

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, January 6, 2026, 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 George Lyman from Desert Shores Community Baptist Church 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, Head, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

INTEREUM POLICE CHIEF: Daniel Sharp

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Head opened the call to the public.

Diana Lestat, Loyal Knight of the Bullhead City Elks Lodge, spoke about their upcoming Chocolate Festival event that is taking place on January 10th.

Jackie Miller spoke about the Colorado River Republican Women luncheon that is taking place tomorrow at Chaparral Golf Course and Restaurant at 11:00 a.m.

Sean Regan said the Geo Group is going to reintroduce their K-9 program to the Mohave County Animal Shelter. He said he is hoping to partner with them to help train service dogs that will be used by veterans. He wished each council member a Happy New Year and thanked them for their service.

George Lyman from Desert Shores Community Baptist Church spoke about a free workshop called Project Ready or Not that is being held on January 17th.

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

Sue De Marco spoke about upcoming S.A.I.N.T. (Saving Animals in Need Together) fundraising events. She said there will be a free spay/neuter clinic on January 30, 31, and February 1. She said they will be providing services for approximately 200 animals during the event. She said

appointments are filling up quickly, and encouraged the public to make appointments as soon as possible.

Gary Genovese said there is a “no turn on red” signal at the intersection of the Bullhead Parkway and Oatman Road. He said the signal should be flashing so it will grab driver’s attention. He said currently the signal does not flash, and said perhaps more drivers would notice the signal if it did.

Having no one else present requesting 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. Homeless Outreach Event on December 18, 2025

Human Services Director Tipton said a homeless detail was performed on December 18th to reach out to individuals and coordinate resources. He said during this detail, they brought with them a lot of resources they felt individuals needed. He said staff met at 3:00 a.m. and formed 3 teams to cover as much area as possible. He said Catholic Charities opened their conference room, and said someone from the BACCUP Team transported people who wanted various types of assistance to Catholic Charities to seek out resources. He said there were also representatives from WestCare, Southwest Behavioral, Mohave Mental Health, and Catholic Charities on site to offer assistance to those who wanted it. He said during the detail, they made contact with 19 homeless individuals, and said 12 individuals were transported to Catholic Charities to obtain further assistance. He said 6 of the 12 were enrolled in housing and other available resources. He said there was 1 warrant arrest, and said overall the detail was very successful.

2. Chaparral Golf Course and Restaurant

City Manager Cotter said the deeds were signed and recorded yesterday, and said the city officially owns and operates the Chaparral Golf Course and Restaurant.

3. Bullhead City Holiday Video

City Manager Cotter said the month of December was exceptionally busy with events and activities. He played a short video showing highlights of various events that took place throughout the city during the Holiday Season.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Newlin said he participated in the Third Annual New Year's Day Polar Plunge at the Colorado River Nature Center. He said the Venus Energy Rock Shop sponsored the event, and said the event was well attended. He said he was looking forward to participating in the event next year.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo and Council Member Ring wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Head said the Slab-O-Rama event will take place on January 16-17 at Rotary Park. He said the event is put on by the Bullhead City Rotary Club, and said there will be vendors, live music, and public barbecue tasting. He said this is a sanctioned event where participants will earn points and prizes towards the Kansas City Barbeque Society's awards for the year.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion that Item 1 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member Ring 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 the minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

None

Other Business

2. Discussion and possible action to authorize budget amendments from general fund general services contingency to the Risk Management in the amount of \$187,000.00 (Finance Director Drexler)

Risk Manager Stanley said this item is a request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$187,000.00 from the general fund to Risk Management. She said the reason for the request is because there were 3 claims that occurred in the last fiscal year that were not settled until this fiscal year. She said they have currently paid 31 claims, and said there are still 60 pending claims.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve the budget amendments from general fund general services contingency to the Risk Management in the amount of \$187,000.00. Council Member Ring 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 5:58 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 6th day of January 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of January 2026.


Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk