger parents and children could not, and she urged the council to use their power to make a difference.

Sean Regan said that although it was an emotional time, he first wanted to give accolades to the council. He thanked the council and said he had been fighting for this kind of leadership for a long time and was glad to finally see it. He emphasized that children were important and shared a personal story from high school when he and his mother worked at a struggling thrift store. He said by selling items at very low prices, the store made more money in three months than it had in the previous year. He said this was partly due to his mother's approach and partly her own shopping. He said he agreed with Vice Mayor Alfonzo's comments that organizations such as Goodwill, Salvation Army, and the Boys and Girls Club received their merchandise for free but often priced items as if they were retail. He said much of the merchandise was of poor quality, and customers often discovered they could not use half of what they bought. He stated that staff behavior also needed improvement, noting that some employees were impeccably rude, which discouraged shoppers. He said as a service industry, thrift stores need to focus on serving customers, because without customer service, there would be no customers and no business. He said the reason why he would support allocating an additional \$50,000 was because of his personal trust in Terry Tomlinson, who served on the board. He said he knew her work ethic and believed the funds would be used appropriately and that needed changes would be made. He added that, while he did not feel positive about the Boys and Girls Club Thrift Store itself and often left upset after visiting, he supported the funding because of the potential impact on children in the community. He also referenced recent student test scores, noting that the funding could provide another avenue for improvement. He concluded by saying they agreed with the comments made by others throughout the meeting, praised the overall discussion, and thanked the council for their work.

Council Member Dallman made a motion to approve the Fourteenth Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Colorado River effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2025/2026 and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment of behalf of the City. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring **NAYS:** Alfonzo, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-33, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City, IGA No. 25-0011190-I, for the improvement of Hancock Road. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

City Manager Cotter said the city has received \$1.5 million for the repaving of Hancock Road. He said a lot of that was due to the council's effective lobbying with State Senator Angus, who was instrumental in the funding, and State Representatives Gillette and Borrelli. He said the Intergovernmental Agreement will convey \$1.5 million to the city. He said they believe the total cost of the project will be approximately \$3 million, and said they will be working with the council in the near future on additional budgetary needs to get the project completed.

Council Member Dallman asked City Manager Cotter when he made the statement that \$1.5 million had been conveyed meant that the city actually had the funds in hand. She referred to page four, item nine, which stated “non-availability of funds.” She noted that if, for some reason, the funds were not available, the state would not be held liable to disburse those funds to the city, and the city could be left responsible for \$1.5 million or whatever amount had already been spent on the project but not reimbursed. City Manager Cotter said they will give the city \$1.5 million once the agreement is signed. He said when they approved the agreement for \$8 million a few years ago, the city received the funds via wire transfer very quickly. He said those funds were earning interest while staff planned and designed the right turn lanes. He said he believed this will be the same thing. He said the funds will be in the bank and staff will start doing the design and engineering and also talk to the council, present plans, go out to bid, and will supplement the budget as needed while moving forward with the project.

Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-33, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City, IGA No. 25-0011190-I, for the improvement of Hancock Road. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

Mayor Head asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Scotty McClure asked if all property owners would be notified of the project and if the sewer lines and valves in the area will be checked to make sure they are in good working condition before the street is repaved. Utilities Director Clark said in anticipation of this project, staff inspected all the valves and hydrants on Hancock to see which ones may need to have some work done on them before the project starts. He said they are planning to make all needed repairs before the project begins.

Public Works Director Johnson said they are sending a letter to all the utility companies explaining the upcoming project. She said the letter will explain that if they have anything that needs to be fixed, they will have 10-12 months to get it addressed, and said after that it will be a no cut street for 3 years. She said if something does break under the road, they will have to do a full width and depth replacement of the pavement.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O’Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of SWAT protective equipment from Aardvark as a sole source purchase in the amount of \$63,075.67. (Police Chief Trebes)

Chief Trebes reported that the request was for approval to purchase SWAT protective body equipment from Aardvark Tactical Products in the amount of \$63,075.67. He explained that the equipment in use was over ten years old and had reached its expiration date. He stated that detailed research had been conducted to ensure that SWAT team members had the correct equipment to keep them safe. He noted that Project 7 was designed to work as a single integrated system, ensuring that all components—vest and arm protectors, plates, helmets, battle belts, pack shields, and pouches worked together seamlessly to provide complete safety for the tactical operator.

Council Member Smith asked SWAT Team Commander Lieutenant Riggers to explain the P7 lightweight pouch sets, which were listed at 18 units. She noted that the cost breakdown did not appear to add up, as the line items below, such as 40-millimeter pouches at 30 units and bungees at 15 units were all shown as zeroed. She stated that she assumed those pieces were included with the first listed item but wanted clarification regarding the discrepancy in numbers. Lieutenant Riggers explained that the police department had budgeted the kits for 15 operators on the team, including 13 entry personnel and 2 sniper personnel. He stated that for each kit, certain items such as magazine pouches should have reflected 15 units. He further explained that the 40-millimeter pouches were single pouches, and each operator would have two, which accounted for the total of 30 units spread across the 15 members. Council Member Smith pointed out that the P7 lightweight pouch sets still showed 18 units rather than 15. Lieutenant Riggers acknowledged the discrepancy and stated that he did not have an explanation for why the listing showed 18 units on that specific item. Council Member Smith clarified that she was not opposed to the request, and emphasized her support for ensuring the team had what they needed, but that the numbers had not lined up and she wanted to understand the breakdown. Lieutenant Riggers stated he did not have an answer for that item at the time.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve the purchase of SWAT protective equipment from Aardvark as a sole source purchase in the amount of \$63,075.67. Council Member Dallman seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES:** Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith **NAYS:** None

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract for purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$771.68 per ton, and for a total not to exceed \$926,014.74 for fiscal year 2025/2026 from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Inc., of Las Vegas, Nevada, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is a request to approve to enter into a contract with Ergon Asphalt of Las Vegas, Nevada, for slurry oil. She said the project was advertised on July 2, July 9, and July 16, and that bids were opened on July 23. She said twelve vendors accessed the bid documents, and two bidders submitted proposals, the same number as last year. Johnson noted that the total dollar amount per ton was \$814.68 last year and \$771.68 this year. She stated that this was a budgeted item.

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

Council Member O'Neill made a motion to approve the contract for purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$771.68 per ton, and for a total not to exceed \$926,014.74 for fiscal year 2025/2026 from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Inc., of Las Vegas, Nevada, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Smith NAYS: None ABSENT: Ring

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract for the purchase of Type II Slurry Seal Sand for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$33.29 per ton, for a total amount not to exceed \$199,735.20 for fiscal year 2025/2026 from S&S Concrete of Bullhead City, Arizona, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is a request to approve a contract with S&S Concrete for slurry sand, and said the sand is used in the slurry program. She said bids were advertised on July 2, July 9, and July 16 and said the bids were opened on July 23. She said 12 vendors accessed the bid and only one bid was received. She said there are no other vendors in the area that make this material. She said last year they paid \$29.45 per delivered ton and this year the cost is \$33.29 per delivered ton. She said they have requested to have the sand delivered instead of picking it up because staff does not have to stop what they are doing to pick up the sand.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the contract for the purchase of Type II Slurry Seal Sand for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$33.29 per ton, for a total amount not to exceed \$199,735.20 for fiscal year 2025/2026 from S&S Concrete of Bullhead City, Arizona, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Replacement of Two Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plant Membranes with Zenon Environmental Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$809,830.00 plus applicable taxes, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark reported that the Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plant was a membrane surface water treatment plant. He explained that the filtration system operated with membranes resembling pieces of spaghetti hanging on a rack. He noted that while different manufacturers produced these membranes, each design varied, requiring a full change of the rack system if switching manufacturers. He stated that the plant currently used Zenon membranes and that Zenon was the sole manufacturer of its filtration equipment. He explained that purchasing from Zenon as a sole source avoided the additional cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars that would result from replacing racks

and associated equipment. He reported that the membranes typically lasted six to seven years, and the plant was now at the seven-year mark. He said two trains of membranes needed to be replaced this year, with the remaining two trains planned for replacement next year. He noted that this would provide another six to seven years of service before further replacements would be required.

Council Member Newlin said the contract states that the membrane must be stored in a sheltered area out of direct sunlight, and said there is also temperature requirements. He asked Utilities Director Clark if he had adequate storage for the membranes. Utilities Director Clark answered affirmative.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve the Agreement for Replacement of Two Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plant Membranes with Zenon Environmental Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$809,830.00 plus applicable taxes, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

11. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-34, inviting Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum to attend the 75th anniversary of Davis Dam power generation and to participate in the Intergovernmental Summit of Local Leaders on or about January 8, 2026. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

Assistant City Manager Pruitt stated that this item was a resolution requesting that Secretary Doug Burgum of the Department of the Interior attend the dam celebration. He noted that the Bureau of Reclamation fell under the Department of the Interior, making the Secretary's presence ideal. He explained that the resolution was similar to one previously passed by the County, and that the city was following suit. He stated that, if authorized by the council, the resolution would be sent immediately to the Secretary's Office as an invitation to attend the celebration. He added that the visit would also provide an opportunity to meet and discuss issues related to the Department of the Interior, including water matters. He said the National Park Service also fell under the secretary's purview, and land issues could be discussed as well.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he thought it was a great idea to invite Secretary Burgum to the 75th anniversary event. He said perhaps they will be able to get him to commit to his stewardship of water and energy resources to all concerned.

Mayor Head said this is an excellent idea. He said any time they could get a member of the president's cabinet to visit Bullhead City or the surrounding area will allow the city to show the secretary around and help him understand what a unique community this is. He said he hoped that the secretary would take that impression back with him and remember the community when future opportunities or needs arise.

Council Member Dallman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025R-34, inviting Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum to attend the 75th anniversary of Davis Dam power generation and to participate in the Intergovernmental Summit of Local Leaders on or about January 8, 2026. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Head declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 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 August 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of September 2025.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk