

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, June 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Blvd., Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dallman called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

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

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

DEPUTY CHIEF: Jason Harms

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Billy Chooniyom

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark Clark

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. **WAIVER MOTION:** Motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting.

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, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action in accordance with A.R.S. § 42-17105. Now is the time for any taxpayer to appear and be heard in favor of or against any of the proposed expenditures before the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget for the City of Bullhead City, Arizona, is adopted. (Finance Director Drexler)

City Manager Cotter said the annual adoption of the final budget for the City of Bullhead City followed several months of budget review and development processes. He explained this was not a Truth in Taxation hearing, as the City of Bullhead City does not levy a property tax and said the city's revenues are primarily generated through a two percent sales tax. He said when the city incorporated in 1984, the sales tax rate was one percent, but it was later increased to two percent following voter approval after it became apparent that a one percent sales tax was insufficient to support city operations. He explained the budget is funded through sales tax revenues, grants, and state-shared revenues, including Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) distributions and income tax revenues. He said the State of Arizona changed its revenue-sharing formula, resulting in a slight decrease in

income tax revenues returned to the city. He added the city receives revenue from service fees, such as Community Park parking fees and court fees, although those revenues represent only a small portion of the overall budget.

Finance Director Drexler said this was the final adoption of the city's Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, covering the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. He explained staff began preparing the budget in November, followed by departmental meetings with the management team in January, and final budget meetings with departments in March. He said the City Council held an all-day budget work session on April 20th, during which each department presented its budget to the Council. He said the meeting was open to the public and was available for viewing on the city's website. He said on May 19th, the Council adopted the tentative budget and said the required public hearing notice and State Budget Schedule A had been published in accordance with state law for several weeks. He said the proposed budget was balanced and included sufficient resources to cover all budgeted expenditures and said total budgeted expenditures across all funds were \$199,975,036. He explained the General Fund budget totaled \$50,524,000.00, with more than \$23 million allocated to public safety. He said Special Revenue Funds totaled approximately \$32 million and included transit, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, housing, water impact fees, pest abatement, and other programs. He said of that amount, approximately \$16 million was designated for potential grant-funded projects and explained if the grants were awarded, Capital Project Funds would exceed \$31 million, including approximately \$16 million for the CityCentre Improvement District and nearly \$10 million for road projects. He said Enterprise Funds, which include water and wastewater operations, totaled approximately \$68 million and included approximately \$26 million in wastewater capital improvements and \$11 million in water capital improvements. He concluded by reporting Internal Service Funds totaled nearly \$11 million.

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

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-28, establishing the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the City of Bullhead City, Arizona. (Finance Director Drexler)

City Manager Cotter said the line-item budget was available on the city's website for public review throughout the year and said previous years' budgets, Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFRs), and audit reports were also available online.

Mayor Dallman thanked the department heads for their thorough budget presentations and commended their diligence in answering Council's questions throughout the budget process.

Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025R-28, establishing the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the City of Bullhead City, Arizona as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

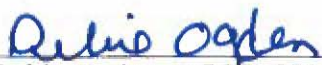
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dallman declared the special meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. and entered immediately into the regular City Council meeting.

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 16th day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of June 2026.



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, June 16, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dallman called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and invited Pastor Bill Jones from Bethel Community Church to deliver the invocation. Mayor 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

DEPUTY CHIEF: Jason Harms

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Billy Chooniyom

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation declaring July 6, 2026 as Catherine "Cathy" Peterson Day in Bullhead City.

Mayor Dallman read the proclamation and presented it to Olivia McCormick and Rebecca Vaughan from Catholic Charities.

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM A PUBLIC SERVICE AND/OR UTILITY PROVIDER REGARDING RATES, OPERATIONS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, CUSTOMER SERVICE INITIATIVES AND OTHER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE BULLHEAD CITY COMMUNITY

Mohave Electric Cooperative update.

Jerry Hardy with Mohave Electric Cooperative (MEC) said MEC gained approximately 800 meters during the 2024 – 2025 reporting period and projected a similar increase in 2026, potentially reaching the same threshold. He said meter gains increased from 249 in June 2024 to 313 in June 2025. He reported over the past ten years, MEC experienced overall growth of 15.4 percent, with peak growth exceeding 2 percent during the COVID-19 years before stabilizing at approximately 1.4 – 1.5 percent annually. He said MEC's ten-year growth forecast projected annual increases of 1.4 percent for residential customers, 1.5 percent for small commercial customers, 1.3 percent for large commercial customers, and 1.6 percent in energy consumption. He said a rate adjustment was implemented in March 2026, increasing residential bills by \$5.99 while leaving kilowatt-hour usage rates unchanged.

He said MEC continued to have some of the lowest electric rates in Arizona and said based on the 2024 Key Ratio Trend Analysis (KRTA) report, MEC's average monthly bill was \$117.07 for 974 kilowatt-hours of usage, compared to \$121.09 for the next closest utility, Unisource. He said among the 815 utilities nationwide that submitted data, MEC ranked 789th for cost and was reported as having the lowest controllable costs among Arizona utilities. He reviewed planned 2026 capital improvements, including cable replacements, conduit installations in older service areas, drone inspections to identify potential issues before outages occur, and continued line-hardening efforts through the installation of ductile iron, steel, and concrete poles.

Mr. Hardy provided energy-saving recommendations and said increasing a thermostat setting by one degree could reduce electric bills by approximately 3 to 5 percent. He shared monsoon-season preparedness tips and encouraged residents to keep batteries and flashlights available, keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed during outages to preserve food, and secure outdoor items such as carports, awnings, furniture, trampolines, and sheds to prevent damage to power lines. He reviewed electrical fire safety procedures and advised residents in case of a fire to unplug appliances if safe to do so, use a Class C fire extinguisher for electrical fires, evacuate if the fire becomes unmanageable, and call 911. He discussed tree and power line safety and said the two most recent significant outages in Bullhead City were caused by residents cutting trees that subsequently fell into power lines and said one incident broke a utility pole. He encouraged residents to contact MEC before trimming trees near power lines and said MEC would assess the situation and provide professional trimming or tree removal services. He reminded residents to contact Arizona Blue Stake 811 before any digging project to locate underground utilities and prevent accidental damage.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mike Damron introduced himself and said he was looking forward to listening to tonight's Council meeting.

Diana Lestat, Loyal Knight of the Bullhead City Elks Lodge No. 2408, spoke about their upcoming Paint and Pour event on Saturday, July 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge at 1745 Emerald Drive.

Terry Tomlinson with the Legacy Foundation complimented the new Bullhead Animal Resource Center and thanked the city for providing the facility. She provided an update on the food bank's new administration building at the former Holy Spirit Church and explained renovation work had experienced delays due to material availability, facility assessments, and necessary plumbing repairs. She said the organization anticipated being fully operational in the new facility by August 2026 and said an open house event would be held once the facility was fully operational.

Eva Genovese announced a candidate forum for Legislative District 30 will be held on June 17th at 6:00 p.m. at The Venue.

Scotty McClure expressed concern that the meeting had begun earlier than scheduled. He commented on the recently approved \$13 million bond, and said his belief was that the action declared a state of emergency and allowed additional spending authority to the City Manager. He discussed projections regarding future Social Security funding and expressed concern about how potential benefit reductions could affect residents' ability to meet financial obligations. He criticized a recent event held at the Bullhead Belle and said it was political in nature and he was concerned about related expenditures.

Kristy Foutz with the Daughters of the American Revolution announced a Bingo fundraiser will be held at Laughlin Ranch Bar and Grill on June 25th starting at 4:30 p.m. Council Member Smith asked what the winnings consisted of. Ms. Foutz responded the winnings were cash prizes.

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 O'Neill seconded the motion.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. BARC Grand Opening

City Manager Cotter said a semi-private dedication ceremony for the new Bullhead Animal Resource Center (BARC) had been held earlier in the day. He announced public open house tours would be available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 17th and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 18th. He explained the facility was not yet housing animals to allow the public full access during the tours and said some areas would no longer be accessible once normal operations began. He said remarks during the dedication ceremony highlighted the history of the project and the efforts that led to its completion. He said the facility cost approximately \$235 per square foot to develop and said it was significantly lower than comparable animal shelter projects currently being completed across the country. He attributed part of the project's cost-effectiveness to the purchase of the former Mohave Valley Daily News building, a 27,000-square-foot facility acquired for approximately \$1.75 million. He described BARC as a responsible use of taxpayer funds and said construction of a new animal shelter had been a community goal discussed by city leaders for several decades. He said the completed facility was a unique asset for the community and a project the city could take pride in.

2. General Plan

City Manager Cotter explained the city could not advocate for or against the General Plan because it would be a ballot measure if approved by the Council. He said if the Council approves the General Plan, it would be placed on the November General Election ballot. He said generating public interest in a General Plan election can be challenging and emphasized the importance of educating residents about the document. He said the city would provide information through a publicity pamphlet and public meetings. He encouraged residents to learn about the General Plan and understand its purpose and limitations, and said there are many common misconceptions about what a General Plan does and does not do.

3. City Council Election Dates and Deadlines

City Clerk Ogden reported the Primary Election would be held on Tuesday, July 21st. She said the deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election in person was June 22nd. She said early voting would take place from June 24th through July 17th and voters could cast early ballots in person at the Mohave County Library, located at 1170 Hancock Road, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to

4:00 p.m., with extended hours until 7:00 p.m. on July 17th, the final day of in-person early voting. She reported early ballots would be mailed beginning June 24th and the deadline to request a ballot by mail was July 10th. She explained additional election information was available on the Mohave County Recorder's website under the Voter Registration section.

4. Summer Recreation Programs

City Manager Cotter reported the Recreation Department was in its fourth week of summer camp and said more than 1,200 youth participated in programs at the Anderson Auto Group Fieldhouse and other locations. He announced a free football camp would be held on June 19th featuring Las Vegas Raiders player Segun Olubi and additional Raiders players. He said more than 300 youth had already registered. He reminded residents about open swim opportunities at the municipal pool at Ken Fovargue Park on Fridays through Sundays. He said the Senior Splash Pad Takeover was scheduled for June 26th at Ken Fovargue Park.

5. America 250:

1. Freedom Truck Traveling Museum at Optimum Center

City Manager Cotter said the America 250 Freedom Truck was scheduled to be at the Optimum Community Center from June 17th through June 19th and open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He presented a short video highlighting the exhibit and shared comments from one of the truck drivers who expressed appreciation for the community and the Bullhead City's accommodations for the event. City Manager Cotter said the exhibit was located outside the gymnasium and said the Optimum Community Center had proven to be an excellent venue for hosting activities due to the summer heat and facility accommodations.

2. Findlay Presents the All American Tailgate at the Bullhead Belle and Community Park.

City Manager Cotter said the city was partnering with Findley Auto for a July 1st community event that would include a fireworks display at Community Park. He said the city would continue its partnership for the Laughlin Fourth of July fireworks celebration and said the July 1st fireworks show would be smaller in scale and shared a brief video highlighting the event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member O'Neill said the discipleship program at Praise Chapel was scheduled to close by the end of June resulting in the loss of approximately 40 volunteers who had regularly assisted at the food bank. He said the food bank continued to serve hundreds of people each day and was in need of additional volunteers. He encouraged community members with available time, including those seeking community service opportunities, to assist with food bank operations. Mayor Dallman asked what volunteer hours were needed. Council Member O'Neill said volunteers were generally needed from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. He said any amount of volunteer assistance would be appreciated.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo shared information about a local business offering youth summer activities. He said Magic By Me was hosting a youth summertime art program from June 22nd through June 26th and said it was an excellent indoor activity option for children during the summer months.

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE 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, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Special Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2026R-18, authorizing the abandonment of a 10-foot public utility easement that lies within the parcel of land located at 2643 Desert Foothills Boulevard and described as Lot 4 of Parkway Commercial at Desert Foothills Estates, Tract 5034, Section 5, R20N, R21W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint Steven "Chris" Maurer to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) Commission to fill a partial term effective immediately, and expiring on September 30, 2026. There is one applicant and two vacancies. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Clerk Ogden said she had recently spoken with Chris Mauer, who previously served on the Planning and Zoning Commission before retiring. She said Mr. Mauer expressed interest in serving on another city board. She said she informed him the BATS Board meets quarterly and he indicated a willingness to be appointed. She added Mr. Mauer was unable to attend the meeting because he was out of state on vacation.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to appoint Steven "Chris" Maurer to serve on the Bullhead Area Transit System (BATS) Commission to fill a partial term effective immediately, and expiring on September 30, 2026. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint Jackie Edge to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. There is one applicant and two vacancies. (City Clerk Ogden)

Mayor Dallman asked the applicant present if she would like to speak.

Jackie Edge thanked the Council for allowing her to serve on the Board of Adjustment since 2022. She explained the Board of Adjustment provides a forum for resolving property-related disputes and appeals involving issues such as fences, pools, setbacks, and other zoning matters. She said her service on the board had given her a greater understanding of municipal government and land-use issues. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to continue serving the community and requested the Council's support for her appointment.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to appoint Jackie Edge to serve on the Board of Adjustment to fill a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint Enrique Reyna to serve on the Building Board of Appeals to fill a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. There is one applicant and two vacancies. (City Clerk Ogden)

Mayor Dallman asked if the applicant was present. He was not.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to appoint Enrique Reyna to serve on the Building Board of Appeals to fill a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint three citizens to serve on the Bullhead City Parks and Recreation Commission for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. There are four applicants and three vacancies. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter explained because there were more applicants than available positions, the Council would conduct the appointment process by paper ballot. He said unlike the previous agenda items, Council Members would instead cast votes using written ballots.

Mayor Dallman asked the applicants present if they would like to speak.

David Schott said he had been appointed to a partial term on the Parks and Recreation Commission a few months prior and expressed he had enjoyed serving on the Commission. He requested consideration for reappointment to a full term.

City Clerk Ogden said she had received an email from Amanda Amann who was currently out of town indicating her desire to be reappointed. She said an email had been received from Heather Petrillo expressing the same interest in reappointment.

Jacqueline Edge said if appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission she would bring the perspective of local residents in their 40s without children but with disposable income as well as a long-term outlook as someone planning to retire in the community. She said her employment at Fox Creek Elementary School as a music teacher provided her direct insight into the needs of youth ages 12–14. She expressed interest in supporting expanded recreational opportunities for older youth and encouraging positive recreational choices. She said her personal efforts were to promote music in Bullhead City and emphasized the importance of continued investment in parks and recreation amenities.

Council Member Smith emphasized the importance of attendance for members serving on boards and commissions. She said she had received a report regarding missed meetings and said while she would not review the list publicly, consistent attendance was a critical expectation of service. She stressed board and commission service is a commitment and members should be prepared to fulfill that responsibility.

City Clerk Ogden gave each Council Member a paper ballot and read aloud the results of the votes: Council Member Smith voted for Amanda Amann, Heather Petrillo and David Schott; Council Member Ring voted for Amanda Amann, Jacqueline Edge and Heather Petrillo; Mayor Dallman voted for Amanda Amann, Jacqueline Edge and David Schott; Vice Mayor Alfonso voted for Amanda Amann, Heather Petrillo, and David Schott; Council Member Newlin voted for Amanda Amann, Heather Petrillo, and David Schott; and Council Member O'Neill voted for Jacqueline Edge, Heather Petrillo, and David Schott. She said in total Amanda Amann received five votes, Jacqueline Edge received three, Heather Petrillo received five, and David Schott received five votes.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to appoint Amanda Amann to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill a two year term beginning on July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2028; to appoint Heather Petrillo to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill a two year term beginning July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2028; and to appoint David Schott to a two year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill a two year term beginning on July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2028 as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to appoint four citizens to serve on the Bullhead City Planning and Zoning Commission for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. There are five applicants and four vacancies. (City Clerk Ogden)

Mayor Dallman asked if the applicants in attendance would like to speak.

Gary Genovese reflected on long-term changes he had observed in the community over the past 45 years, including the expansion of Highway 95 and Hancock Road from two lanes to four lanes, and

the transformation of Rotary Park into a developed public park. He referenced early development work in the foothills that later became the Bullhead Parkway. He said he had previously worked with fellow commission members to help guide city development projects, including CityCentre, Emerald Bay, and other ongoing initiatives. He concluded by requesting Council approval for reappointment.

Joseph Stone said he had served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for several months and had greatly enjoyed the experience. He expressed his desire to continue serving on the commission.

Bruce Cohn said he is a local real estate appraiser with approximately 12 years of experience and extensive familiarity with zoning and planning matters. He said he has strong interest in local development and said he has actively engaged with city staff. He said he believed he could be an asset to the commission and expressed his desire to assist in guiding the city's planning efforts.

Gary Davis said he had been a resident of Bullhead City for 12 years and previously appeared before the City Council in 2015. He shared he and his family moved from Ohio with the goal of opening a Batteries Plus Bulbs franchise near Highway 95 by the Target Center, which they operated until 2021. He expressed his belief in the community and his appreciation for Bullhead City. He said he had limited direct experience with zoning but had some peripheral exposure through his previous work with a major newspaper in Columbus, Ohio during property acquisitions related to expansion. He concluded by requesting consideration for appointment and thanking the Council for their time.

City Clerk Ogden gave each Council Member a paper ballot and read aloud the results of the votes: Council Member Smith voted for Bruce Cohn, Gary Genovese, Boyd Kraemer, and Joseph Stone; Council Member O'Neill voted for Bruce Cohn, Gary Davis, Gary Genovese, and Joseph Stone; Council Member Newlin voted for Bruce Cohn, Gary Davis, Gary Genovese, and Joseph Stone; Mayor Dallman voted for Bruce Cohn, Gary Davis, Gary Genovese, and Joseph Stone; Vice-Mayor Alfonso voted for Bruce Cohn, Gary Genovese, Boyd Kraemer, and Joseph Stone; and Council Member Ring voted for Gary Davis, Gary Genovese, Boyd Kraemer, and Joseph Stone. So the total we have is Bruce Cohn with five, Gary Davis with four, Gary Genovese with six, Boyd Kraemer with three, and Joseph Stone with six. She said the majority vote is Bruce Cohn, Gary Davis, Gary Genovese; and Joseph Stone.

Mayor Dallman opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak on this item, Mayor Dallman closed the public hearing.

Council Member Smith motion to appoint Gary Davis, Gary Genovese, Joe Stone, and Bruce Cohn to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a two year term beginning July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

8. **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 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Job No. 398267 submitted by Michael Raymond Kaffer Jr. for Juanita's Restaurant, located at 2649 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said staff had reviewed the application and had no objections.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked what type of food would be served at the business. City Clerk Ogden said the establishment was Lizzie's Kitchen and is now under new ownership.

Mayor Dallman opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak on this item, Mayor Dallman closed the public hearing.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Job No. 398267 submitted by Michael Raymond Kaffer Jr. for Juanita's Restaurant, located at 2649 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. **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 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Job No. 384306 submitted by Dakota Rae Kenyon for Bodega Latin Eats, located at 2350 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City, Arizona. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said staff had reviewed the application and had no objections.

Mayor Dallman asked if the applicant would like to speak.

Dakota Kenyon said she and Alex Atcholy were applying for the liquor license together. She explained Alex would manage the operation and said both had extensive restaurant and hospitality experience. She said Alex has more than 30 years in hospitality management and over 20 years in the local area, and she said she had lived in the area for nearly 19 years. She said Bodega Latin Eats would be a Latin fusion restaurant and hoped Council will recommend approval of their application.

Mayor Dallman opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak on this item, Mayor Dallman 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 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Job No. 384306 submitted by Dakota Rae Kenyon for Bodega Latin Eats, located at 2350 Miracle Mile, Bullhead City, Arizona as presented. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

10. Discussion and possible action to approve 1) the final plat for Montano Ridge Estates Tract 5165, Unit 3; 2) acceptance of the cash financial assurance through the Subdivision Assurance Agreement Montano Ridge Estates, Tract 5165, Unit 3, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; 3) the water allocation in the amount of 26.55 acre-feet; and 4) authorize the Mayor to execute the final plat on behalf of the City. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Mayor Dallman declared a conflict of interest and left the dais.

City Manager Cotter said the proposed motion should be amended to authorize the Vice Mayor to execute the agreement because the Mayor had recused herself from the item. He explained the city previously had a traffic signal at the location and said it remained covered and unused for many years while the subdivision was undeveloped and unoccupied. He said due to increasing traffic volumes on North Oatman Road, the city removed the developer-funded signal and relocated it to the North Oatman Road intersection. He said funding had been included in the current budget to install a new traffic signal at the intersection of the Bullhead Parkway and Montano Ridge. He said the intersection would become signalized and said the project had been planned for many years but had not previously been warranted. He added recent residential development in the area had created the need for the improvement and said the traffic signal was expected to be installed in the coming months.

Planning Manager Loera said this item is a request for approval of the final plat for Montano Ridge Unit 3, the final phase of the Montano Ridge subdivision. He said the phase included 79 residential lots and six parcels on approximately 32 acres. He explained four of the parcels would be owned and maintained by the homeowners association and the remaining two parcels would be dedicated to the city for public utilities and improved right-of-way purposes. He said the developer had elected to begin construction before the final plat was recorded and said construction was nearly complete. He said the developer had provided a cash assurance of approximately \$125,000 for the remaining work and anticipated completion within the coming weeks.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if anyone present would like to speak on this item.

Scotty McClure commented on the city's growth and development since he first arrived in Bullhead City in 1979. He expressed concerns regarding traffic signal timing and coordination, particularly near the North Oatman Road and the Merrill Avenue intersections and said some signals remained red for extended periods when triggered by a single vehicle. He urged the city to improve and maintain synchronization of traffic signals along Highway 95. City Manager Cotter said funding had

been included in the current fiscal year budget to implement technology upgrades that would improve coordination and synchronization of traffic signals along Highway 95. Mr. McClure said traffic signal synchronization was not a new concept and referenced similar systems he had observed in California during the 1960s.

Council Member Smith asked if the light being discussed was a streetlight. City Manager Cotter said the project involved a traffic signal at the intersection of Bullhead Parkway and the entrance to Montano Ridge. He explained it would be a stop-and-go signal controlling the intersection and that funding for its installation had been included in the current budget. He said a developer-funded signal had previously existed at the location but remained unused for years while the subdivision was undeveloped. He said the signal was later relocated to North Oatman Road where it was needed, and said a new signal would now be installed at Montano Ridge due to increased development in the area.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve 1) the final plat for Montano Ridge Estates Tract 5165, Unit 3; 2) acceptance of the cash financial assurance through the Subdivision Assurance Agreement Montano Ridge Estates, Tract 5165, Unit 3, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; 3) the water allocation in the amount of 26.55 acre-feet; and to execute the final plat on behalf of the City with the stipulation that the Vice Mayor execute the final plat on behalf of the city. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Dallman returned to the dais.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7, approving the request for an amendment to Z22-005, Ordinance No. 2024-13, to allow the applicant additional time to obtain building permits for a parcel of land described as a portion of Section 1, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said this request was for an extension of time to obtain building permits for a proposed multifamily development located near the southwest corner of Arroyo Vista Drive and Bullhead Parkway and adjacent to the fire station on Arroyo Vista Drive. He said the project was originally approved by the Council in 2022 and received a previous extension in 2024. He said the applicant had obtained a grading permit and completed work to raise the building pad above the floodplain. He said plans for the residential buildings had been submitted and said the applicant chose not to proceed with construction due to market conditions. He said the applicant indicated an intention to move forward with building permit applications once interest rates become more favorable.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if there were any concerns regarding ingress and egress for the proposed development given its location adjacent to Fire Station No. 2. Planning Manager Loera said access to the project would be provided from Arroyo Vista Drive and said the roadway access had already been constructed and fully engineered. He said the access road would be relatively steep but had been reviewed and approved by the Fire Department.

Mayor Dallman opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak on this item, Mayor Dallman closed the public hearing.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-7, approving the request for an amendment to Z22-005, Ordinance No. 2024-13, to allow the applicant additional time to obtain building permits for a parcel of land described as a portion of Section 1, T19N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

12. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8, approving an amendment to Z22-004, Ordinance No. 2024-14, to allow the applicant additional time to obtain building permits for a 5.26 acre parcel of land located at 328 Lee Avenue and described as a portion of Parcel B of Record of Survey Book 2, Page 85, Section 1, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera said this item is a request for an extension of time to obtain building permits for a proposed mixed-use development consisting of an RV park and storage facilities. He said the RV park would be located at the front of the property, while the storage component would be situated toward the rear of the site adjacent to airport property. He said the project was originally approved by the Council in 2022 and received a previous extension in 2024. He said the applicant had submitted complete building plans and said the plan review expired due to economic factors as well as infrastructure-related challenges in the area. He said the applicant indicated plans to resubmit permits and proceed with development if interest rates become more favorable.

Mayor Dallman opened the public hearing. Having no one present wishing to speak on this item, Mayor Dallman closed the public hearing.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-8, approving an amendment to Z22-004, Ordinance No. 2024-14, to allow the applicant additional time to obtain building permits for a 5.26 acre parcel of land located at 328 Lee Avenue and described as a portion of Parcel B of Record of Survey Book 2, Page 85, Section 1, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ as presented. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreements, and Purchases

13. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for Full-Service Odor Control Program for City Lift Stations in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 plus applicable sales taxes for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and in the same approximate amount for any of the two, one-year agreement extensions permitted; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resulting payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this is a request for the purchase of Bioxide, a chemical additive used at three wastewater lift stations to control odors associated with hydrogen sulfide gas. He explained the product is used at the Yale, Dean Hackett, and 16-2 lift stations and said the city owns the application

equipment at two of the stations and leases the equipment at the third location. He said the request was solely for the purchase of the Bioxide chemical and was purchased each fiscal year.

Council Member O'Neill asked if additional amounts of the odor-control additive could be used at the Dean Hackett lift station and said there were concerns about odors in the area. He asked if there was a odor control facility near Lakeside Drive and the post office. Utilities Director Clark responded the Bioxide treatment helps control odors at the Yale, Dean Hackett, and 16-2 lift stations. He explained that flows from those stations discharge into a manhole near Lakeside Drive and Coral Isle Drive and said repairs in that area were planned within the next several months.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if Evoqua Water Technologies was the sole provider of the product being used. Utilities Director Clark said there were multiple providers of similar odor-control products and said each uses different chemical compounds. He said the city selected this product because it has proven most effective for its wastewater treatment operations and said other chemicals previously used had negatively impacted the beneficial bacteria used in the treatment process.

Council Member Smith asked for clarification regarding equipment ownership and if the city was being charged separately for equipment related to the Bioxide system. She said she had the understanding that the city owned equipment at two lift stations and that equipment was provided at others without additional cost. Utilities Director Clark clarified the city owned the equipment at the 16-2 and Dean Hackett lift stations and said the Yale lift station utilized leased equipment associated with the product. He explained the city's costs were tied to the purchase of the Bioxide chemical rather than equipment rental in most locations. Council Member Smith asked if the city would retain the equipment if the product were discontinued. Utilities Director Clark said leased equipment would be removed if the city stopped using Bioxide. Council Member Smith asked if the equipment used across lift stations was interchangeable with other chemical treatments. Utilities Director Clark said most chemical products could be used with the existing equipment and said some compounds may require different or additional equipment depending on the treatment process.

Mayor Dallman asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item. No one spoke.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve the Agreement for Full-Service Odor Control Program for City Lift Stations in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 plus applicable sales taxes for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and in the same approximate amount for any of the two, one-year agreement extensions permitted; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resulting payments as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

14. Discussion and possible action to ratify the City Manager's execution of the Agreement for Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Blower Building Air Conditioner System Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this item is a request for ratification of the installation of air conditioning equipment at the Section 10 Waste Water Treatment Plant Blower Building. He explained the blower

building houses large blowers used to supply air to the aeration basins and digesters and said they are critical to maintaining biological processes necessary for wastewater treatment. He said the blower building experiences significant heat due to the operation of the equipment, and said the existing air conditioning system was undersized and ultimately failed. He said if temperatures inside the building become too high, the blower equipment cannot operate properly and would negatively impact the treatment process. He reported a larger air conditioning unit had been installed and is now operating to maintain appropriate temperatures for the equipment and said the system is properly sized for the building's heat load. He clarified the request was a ratification item and the invoice included both labor and materials.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said the agenda materials indicated two other vendors were unable to complete the work within the required timeframe and asked for clarification on which vendors had been considered. Utilities Director Clark said he did not recall the names of the other vendors and confirmed three vendors had been solicited as part of the required bid process. He explained the project was treated as an emergency due to time constraints and said the other vendors were unable to meet the necessary schedule for completion.

Mayor Dallman asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item. No one spoke.

Council Member Ring made a motion to ratify the City Manager's execution of the Agreement for Section 10 Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Blower Building Air Conditioner System Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 and authorize the City Manager to issue resultant payments as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the American Guard Services, Inc., Security Services Agreement at the rates not exceeding those as listed in Exhibit D of the Agreement and in an estimated amount not exceeding \$73,091.00 for the first year, and in those approximate rates and amounts for up to another two years, with an option to extend for another two, one-year periods as in the preceding, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resultant payments. (City Magistrate Gilleo)

Court Manager Wilson said the court's contracted guard service is unique within the county and said the Bullhead City Municipal Court is the only court utilizing that provider. She explained Arizona state requirements mandate court security guards be certified through the Administrative Office of the Courts and said the current provider has a limited pool of certified personnel available. She said in September the court experienced an incident and said the removal and replacement of a guard was necessary. She explained due to the provider's limited availability of certified guards the court experienced a temporary lapse in coverage with the required certification during that period.

Mayor Dallman asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item. No one spoke.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the American Guard Services, Inc., Security Services Agreement at the rates not exceeding those as listed in Exhibit D of the Agreement and in an estimated amount not exceeding \$73,091.00 for the first year, and in those approximate rates and amounts for up to another two years, with an option to extend for another two, one-year periods as in the preceding, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue resultant payments as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

16. Discussion and possible action to authorize budget amendments from general fund general services contingency to the General Fund Recreation for part time wages in the amount of \$50,000; Street Lighting District Fund in the amount of \$15,000; Senior Nutrition Fund for part time wages in the amount of \$20,000; and NAEBT Fund for medical services in the amount of \$575,000; for a total amount not to exceed \$660,000.00. (Finance Director Drexler)

Finance Director Drexler presented the annual year-end budget adjustment and explained the action is taken each fiscal year to ensure all funds remain within budget before the annual audit. He addressed the proposed \$575,000 transfer to the NAEBT Trust Fund and said it was not for an immediate cash expenditure but rather to account for incurred but not yet reported (IBNYR) claims required under governmental accounting standards. He said the amount of the required accrual is not received from the trust until the end of September and typically ranges between \$2 million and \$3 million. He explained the annual adjustment can result in either an increase or decrease of approximately \$500,000 and said because the final amount was unknown at fiscal year-end, he recommended budgeting sufficient funds to ensure the account would not exceed its appropriated budget if the accrual increased. He explained in most past years, savings within the account have been sufficient to absorb the adjustment and said he was not comfortable relying on those savings this year. He said the proposed budget adjustment would be funded from the city's contingency account and said although the funds could have been transferred from various departmental savings, he said using the contingency account provided a simpler and more transparent approach because sufficient funds were available there.

Mayor Dallman asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item. No one spoke.

Council Member Smith made a motion to authorize budget amendments from general fund general services contingency to the General Fund Recreation for part time wages in the amount of \$50,000; Street Lighting District Fund in the amount of \$15,000; Senior Nutrition Fund for part time wages in the amount of \$20,000; and NAEBT Fund for medical services in the amount of \$575,000; for a total amount not to exceed \$660,000.00 as presented. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

17. Discussion and possible action to approve the Legal Services Contracts (one each for the North Mohave and the Mohave systems) with Grossman & Kelly, LLP and the Bartlett Law Offices, PC, for representation in seeking a settlement from the PFAS Settlement Fund, authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract, and to accept a settlement and execute any further documentation as required. (City Attorney Emery)

City Attorney Emery presented an agreement authorizing the city to opt into a settlement fund related to polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and explained it was like the city's participation in the opioid settlement program. He said the settlement stems from class action litigation involving PFAS, which are commonly used in water-resistant coatings and other manufactured products. He explained these substances can enter water systems and persist for long periods because they do not readily break down. He said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has adopted regulations requiring utilities to monitor and reduce PFAS levels above established thresholds and said compliance requirements will be taking effect in 2029. He explained the city was approached by a law firm specializing in facilitating participation in PFAS settlements because testing had identified slightly elevated PFAS levels in the city's water system. He emphasized the public should not be alarmed and said the levels were low and the regulations are not yet in effect. He said the city's potential settlement recovery was estimated to range from approximately \$900,000 to \$2.25 million depending on water system flow volumes and measured PFAS concentrations. He explained any settlement funds would help the Utilities Department offset future costs associated with installing treatment and filtration systems needed to comply with upcoming federal regulations.

Mayor Dallman asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item. No one spoke.

Mayor Dallman said she had recently read that Maricopa County received approximately \$20 million in PFAS settlement funding and expressed support for the city's participation in the settlement. She said any funds received would help offset future costs for the Utilities Department related to PFAS treatment requirements.

City Manager Cotter said the law firm representing the city would retain one-third of any settlement proceeds recovered. City Attorney Emery clarified the agreement required no upfront cost or out-of-pocket expense to the city.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve the Legal Services Contracts (one each for the North Mohave and the Mohave systems) with Grossman & Kelly, LLP and the Bartlett Law Offices, PC, for representation in seeking a settlement from the PFAS Settlement Fund, authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract, and to accept a settlement and execute any further documentation as required as presented. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

18. Discussion and possible action to: 1) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-19, approving the City of Bullhead City 2026 General Plan Update Base Plan 06/11/2026; or 2) Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-20, approving the City of Bullhead City 2026 General Plan Update Laughlin Ranch Amendment 06/11/2026; and 3) Set the selected General Plan for voter ratification at the November 3, 2026 General Election. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

Planning Manager Loera presented the proposed 2026 General Plan Update and explained Arizona law requires cities and counties to update their General Plans every ten years to ensure they reflect the community's current priorities and values. He said the city's existing General Plan was adopted in 2016 and work on the update began in late 2025. He said staff updated maps, demographic information, population projections, and all plan elements to reflect significant changes over the past decade. He said this included the Silver Copper Crossing bridge, the Laughlin Ranch Boulevard extension, the city's acquisition of Highway 95, water system improvements, new right-turn lanes, park enhancements, and the formation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He said the draft plan was distributed to local, regional, and state agencies for review, including the Arizona State Land Department, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Mohave County, school districts, and utility providers. He explained following Council approval of the Public Participation Plan in March 2026, the city conducted an extensive public outreach effort through its website, social media, TV4, radio, print advertising, public meetings, and an online survey. He said the draft was presented to the MPO Technical Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Bullhead Area Transit System Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission during four meetings. He thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission, city departments, government agencies, and community members whose comments and recommendations were incorporated into the final draft.

Planning Manager Loera summarized survey results and said respondents identified water resources and environmental protection, infrastructure and public services, economic development and jobs as the city's highest priorities. He said other recurring themes included ensuring water reliability, improving traffic and transportation infrastructure, expanding healthcare and community services, attracting light industrial and technology-related employment, encouraging responsible growth, enhancing recreation and neighborhood quality, and increasing restaurant and dining options. He said many respondents emphasized the importance of diversifying the local economy beyond tourism. He said the updated plan incorporated these priorities through revised goals and policies addressing targeted economic development, transportation planning, continued pursuit of grant funding, coordination with the MPO, long-term water supply and conservation, and regional cooperation on water resource planning. He said two versions of the General Plan land use map were presented for Council consideration. He explained the base land use plan generally retained the existing land use designations from the previous plan, while the Laughlin Ranch Amendment Plan, previously presented to the Council and Planning and Zoning Commission, proposed converting approximately 2,600 acres in the southern portion of the Laughlin Ranch Master Plan from primarily residential, parks, open space, and limited commercial uses to light industrial. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Laughlin Ranch Amendment version. He concluded by outlining the next steps if the Council approved either version of the General Plan, including preparation of the final formatted document, development of the required voter publicity pamphlet, public availability of the plan at designated locations and on the city's website, and continued public outreach leading up to the November 3rd election. He thanked city staff, commissioners, agencies, and residents for their participation throughout the update process.

Council Member Newlin said he had attended the General Plan Update meetings over the previous three months and commended city staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and residents who participated in the process. He specifically praised the Planning and Zoning Commission for its thoughtful discussion of the General Plan at its June 2nd meeting. He said he supported the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to adopt the Laughlin Ranch Amendment version of the General Plan and said potential for reduced water use and expanded opportunities for diversified employment would be a stronger long-term direction for Bullhead City.

Mayor Dallman asked if anyone present wished to speak on this item.

Former Mayor Rodney Head commented on the importance of the General Plan Update and said he had participated in several General Plan Updates over the years. He explained state law requires the plan to be submitted to voters for approval every ten years and said the process represents a significant investment by the city. He encouraged residents to become informed about the General Plan before voting and emphasized the importance of casting an informed vote based on the plan's contents rather than general views about government.

City Manager Toby Cotter said the representative who previously presented the Laughlin Ranch Amendment proposal to the Council was present in the audience and available to answer any questions the Council might have regarding that portion of the General Plan.

Utilities Director Clark emphasized the importance of the General Plan in protecting the city's long-term water entitlements. He explained water use and projected growth are regularly reviewed and the General Plan demonstrates the city's future development needs and helps to preserve its existing water allocations. He said maintaining those water entitlements is essential to supporting Bullhead City's continued growth.

Council Member Smith made a motion to: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2026R-19, approving the City of Bullhead City 2026 General Plan Update Base Plan 06/11/2026; or 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2026R-20, approving the City of Bullhead City 2026 General Plan Update Laughlin Ranch Amendment 06/11/2026; and 3) Set the selected General Plan for voter ratification at the November 3, 2026 General Election as presented. Council Member O'Neill seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

19. Arizona 2026 Legislative Session and State Budget Update. There is no required action by the Council. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

Assistant City Manager Pruitt provided an overview of the 2026 Arizona Legislative Session and explained the city monitors legislative activity each year and advocates on issues identified by the Council as legislative priorities. He reported the legislative session concluded on June 20th and the state adopted an \$18.2 billion budget and said it was an increase over the previous fiscal year. He said despite the city's efforts to secure state funding for local projects, Bullhead City did not receive any appropriations in the 2026 state budget. He said city officials had successfully obtained funding for projects such as right-turn lanes in previous years, and said the legislature generally did not include

direct appropriations for cities during the current budget cycle. He said the city would continue working with legislators to pursue future funding opportunities. He discussed state tax conformity legislation, explaining Arizona had adopted several tax provisions similar to recent federal tax changes, including deductions related to overtime pay, tips, senior taxpayers, and childcare expenses. He said the changes are projected to reduce state revenues by approximately \$444 million in fiscal year 2026 and said similar impacts are anticipated over the following three years. He said while the state had not indicated any immediate reductions to shared revenues distributed to municipalities, the city would continue monitoring potential long-term effects. He reported HCR 2016, which would have imposed restrictions on municipal authority regarding utility rate and fee increases failed to pass. He said the measure's defeat preserved local control over utility rates and fees. He reported Senate Bill 1431, which would have limited local governments' authority to regulate residential design standards, also failed and said this allows communities to retain local control over residential development standards. He reported the state continued funding the SMART Fund and explained it was a program that assists communities by providing matching funds required for federal grant opportunities. He said the program remains an important resource for rural communities and will continue to support the city's efforts to pursue state and federal grant funding.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked how the funding of the SMART Fund would affect the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Assistant City Manager Pruitt said the MPO is eligible to apply directly for SMART Fund assistance just as the city can. He explained the MPO is currently pursuing a project requiring a 20 percent local match, estimated at approximately \$400,000, and the SMART Fund would allow the MPO to seek those matching funds from the State of Arizona rather than requesting them from the Bullhead City Council.

Council Member Smith asked if HCR 2016 or SB 1431 could still appear on a future ballot. Assistant City Manager Pruitt said HCR 2016 had the potential to become a ballot measure had it advanced further in the legislative process and said because it failed, it would not appear on the ballot this year. He said he expected SB 1431 and potentially HCR 2016 to be reintroduced in some form during the next legislative session and said staff would continue monitoring both measures.

Discussion only. No action taken.

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

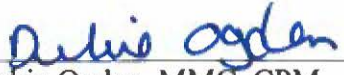
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Dallman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 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 16th day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of June 2026.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk