

Upon notice duly given under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431, et seq., as amended, the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 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 Craig Evins from Trinity Baptist Church to deliver the invocation. JROTC Cadets Nevaeh Alvarado and Owen Curtis 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 CAPTAIN: Jason Harms

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Retirement of Military Banners by the Tri-State Military Moms, Inc.

Mayor Head presented "Welcome Home" certificates to the retiring military members. Members of the Tri-State Military Moms read the biographies of each member, and the retired highway banners were presented.

2. Presentation of Appreciation to Arizona State Senator Hildy Angius

Mayor Head said Senator Angius helps Bullhead City as much as she possibly can. He said she has managed to get the city approximately \$1.5 million in the budget to work on Hancock Road and was able to find \$1 million to help the city with a transfer line for the water system so that water can be maintained at all times. He said her dedication to doing the right thing and helping the communities she represents is unwavering, and said you could not ask much more from a senator who visits Bullhead City and looks for ways to help the community.

Senator Angius said she could not have gotten all the things Mayor Head spoke about without the help of Representatives Gillette and Biasiucci. She said there are other districts that are jealous because they do not work together. She said the secret to getting things done is having a great team and working together.

Mayor Head presented a plaque to Senator Angius.

3. Presentation of Appreciation to Arizona State Representative Leo Biasiucci

Mayor Head said Representative Biasiucci has been great in helping the city with its infrastructure. He said Representative Biasiucci was instrumental in helping obtain funds for the right hand turn lanes on Highway 95. He said he is eternally grateful to him and Senator Angius for all their support.

Representative Biasiucci said he has a great relationship with city staff, council members, Senator Angius, and Representative Gillette. He said it is very important to have good relationships because everyone is fighting for their districts. He said if you do not have solid teammates, nothing will get done. He said because of their teamwork, they were able to repave Highway 95 in Bullhead City and Lake Havasu, and help pay for right hand turn lanes on Highway 95. He said he loves knowing that they are bringing things back to rural Arizona.

Mayor Head presented Representative Biasiucci with a small statue.

4. Presentation of Appreciation to Arizona State Representative John Gillette

Representative Gillette was not in attendance.

Mayor Head called for a break at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Head reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Head opened the call to the public.

Jill Ramelot spoke about the River Fund's upcoming Great Duck Pluck fundraising event to take place on November 15th.

Jackie Miller spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Republican Women's meeting to be held at Chaparral Country Club on November 5th.

Sean Regan said his service dog Thor is retiring after 7 years of service. He explained why service dogs are needed by some military members that are returning home from active duty.

Grace Hecht said the Little Sprouts Farmer's Market will take place at Triple Farms Produce this Saturday, and said the Bullhead City Balloon Festival is taking place this weekend at Rotary Park.

Julie Hassett spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Concert Association's schedule of events.

Scotty McClure said he should not have been required to pay for the public records he received. He said he requested verbatim minutes and was given summary minutes.

He said he is going to the Attorney General about Council Member Ring changing her vote on the pervious Catholic Charities agenda item and Proposition 416.

Saadia Aurakzai-Foster said she is the new Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River. She said she started approximately 3 weeks ago, and said she has received a very warm welcome. She said she looks forward to future partnering opportunities.

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 Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Veteran's Day Parade

City Manager Cotter said the Veteran's Day Parade is taking place this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. on Miracle Mile.

2. Chaparral Golf Course and Restaurant Update

City Manager Cotter shared before and after photos of the Chaparral Golf Course since the city took it over. He said the golf course will open for play this Wednesday, and said the city is still working on some of the course's issues. He said the bar and restaurant are now under city management, and said they are still working on obtaining a liquor license. He said they are working on some tax issues and said they will be tackling all of it publicly.

3. Dog Beach Now Open

City Manager Cotter said the new dog beach is now open. He said the dog beach is located at Rotary Park, just north of the Don Sullivan area.

4. Bullhead City Recreation Updates

Recreation Superintendent Heath said the following events have taken place over the past month: 16th Annual Fall Classic Senior Softball Tournament from October 31-November 5; Pumpkin Spike Falleyball event on October 9th; Ghost Light Youth Theater Presented "Something Rotten! Jr." on October 10th; Fright Night Pool Party on October 11th; Busy Bug Friday event on October 17th; bowling, horseshoe, and pistol shooting practice events throughout October; Outdoor Yoga on October 13th; Dungeons and Dragons Workshop every other Monday starting on October 20th and ending on July 20th; RC car drag racing at the Optimum Community Center parking lot; Family Movie Night on October 23rd; Write Letters to Jack Skellington event on October 1-23; Jack-O-

Lantern Kids Triathlon on October 25th; Pawloven Puppy Play Date on October 28th; Pumpkins, Witches, and Spooky Fun Friday on October 24th; and Boo Bash Friday on October 31st.

Recreation Superintendent Heath spoke about the following upcoming events: Farmers Market on November 1st; Crochet Workshop on November 5th; Veterans Day Parade on November 8th; the Great Turkey Escape on November 14-28; Falling for Fun Friday on November 14th; Movie in the Park on November 14th; and the Grinch's Turkey Takeover Fun Friday on November 21st.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Newlin said he had a great time at the Dia De Los Locos Music Festival. He said all the bands and sponsors did a great job, and said he would like the event to be held again next year. He congratulated the Mohave College Men's Soccer Team on winning the Region 1 championship last Saturday. He said the next game will take place at 7:00 p.m. this Saturday at Firebird Field.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said the Balloon Festival will take place on November 7-9 at Rotary Park.

Council Member Ring said tomorrow they will be naming the Ciaran Riley and Friends ADA Mobility Ramp at 4:00 p.m. at Community Park.

Mayor Head said over the past couple of weeks there have been quite a few awards ceremonies from different local organizations. He congratulated all the nominees and winners. He congratulated Jackie Wallin for the Tourism Community Achievement Award this year.

Council Member Smith congratulated Public Works Director Johnson and the Public Works Staff for their award.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion that Items 1-4 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 October 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting; October 21, 2025 Special Council Meeting; and October 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
2. Approve and grant the Right of Way Easement in support of Wellsite 20-1 in the vicinity of Riverview Drive and Riverview Circle, to Mohave Electric Cooperative and authorize the City Manager to execute the easement. (Assistant City Manager Kajirwa)

3. Approve and accept 1) the Grant and Dedication Right of Way in Fee Title Section 16, T20N, R22W, G&SRM (Safeway Right Turn Lane Project/APN 214-51-001C) Bullhead Marina Plaza, LLC; 2) the Grant and Dedication Right of Way in Fee Title Section 16, T20N, R22W, G&SRM (Safeway Right Turn Lane Project/APN 214-51-001D) Safeway Realty, LLC.; and 3) the Grant and Dedication Right of Way in Fee Title Section 16, T20N, R22W G&SRM (Safeway Right Turn Lane Project/APN 214-51-005) Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Public Works Director Johnson)
4. Approve and grant the "Southwest Gas Corporation Grant of Easement" for the firepit at Gary Keith Park, and authorize the City Manager to execute the easement. (Public Works Director Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

5. **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 9 (Liquor Store) License and Interim Permit Job No. 361393 submitted by Harun Ozcan for Dockside Mini Market located at 416 Hancock Road, Bullhead City. (City Clerk Ogden)

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

Mayor Head asked if the applicant was present.

Darrell Wallace said this application is for a license transfer. He said the Dockside Mini Market has been open for 40 years, and said he has been running the store for the last 8 years. He said the staff will remain the same, and said they are just changing ownership.

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

Council Member Ring made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 9 (Liquor Store) License and Interim Permit Job No. 361393 submitted by Harun Ozcan for Dockside Mini Market located at 416 Hancock Road, Bullhead City. 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

6. Approve 1) the final condominium plat for Toy Shack Storage Bullhead City, Tract 5173, subject to and pending payment in full of the Laughlin Ranch Boulevard Improvement District (Bullhead City Resolution No. 2017R-43) assessment that pertains to the platted land; and 2) designate the effective date of the Council's approval to be the date of the receipt of funds is verified; and 3) authorize the mayor to sign all accompanying documents. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planner Loera said the Toy Shack is a new storage facility located on Laughlin Ranch Boulevard, just west of the Bullhead Parkway intersection. He said the facility has 4 buildings consisting of a total of 123 storage units. He said this item will allow the creation of 123 individual parcels so they could be sold off as individuals. He said they will have to form a homeowners association that would maintain all the driveways and common areas. He said they will have restrooms, a car wash, and an RV dump. He said this item did not have to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission, but they did recommend approval of the preliminary plat.

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 1) the final condominium plat for Toy Shack Storage Bullhead City, Tract 5173, subject to and pending payment in full of the Laughlin Ranch Boulevard Improvement District (Bullhead City Resolution No. 2017R-43) assessment that pertains to the platted land; and 2) designate the effective date of the Council's approval to be the date of the receipt of funds is verified; and 3) authorize the mayor to sign all accompanying documents. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

7. Discussion and possible action to: 1) ratify the expenditures for 2024 in the amount of \$60,672.00; 2) ratify and approve up to \$90,000.00 for services through December 31, 2025; and 3) approve a third amendment to the contract for an additional year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 all for the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic in support of the Bullhead City Animal Resource Center (BARC) in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said in the past few budget cycles, the council approved \$80,000 in the 24-25 budget, and \$90,000 in the 25-26 budget. He said in reviewing the contract for renewal, they found that the contract runs for the calendar year, not the fiscal year. He said they will still be under their budget of \$90,000 but over \$50,000 for city procurement. He said they are also asking the Council to approve a third amendment to the contract for an additional year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 all for the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Council Member Dallman asked Animal Shelter Manager Harms if the fees are increasing because the volume of animals is rising. Animal Shelter Manager Harms answered affirmative. She said another reason is because some animals come in sick and need multiple treatments. Council Member Dallman asked if the \$100.00 adoption fee also covers spay/neuter. Animal Shelter Manager Harms answered affirmative. Council Member Dallman asked if the money that is received from Swanty's Chrysler and nonprofits goes towards the spay and neuter program. Animal Shelter Manager Harms said all those funds go to the veterinarian.

Council Member Newlin said he reached out to three separate volunteers in the area and received overwhelmingly positive reviews from the clinic as well as their pricing.

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

Scotty McClure said there is a service that works like Teladoc, but it is for animals that need veterinary care. He suggested the city look into using the service instead of relying on an on-site veterinarian for all animal needs.

Animal Shelter Manager Harms said the service is called Vetster, and said they give their information to people who are looking for resources. She said she has used the service for her own dogs and spoke very highly about her experience.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to: 1) ratify the expenditures for 2024 in the amount of \$60,672.00; 2) ratify and approve up to \$90,000.00 for services through December 31, 2025; and 3) approve a third amendment to the contract for an additional year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 all for the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic in support of the Bullhead City Animal Resource Center (BARC) in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-49, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement entitled "Criminal Justice User Agreement between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Bullhead City Police Department." (Interim Chief of Police Sharp)

Captain Harms said this item is a request for the city to adopt a resolution ratifying the intergovernmental agreement with the State of Arizona through the Department of Public Safety to approve and regulate the Police Department's use of the criminal justice information available through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime Information Center. He said this is an ongoing requirement, and said the Department of Public Safety has requested the execution of a new and updated agreement. He said the last agreement they did was approximately 5 years ago.

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

Council Member Dallman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025R-49, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement entitled “Criminal Justice User Agreement between the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Bullhead City Police Department.” Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the construction contract with Kay Constructors, LLC., in the amount of \$755,418.84 for the South Supply Line Phase 2, Project No. 26-U-005, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item was a request for funds to continue a project that began the prior year. He explained that the work was part of the city’s South Critical Infrastructure Program, one of three critical infrastructure programs (South, Central, and North) that originated from the 2022 Water Master Plan approved by the Council. He noted that the city had constructed a transmission line from the new 20-1 well site located on Riverview Drive to the Big Bend storage tank behind the Ford dealership. He said the state had awarded the city \$1 million, secured with the assistance of Senator Angius and state representatives, to complete Phase II of the project. He said design work for Phase II initially anticipated the full \$1 million would be required; however, bid results came in substantially lower at \$755,000.00. He said because the bids were favorable, Phase II would now extend the 16 inch transmission main from Kaibab and Riverview, across Highway 95, and north to a point just past the Catholic churches, with the expected termination in the central portion of the church frontage. He added that, since remaining state funds were still available, staff would return later with a change order to utilize the balance of the \$1 million allocation and further extend the line to the church limit. He reported that Phase III would be brought forward the following year and would continue the line from the Catholic Church area to Arcadia and Black Mountain, where the city planned to construct a new storage tank later in the year. He said, a northern segment would connect the new tank westward to Miracle Mile. He explained that once the system was interconnected, the area spanning from Walmart to Riverview Mall would experience substantial service improvements. He said the current pressures in that area averaged 35 psi, while most homes received 45 psi or higher. He said completion of the project was expected to increase pressures in the zone by 15–20 psi. He emphasized that the project was significant because it increased system redundancy. He said the new well and transmission line would serve the Riverview, Riverbend, and Holiday Shores areas and would eventually provide a backup source for Fox Creek, Laredo Village, and the WARMC hospital area. He said the new well was expected to come online later in the year with an estimated production capacity of 3,000–4,000 gallons per minute, compared to the city’s current highest-producing well at 2,500 gallons per minute. He noted that the improvements primarily benefited the south end of the system and would not resolve issues in North Mohave or the Desert Foothills Ranch areas, which would be addressed separately in the future. He concluded by requesting Council approval for Phase II of the South Critical Infrastructure Project, which would install a 16-inch transmission main from Kaibab and Riverview to the area near the Catholic churches.

Council Member Newlin asked if the 12-inch main will also be installed as part of this project. Utilities Director Clark answered affirmative. He said they are going to install it so they will be ready when CityCentre takes off. He said they will be saving money by doing both mains because all the

work will be done in one trench. Council Member Newlin asked if the section that crosses Highway 95 has already been installed. Utilities Director Clark answered affirmative.

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 construction contract with Kay Constructors, LLC., in the amount of \$755,418.84 for the South Supply Line Phase 2, Project No. 26-U-005, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

None

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Head declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 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 4th day of November 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of November 2025.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk