

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, April 1, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor D'Amico called the special meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark Clark

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Discussion regarding Section 10 Wastewater projects and lift station improvements.

City Manager Cotter said there are a lot of projects taking place at the wastewater treatment plants. He said staff wanted to hold a special meeting to discuss all the projects so the Council and the public have a better understanding of the projects.

Utilities Director Clark gave a slide show presentation showing photos of current projects, damaged equipment and equipment needing repair. He also showed a color coded map showing current projects, timelines of planned projects, and future projects.

Utilities Director Clark said the new headworks are currently under construction. He said the basement has been poured and is waterproof, and said they will be pouring the slab for the main floor in a couple of weeks. He said after that, they will start putting up the block for the actual building above. He said last year they purchased bar screens from Germany and said they looked at a few different bar screen systems before they made any purchases. He said they are expecting the generator to be delivered any day now and will install it as soon as it is received.

Utilities Director Clark said they have started construction on the second aeration basin. He said they have the hole dug and have the rebar in the existing aeration basin exposed. He said they are getting ready to put in the base so they can pour the floor soon.

Utilities Director Clark showed photos of the oxidation ditch that is located just to the right of the aeration basin. He said the last time the oxidation ditch was rehabbed was in 2007 and is in poor condition. He said they plan to do a full rehab next year. He said part of the rehab is going to include new pumps and motors, and said those items are on tonight's agenda.

Utilities Director Clark showed a map that included projects they are planning to start next year. He said the map shows 3 clarifiers and said two of the existing clarifiers need to be rehabbed and they

are going to build 1 new clarifier. He said one of the clarifiers failed yesterday and a company is currently on site installing temporary equipment so they can get it back up and running until the permanent replacement equipment is manufactured. He showed photos of the clarifier that failed and the motor. He said all the equipment for the 3 clarifiers will be on the next council agenda. He said the reason why they need to order the equipment for the clarifiers and the oxidation ditch this year is because there is a 9 month lag between when the equipment is ordered and when it is received. He said they will not have to pay for the equipment until after July 1st so the funds will come out of next years budget. He said all the items are included in the capital budget and will be presented to the council later this year.

Utilities Director Clark showed photos of a pipe that blew up and flooded the Section 10 Wastewater Treatment Plant a few months ago. He showed photos of a pipe that is turning orange and has some pitting. He said they can hold the sewage that is coming into the plant in the collection system outside while they do the repair. He said this project is also on tonight's agenda. He said they want to get the pipe repaired as soon as possible because it could fail at any time. He showed photos of various pipes that failed and the damage it caused.

Utilities Director Clark showed photos of the oxidation ditch he mentioned earlier. He said the photos show the bad condition of the concrete and said this is part of the reason why they have a consent order with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. He said they want the city to repair all the damage, and said there are other items that are problematic. He said the motor is spilling oil because the shaft for the motor is bent which is causing it to not be as efficient as it should. He said they believe the entire project will cost a couple million dollars to repair and rehab, and said this project is on tonight's council agenda.

Utilities Director Clark showed photos of lift stations 18-1 and 18-2. He said the walls on lift station 18-1 are in very bad shape and said the walls on lift station 18-2 appeared to be in pretty good shape. He showed photos of damage to both lift stations that staff were not expecting. He said the rebar was exposed on lift station 18-1, and said 5-6 inches of the concrete walls were lost. He showed additional photos of rust, exposed rebar, and concrete damage. He briefly explained how the damage was repaired.

Utilities Director Clark said the Section 10 Plant is in the midst of an upgrade. He said they are upgrading it from 4 million gallons per day to 6 million gallons per day due to the population growth. He said this plant was originally built sometime in the 1990's and was upgraded sometime between 2004 and 2007 to 4 million gallons per day. He said there has been a lot of population growth since 2007 and that is the reason why they are upgrading to 6 million gallons per day. He said the next 2 years are going to be the most crucial in the expansion because there is a lot of work to be done.

Utilities Director Clark asked the Council Members if they had any questions.

Mayor D'Amico asked what the timeframe is for clarifier 3 and irrigation basin 3. Utilities Director Clark said they will start on clarifier 3 next year, and said irrigation basin 3 will depend on future growth.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked what he thought the approximate cost would be to complete all the projects shown on the map. Utilities Director Clark said they believe the cost will be between \$60-\$70 million of capital projects.

Utilities Director Clark said they have come a long way over the last 4 years, and said they have a great staff and a very good management team. He said the city took over EPCOR Water in 2021, and said a lot of improvements have taken place. He said they are in a really good place right now, and said they are going to need additional funding moving forward to complete what has been started.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Harvey Pryor said the odors have gotten a lot better. He asked why there was not a moisture barrier applied to the concrete to stop it from being deteriorated. Utilities Director Clark said they do put a moisture barrier on the concrete, but the last time the plants were rehabbed was in 2007 so the coating has deteriorated. He said hydrogen sulfide gas damages the concrete more than liquid does.

Council Member Head made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and convene into executive session at 4:12 p.m. Council Member Dallman seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Annual review of City Clerk Debie Ogden. Arizona Revised Statutes § 38- 431.03(A)(1).

Council Member Ring made a motion to adjourn from executive session and the special meeting at 4:33 p.m. Council Member Head seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor D'Amico declared the special meeting adjourned at 4:33 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 1st day of April 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of April 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, April 1, 2025, 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 Captain John Birks from the Salvation Army to deliver the invocation. Council Member O'Neill led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE CHIEF: Robert Trebes

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation from TWN Communication regarding current projects in Bullhead City.

Jeremy Brunk from TWN Communications said a small area in the Hancock/Riverfront area has been delayed. He said they hoped to have the area up and running by May 7th. He said they are wrapping up construction and said their restoration teams are currently on site. He said they should be done with the restoration by the end of May. He played a short video regarding TWN services that are offered and their service areas.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor D'Amico opened the call to the public.

Barbara Pape spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Women's Republican luncheon to be held at Chaparral Terrace and the upcoming America First Victory Gala event to be held at the Riverside Casino on April 26th.

Diana Lestat said she is the current Lecturing Knight at the Bullhead City Elks Lodge. She spoke about their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt event to be held at Dean Hackett Park on April 19th. She said they need Easter candy and Easter baskets, and said all donations can be dropped off at the Bullhead City Elks Lodge.

Lisa (did not give last name) spoke about a fundraising and pet adoption event that is going to take place at the Mohave Trading Post located in Fort Mohave on April 12-13.

Shawn Regan said there is a lack of transparency with BARC. He said he did some checking and there is no 501C letter or an EIN number. He said he would like to know who the board members are and where funds come from. He said there is also a lack of transparency with the Veterans Court. He said the court received a half million dollars grant and none of the funds were given to veterans. He said the funds were used to pay attorneys, drug and alcohol testing, and the court clerk.

Scotty McClure said he was upset because the work session that took place on March 4, 2025 started early and said he is going to let the Attorney General know. He accused Mayor D'Amico of getting kicked out of the Army.

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

John Birks from the Salvation Army said Good Friday is on April 18th and Easter is on April 20th. He encouraged everyone to attend church and celebrate Easter. He said the Salvation Army is going to host May the Fourth Be With You event on May 4th from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. He said they are hoping to secure enough small packages of Star Wars Legos so every child that attends will be able to take one home, and said they will have a drawing for a large Lego set and a Star Wars Lego set.

Harvey Pryor asked Police Chief Trebes to give monthly updates regarding special events and river statistics during the summer months. He asked if minibikes and electric bikes are allowed on city streets.

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 Head seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Receive Information from County Supervisor Rich Lettman Regarding County Matters

Mohave County Supervisor Rich Lettman said the County looked pretty good going into their fiscal year. He said a budget workshop will take place in Kingman on April 16th. He said he did not anticipate any property tax increases.

Mohave County Supervisor Rich Lettman said their office is coordinating with over two dozen agencies, nonprofit organizations, and governmental groups to put an umbrella over all the services that are offered to veterans. He thanked Bullhead City and all the groups that have been working with the County for helping organize this. He said their intent is to have a veterans summit that includes various veterans organizations and leaders. He said they are going to invite the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Doug Collins to attend the event and listen to their story and hear about their needs.

Mohave County Supervisor Rich Lettman said they are urging the Bureau of Reclamation to open Davis Dam again. He said he is meeting with the new Bureau of Reclamation Deputy Director, Doctor Carolyn Steward and Sam Elders from Mohave County this Friday to discuss public access into the dam as part of National Public Lands Week. He said they want to partner with Clark County, Laughlin Town Hall, several community groups, Mohave County, and Bullhead City to plan a celebration to mark the 75th anniversary of Davis Dam. He said they will be in contact with the city as the event nears.

Mohave County Supervisor Rich Lettman briefly spoke about rebranding the Tri-State area along the river, adding a member of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors to the Mohave County Airport Authority, teen violence in Mohave County, and adding markers on the proposed Davis Dam Loop.

2. Electronic Recycling Event – May 4

City Manager Cotter said an electronic recycling event will take place on May 4th near the Motor Vehicle Department. He said people can drop off old electronics, bulky items, and hazardous waste.

3. City Recreation Summer Camp

City Manager Cotter said the city Recreation Office opened summer camp today. He said over 100 campers have already registered, and said there is a \$5.00 discount for early registration. He said a lot of the camps will be held at the Anderson Field House and will be spread throughout the community.

4. City Employee Customer Service Training

City Manager Cotter said all city employees went through customer service training last week at Mohave Community College. He said all participants were given a certificate of completion from the college. He said he participated in the first class and thought it went very well, and employees received very good information and had a good experience.

5. Bullhead City Direct App

City Manager Cotter said the Bullhead Direct App can be used to report an issue within the city. He said a person can take a picture of the issue and report it anonymously. He said if someone sees a pothole, they just take a picture of it and download it to the Bullhead Direct App. He said there are opportunities to communicate with city staff and to report concerns within the app.

City Manager Cotter said he received an email from Steve Scigliano informing him that his father, Al Scigliano, had passed away. He said Al Scigliano served on the first Bullhead City Council, and said he played a big part in the city's incorporation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

None

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Newlin made a motion that Items 1-3 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member O'Neill 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 the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
2. Accept the Grant and Dedication Right of Way in Fee Title Section 12, T20N, R22W G&SRM (The Bullhead Commons/Highway 95/ APN 214-01-017) (City Attorney Emery)
3. Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-10, authorizing the submittal of an application and receipt of a grant (2025-PTS-075) for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, and authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute the Agreement and issue all necessary resulting documentation. (Police Chief Trebes)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine) Liquor License Job No. 32369 submitted by Amy S. Nations for Jacksons #6798 located at 3713 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said staff have reviewed the application and has no concerns.

Mayor D'Amico asked if the applicant was present. The applicant was not present.

Mayor D'Amico opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak, Mayor D'Amico closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine) Liquor License Job No. 32369 submitted by Amy S. Nations for Jacksons #6798 located at 3713 Highway 95 in Bullhead City. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for CityCentre Improvement District Development Project, between the City of Bullhead City and Anderson-Nelson, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$489,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resulting payments. (Assistant City Manager Kajirwa)

City Manager Cotter said the land next to City Hall is 270 acres and borders Highway 95, Riverview Drive, and Marina Boulevard and said it is essentially the CityCentre development. He said this item will get the ball rolling on the improvement district. He said the Council will see the improvement district in the coming months, but the developer has asked to move forward with the process. He said staff have let the developer know that nothing will move forward until they reimburse the city. He said when the district moves forward, the property will have approximately \$12million-\$14million worth of improvements. He said it will consist of streets, the main infrastructure, and a new third lane on Highway 95. He said the city will place a lien on the property and if the developer does not reimburse the city, the city will foreclose on the land and sell it. He said this would be the least risky improvement district ever done by the city. He said if the developer wanted to move forward with improvements to Highway 95, they would have to reimburse the city before any engineering could start.

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

Council Member Dallman made a motion to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for CityCentre Improvement District Development Project, between the City of Bullhead City and Anderson-Nelson, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$489,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resulting payments. Council Member Head seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Headworks Facility 24-Inch Pipe Replacement with Kay Constructors, LLC., in the amount of \$71,775.00 plus any applicable taxes and fees, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item is a request to replace a portion of the main sewer inflow line at the Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant. He said there was a major break in the line a few months ago and it flooded the wastewater treatment plant with sewage. He said other parts of the line are showing extreme deterioration and staff is concerned that another portion of the line could break. He said the project did go out to bid and said Kay Constructors was the lowest bid.

Mayor D'Amico 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 Agreement for Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Headworks Facility 24-Inch Pipe Replacement with Kay Constructors, LLC., in the amount of \$71,775.00 plus any applicable taxes and fees, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resultant payments. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to approve: 1) an Agreement for Purchase and Installation of WesTech Oxystream Aerators and Accessories for two WesTech Oxystream Aerators and accessories for a total amount of \$711,430.00 plus any applicable taxes and shipping; 2) approve the waiver of competitive bidding pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code 3.37.030 (D) as being in the best interest of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and approve resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

City Manager Cotter said city staff held a work session today at 3:30 regarding Section 10 Wastewater projects and lift station improvements. He said Utilities Director Clark showed a lot of pictures, and said the public can watch the video if they wanted further information.

Utilities Director Clark said this is a request to purchase replacement equipment for the oxidation ditch located at the Section 10 Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said the last time the oxidation ditch was rehabbed was sometime in 2007, and said the equipment is in poor shape and past its useful life. He said WesTech equipment is currently being used and said they wanted to replace it with upgraded WesTech equipment. He said they would like to keep using WesTech equipment because staff already know how to operate it. He said the city is also under a consent decree with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to get the oxidation ditch repaired. He said unfortunately the equipment that they need to purchase has a 9 month lag between the time the equipment is ordered and the time it is received. He said this project is budgeted for next fiscal year and said no money will be paid until after July 1. He said they do need to order the equipment now because it will take approximately 9 months to receive it.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked why the equipment did not go out for bid. Utilities Director Clark said the equipment did not go out for bid because this is the same equipment they are currently using, and staff is very familiar with the equipment and how it operates.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve: 1) an Agreement for Purchase and Installation of WesTech Oxystream Aerators and Accessories for two WesTech Oxystream Aerators and accessories for a total amount of \$711,430.00 plus any applicable taxes and shipping; 2) approve the waiver of competitive bidding pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code 3.37.030 (D) as being in the best interest of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and approve resultant payments. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to approve: 1) an Amendment to Agreement for Professional Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Services with Southwest Automation Services, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$82,000; 2) approve the waiver of competitive bidding pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code 3.37.030(D) as being in the best interest of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item is for a 3 year agreement with Southwest Automation to provide on-call services, and said they assisted the city with creating the city's first SCADA Master Plan. He said several years ago, after they finished the master plan, they also worked with the city and helped with the implementation of the master plan. He said staff would like to use Southwest Automation Services because they know the system inside and out. He said they have been the city's contractor for the last 3 years and said the contract with them has expired. He said they would like a new contract with them for the next 3 years for on-call assistance as needed.

Mayor D'Amico asked how much money was used during the last contract. Utilities Director Clark said they did not use all the money in the last contract. He said during the first two years they spent

more than they did during the third year because staff were getting up to speed with some of the equipment that was already in use, and said now staff are using them less.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if the city had a contract with anyone prior to the last 3 years. Utilities Director Clark said the city did not have a contract prior to the 3 years because that is when the city developed the SCADA Master Plan.

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

Council Member O'Neill made a motion to approve: 1) an Amendment to Agreement for Professional Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Services with Southwest Automation Services, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$82,000; 2) approve the waiver of competitive bidding pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code 3.37.030(D) as being in the best interest of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the construction contract with Yavapai Mechanical LLC., of Prescott Valley, Arizona, for the replacement of two existing chillers in an amount not to exceed \$525,239.00 for the Justice Center Complex, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign resulting documents on behalf of the City. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said he wanted the public to know that this item was budgeted and carefully thought out and said the project has been deferred a few years. He said the chillers that are currently being used are the original chillers from when the building was built, and said they are past their life expectancy.

Public Works Director Johnson said they went out to bid on this item on February 19th and 26th. She said the bids were opened on March 10th. She said 3 bids were received and Yavapai Mechanical was the lowest bid. She said they have never worked with this vendor, so staff did some reference checks. She said they got a lot of rave reviews from people they have worked with. She said if this item is approved, she will contact the vendor and find out the lead time for the chillers. She said the contract states that only one chiller can be down at a time so heating and cooling can be maintained to the buildings and to make sure that the new chiller is functioning properly before they install the second chiller.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if there was anything in the contract regarding delivery dates and asked if the cost may be affected by any type of tariffs that are being levied on foreign countries. Public Works Director Johnson said the bid is valid for 99 days prior to award and said they will be locked into the prices they quoted. She said they will order the chillers as soon as she sends them the Notice of Award. She said she will send the Notice of Intent to the contractor so they can get their bonds to the city and after that she will do the Notice to Proceed.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Jaclyn Edge said she works at Desert Valley Elementary School and said they had to replace their chillers and asked if the city had long-term plans to help with energy efficiency such as insulated walls, cool roofing materials, window films and shade trees. City Manager Cotter said some of the suggestions have already been made. He said the city is currently under contract with an energy efficiency company to look at all city buildings to find ways to improve energy efficiency.

Council Member Dallman made a motion to approve the construction contract with Yavapai Mechanical LLC., of Prescott Valley, Arizona, for the replacement of two existing chillers in an amount not to exceed \$525,239.00 for the Justice Center Complex, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign resulting documents on behalf of the City. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

10. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-11, amending Section A3.40.030.09, Annual Parking Pass, of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule, by reducing the annual pass amount option for non-City residents (Laughlin, Fort Mohave, Needles and Mohave Valley) and expanding the areas subject to the pass option (Needles and Mohave Valley). (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said at the last council meeting, he notified the Council that the nonresident parking pass will be increased to \$25.00 when the city charges in the summer months to park at Community Park. He said at that meeting, Mayor D'Amico and other Council Members suggested staff bring an item forward lowering the parking pass to \$35.00 for people who live in Fort Mohave, Laughlin, Needles, and Mohave Valley.

Council Member Newlin said he is in favor of the change. He said they can continue to look at the fee structure and make adjustments as needed.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025R-11, amending Section A3.40.030.09, Annual Parking Pass, of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule, by reducing the annual pass amount option for non-City residents (Laughlin, Fort Mohave, Needles and Mohave Valley) and expanding the areas subject to the pass option (Needles and Mohave Valley). Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion and possible action to approve adding elected officials to the group life insurance policy effective fiscal year 2025-2026. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said the City Council added health group benefits to the council members during a budget meeting that took place perhaps 20 years ago. He said he did not know if not adding group life insurance was just an oversight or if it was intentional as this was done before his time as City Manager and the records do not reflect it. He said when they added the benefits, staff never added the life insurance benefit. He said all other benefits were implemented except for life insurance. He said the city is part of a health trust where we share benefits with Kingman, Lake Havasu, and the Lake Havasu School District. He said he was speaking with Mayor D'Amico about this approximately 2 years ago and said he wanted to make sure this benefit is added to the existing benefits. He said the cost is approximately \$1,500 annually for all council members. He said each council member has the option as elected officials to not take the benefit if they choose.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Harvey Pryor asked why this benefit is being offered to the Council and not part time employees. He said part time employees do not get any benefits. He said some part time employees live paycheck to paycheck and the council should not be allowed this benefit until all part time employees receive benefits.

Gary Genovese asked if the benefit will only be applicable while they are serving on the council, or will the benefit follow them for life. He said if the benefits are in place only while serving on council, all governments across the country offer extended benefits when elected official leave office. He said once someone no longer serves on council, the benefits expire.

Scotty McClure said he seconds everything Harvey Pryor said. He said he served on a school board in California and was not paid anything in all the years he served. He said they were offered life insurance, but they paid for it out of their own pockets. He said the council already voted to permanently receive the cost of living adjustment and that should be enough.

Shawn Regan said voting in favor of this item will make the council look bad. He said the council should expand benefits for part-time employees before they expand their own benefits. He asked what the life insurance benefit payout is. City Manager Cotter said the current payout for all full-time employees is \$50,000.00 upon expiration, \$20,000 for a spouse, and 10,000 for a child.

Council Member Ring said at one point, 4 council members died over a span of 5 years. She said their families would have appreciated the benefit. She said she is going to vote yes on this item and hoped she never needed to use it.

Mayor D'Amico said he is going to vote yes on this item and said he would be happy to pay the cost for the benefit out of his own pocket. He said he would also be happy to extend this benefit to all part-time employees if possible.

City Manager Cotter said there are limitations as to who can be added to the policy. He said there are approximately 350 full-time employees that enjoy health, life, vision, and dental benefits. He said there are also a lot of part-time employees that become full-time employees. He said when a person hires on as a part-time employee, they know they are not eligible for benefit. He said he is proud of

the fact that the city has promoted hundreds of part-time employees since he has been City Manager. He said a lot of the part-time employees are minors and are in high school or college. He said other part-time employees are working out in the field, and said very few are working for the police department or the utilities department.

Council Member Newlin asked if this item does pass, could a council member opt out of the coverage. City Manager Cotter answered affirmative.

Mayor D'Amico said he turned down health insurance for almost the entire time he has served on the council and said he will not feel bad for opting in on this benefit.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve adding elected officials to the group life insurance policy effective fiscal year 2025-2026. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. Discussion and possible action to rename a portion of what was previously known as Merrill Road to Brady Boulevard. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said there is currently a project going on at Merrill Avenue and Highway 95. He said once the project is complete, a new stop light will be located at Merrill Avenue and Highway 95. He said he has spoke with Scott Merrill several times and he was always adamant that no matter what the city did at the intersection, his dad and their family are to be remembered. He said the new stop light at Merrill Avenue will allow travelers to get out of Merrill Avenue safely, and said because of the process, there is now a small road in front of the RV park. He said now when you travel onto Merrill Avenue and make the turn there is now a dead end street. He said the street could become a ceremonial type of street because it will not have any addresses or businesses. He said staff spoke about Mayor Tom Brady and all his involvement with the land and all the things he did with Community Park and Davis Camp. He said staff thought it would be fitting for a ceremonial street to be titled Brady Boulevard in honor of Mayor Tom Brady.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he could not think of a better person who is more deserving than Mayor Tom Brady. He thanked Mayor Brady for all the services he has helped provide for parks, recreation, the courts, and for serving as Mayor.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Gary Genovese asked who Merrill was. City Manager Cotter said Mr. Merrill was the original developer of that neighborhood.

Council Member Dallman made a motion to rename a portion of what was previously known as Merrill Road to Brady Boulevard. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor D'Amico called for a break at 6:54 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

13. Discussion and possible action adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-12, urging the Bureau of Reclamation to develop plans for public access to Davis Dam for the education and benefit of the community. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

Assistant City Manager Pruitt said this item is to approve a resolution urging the Bureau of Reclamation to facilitate limited guided tours of Davis Dam. He said County Supervisor Lettman discussed this with the Council at the last council meeting and said this item is a follow-up to the discussions that took place during the meeting.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he would like Davis Dam to open again to educate children and all visitors. He said the dam would be another monument for people to visit.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Barbara Pape said she has been coming to Bullhead City since 1968 and said he has visited the dam many times. She said she found the tours very educational and said she is happy to hear it may open again.

Scotty McClure said the dam was closed to the public due to terrorist threats after September 11th and said he can not believe the government would ever approve reopening the dam to the public. He said there are educational videos showing how the dam was built and suggested the video be shown to school children instead of opening it to the public again.

Jaclyn Edge said she is a teacher and said there is a big difference between showing children an educational video and actually visiting the dam. She said if the dam is opened to children for field trips and educational purposes, she will be the first one to sign her class up for a tour.

Mayor D'Amico said he thought it would be great to open the dam, especially for children. He said if the dam was reopened to the public and tours were given there would certainly be security procedures in place. He said he is sure they would not let people roam freely. He said he would be open to approving the resolution with the stipulation that security measures are taken.

Council Member O'Neill said he grew up very close to New York City and said since September 11th you now must walk through a metal detector before you can go to the Statue of Liberty. He said there definitely would be security measures in place if the dam was open to the public.

Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution NO. 2025R-12, urging the Bureau of Reclamation to develop plans for public access to Davis Dam for the education and benefit of the community. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the Turf Reduction Water Conservation Grant Agreement Palo Verde Meadows, between the City of Bullhead City and the Palo Verde Meadows Property Owner's Association, and direct the City Manager to execute the Agreement and take all actions consistent with its implementation. (Assistant City Manager Kajirwa)

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said last year the city was awarded a grant from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona. He said part of the grant was to look how the city could improve water conservation efforts. He said the grant focuses on long term reductions in water use, improvement in water use efficiency and improvements in water reliability. He said when the grant was awarded, staff presented to them that they wanted to look at the green belt areas in Bullhead City and try to find ways to conserve more water. He said under the grant, they can change the green belts from grass to artificial turf. He said the Palo Verde Meadows Homeowners Association is the first association they are bringing before Council. He said they are seeking the Council's approval to enter into a grant agreement with them for this project. He said they will be removing approximately 275,000 square feet of natural turf.

Mayor D'Amico said he was also involved with this grant. He said the grant could not be used for anything other than turf removal. He said our match will also come from prior grant funds. He said the homeowner's association must contribute \$250,000 and the city's match will come from the Water Conservation Fund.

Mayor D'Amico asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on this item.

Sean Regan asked if there will be an audit done on the use of the funds. City Manager Cotter answered affirmative.

Dan Hauck said he is the Palo Verde Meadows Board Member President. He said the Board has discussed this at length and said they believe this will enhance the community.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve the Turf Reduction Water Conservation Grant Agreement Palo Verde Meadows, between the City of Bullhead City and the Palo Verde Meadows Property Owner's Association, and direct the City Manager to execute the Agreement and take all actions consistent with its implementation. Council Member Dallman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, D'Amico, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring
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 7:25 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 1st day of April 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of April 2025.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk