

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, May 19, 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 5:30 p.m. and invited Dr. Ryan Proctor from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to deliver the invocation. Council Member Ring lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

POLICE CHIEF: Paul George

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mark R. Clark

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

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

Republic Services update.

Jay Markle of Republic Services reported residential solid waste collection rates for the City of Bullhead City increased by 4.58 percent for 2026. He explained the increase was calculated using the average of the September 2025 CPI rate of 4.83 percent and the November 2025 CPI rate of 4.33 percent after the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics was unable to provide an October 2025 CPI due to the federal government shutdown. He highlighted Republic Services' community involvement, including participation in the Senior Center dedication, hosting a truck rodeo at Rotary Park, participating in trunk-or-treat events, winning awards at the 2025 Boombox Parade, and conducting Touch-A-Truck safety events at schools and businesses. He said Republic Services also partnered with Public Works Director Johnson to develop a drivers' safety training program. He reported the company received a Net Promoter Score of 75 from Bullhead City residents, noting that a world-class score is 42, and thanked city staff for their partnership and communication.

Chris Kline of Republic Services gave a presentation on the company's operations and core values, including safety, service, environmental responsibility, and community focus. He reported since Q1

2024, the residential customer base had increased by 1,092 customers to a total of 19,932, excluding commercial and apartment accounts. He highlighted sponsorships and partnerships with local events and organizations, including the winter festival, local job fairs, and the Kiwanis Kids' Expo. He said the annual Recycle Day and Silver Creek cleanup collected 22 tons of trash. He presented Q1 tonnage statistics, including 6,664 tons of residential waste, 4,000 tons of commercial waste, 2,040 tons of industrial waste, and 256.67 tons of bulky waste collected.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dallman opened the call to the public.

Dave Heath of the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River reported the organization was undergoing several changes and thanked the community for its continued support. He said new members were joining the board of directors and several social clubs had provided donations. He said operations were being evaluated and staff members were completing training in preparation for summer programs. He said he had visited all club locations and stores to review operations and meet employees and customers, and said he had received positive feedback. He emphasized the importance of maintaining strong community connections for the club's success and said he would return to Council in the future with an update.

Carol Nelson announced the Colorado River Republican Women would hold a meeting on June 3rd at Chaparral Country Club and Restaurant from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She said scholarship recipients, Republican candidates, and Senator Hildy Angius would attend as part of the organization's 60th anniversary celebration. She announced a candidate forum would be held at Praise Chapel on June 9th beginning at 6:30 p.m., and reviewed several election-related dates.

George Lyman of Desert Shores Community Baptist Church thanked the city for the use of the Olivia and John McCormick Pavilion at Gary Keith Park for the church's Easter Egg Hunt and Christian Rock Concert, and said both events were successful. He said another concert was planned for August and suggested additional restrooms and electrical repairs at the park pavilion. He announced Vacation Bible School would be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. June 8th through June 11th at Desert Shores Community Baptist Church.

Paula Fontez Hambey encouraged the public to vote and do their research on their candidates. She recommended watching CSPAN, going to the library, or reading the articles written by Heather Robinson.

Paul Lavold asked if Landon Drive would be extended. He spoke about an incident at his home involving a resident from a nearby Airbnb and said he felt the police response was too slow.

Julie Hassett thanked Assistant City Manager Edigar Kajirwa and Planning Manager Johnny Loera for attending the Kiwanis Club meeting and discussing the General Plan Update. She said the River Cities Community Theater celebrated their 15th anniversary. She thanked members of the community for assisting the Mohave High School Band at the graduation. She announced the 2026/2027 concert series begins November 5th.

Harvey Pryor requested an overhead podium be made available for citizens to display materials during meetings. He requested Utilities Director Clark provide a public update regarding the incident

involving the Sierra Vista and Mesa Vista water tanks. He said he had heard individuals staying at Praise Chapel had until the end of June to vacate the property and asked the city to help.

Dr. Soy Ramsumeer announced the opening of her A-to-Z Health and Wellness Clinic in Bullhead City specializing in Type 2 diabetes disease prevention and management. She stressed the importance of diet and exercise to control Type 2 diabetes.

Mike (did not give last name) said he submitted a work ticket for a water main break and said it seemed to be AI generated.

Having no one else present requesting to speak, Mayor Dallman 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, Newlin, O'Neill, Ring, Smith **NAYS:** None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Summer Camp 2026

Recreation Manager Adams reported on the Star-Spangled Summer Camp program scheduled for May 26th through June 26th and said the program had reached a record number of registrations. She said when the program began, the city offered 30 camps and now provides 70 different camp opportunities. She said participants can attend all day and gain friendships, confidence, and pride in accomplishment. She thanked the TV 4 staff for producing a video highlighting memories from past summer camps.

2. Utility Art Box Program – Presentation from River Valley Artists Guild

City Manager Cotter said this report was moved to the next council meeting.

Utilities Director Clark provided an update regarding the water break on Mulberry that had been raised during the Call to the Public by Mr. Pryor. He said major renovations, including a full rehabilitation and flushing, had been completed at the 16-1 well site on Mesa Vista and the well was expected to return online on May 20th. He also reported that repairs to the Mulberry water line break were scheduled to be completed on May 20th.

City Manager Cotter added anytime a citizen has an issue with the police to contact Chief George.

3. Slurry Road Maintenance Program for 2025/2026 Season

Slurry Maintenance Supervisor Witzel gave a presentation on the City Street Maintenance Program (CSMP) for fiscal year 2026-27. He explained the slurry program was established to maintain at least 20 percent of city streets each year and said updated maps and schedules were available on the city's website. He said the maintenance methods used include crack seal, mastic seal, and slurry seal applications. He reported during CSMP 2025-26, approximately 1,029,792 square yards of slurry seal were applied, covering 21.49 percent of city streets. He said work was completed in most neighborhoods west of Hancock Road as well as several city parking lots. He presented photographs of the crack vacuum equipment, the new crack seal machine, and slurry crews performing maintenance work.

4. Transit Routes and Future Updates

Transit Manager Peluso explained transit route planning and route changes are a complex process due to federal funding requirements. He said the city utilizes both short-term and long-term transit planning processes to outline potential service changes and improvements. He said the city currently does not have an active short-term transit plan because of its designation as an urban zoned area. He said staff continually evaluates opportunities to expand and improve transit services and provides recommendations to Council during the budget process. He reported the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) had recently applied for planning funds for a short-term transit plan and MPO staff had completed the consultant approval process. He said once approved and a consultant is hired, development of the plan would begin and said multiple public outreach meetings would be held to gather community feedback. He said a resident had recently suggested route changes and explained that staff prefers to implement major route adjustments simultaneously to maximize cost efficiency.

Council Member O'Neill suggested adding stops at the post office along the transit route that currently serves the Safeway on Lakeside Drive. He said a stop needs to be added at the Senior Enrichment Center or move the stop on Trane Road next to City Hall to the Senior Enrichment Center. He said requiring elderly residents to walk in the heat between those locations was not practical.

City Manager Cotter said an item could be placed on the next agenda for further Council discussion and to provide an opportunity for public comment. Council Member O'Neill referenced Transit Manager Peluso's earlier statement that there was currently no short-term transit plan, to which Mr. Peluso responded affirmative. Council Member O'Neill said the matter should be placed on a future agenda to consider development of a short-term plan and suggested adding a bus stop would be a straightforward improvement.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if the consultant would work through the transit office or the MPO. Transit Manager Peluso said the funding was awarded to the MPO, however, the city was coordinating with the MPO and Bullhead Area Transit would take the lead in managing the consultant.

5. Infrastructure Upgrade Report from Public Works Director Johnson

Public Works Director Johnson gave a presentation explaining current infrastructure projects throughout Bullhead City. She said CityCentre Right-Turn Lane on Highway 95 from Marina Boulevard to North Oatman Road is for a full south-bound right turn lane. She said the contractor had removed the light poles in preparation of curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm drains, and new

pavement. She explained the contractor is working on the ADA Ramp Improvements project on Hancock Road and showed pictures of some completed ramps. She said there are three phases left and said the project should be completed within the next three weeks. She said the Safeway Right-Turn Lane project is ongoing and showed a picture of the drainage channel box in the west side of the parking lot stating walkable grates will be added to the top for safety. She said the Community Park Restroom project located in front of the Bullhead Belle began April 27th.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked when the streetlights will be replaced at Safeway on Highway 95. Public Works Director Johnson said the streetlights have been installed but some traffic lights are still bagged because of the alignment on East Shore Villas and on Plata Drive needs to be completed first. She said East Shore Villas will have double left turn lanes going northbound from Safeway.

6. Community Caddisfly Forum

Pest Abatement Manager Cavallero announced a Caddisfly Forum will be held on May 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. He explained the city typically holds these forums twice a year, in the spring and fall, during peak caddisfly activity to provide information on biology, ecology, public health considerations, and suppression methods. He said caddisflies serve as bioindicators of high water quality health. He provided an update on the trout habitat program being conducted in partnership with Trout Unlimited and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. He said the project involves constructing one of the largest river reef structures in a major river system to support the stocked trout and native fish feeding in areas with high caddisfly density. He said he would provide updates on protein toxicity testing and efforts to develop a bacterial larvicide like products currently used for black fly and mosquito control. He reported on the Low Flow Program, which has been in development for approximately six years and is intended to reduce caddisfly populations by manipulating river flows to dry out eggs and larvae in targeted areas. He said earlier in the program, flow rates of approximately 1,600 to 1,700 cubic feet per second produced strong results, including periods where riverfront residents experienced relief from caddisfly activity. He said achieving similar flows has been more difficult in coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation. He referenced a study he published in the *Journal of Medical Entomology* indicating that prior to the Low Flow Program, approximately 66 percent of riverfront residents reported their backyards were unusable and after implementation only 31 percent reported unusable backyards.

Council Member O'Neill thanked Pest Abatement Manager Cavallero for the work he has done along the river with the caddisfly control measures.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked how much the inability to achieve low river flows had impacted program costs. Pest Abatement Manager Cavallero said the situation was challenging and said current water management involves multiple competing priorities including irrigation, power generation, and recreation, which makes it difficult to return to previous flow conditions. He said the Bureau of Reclamation had expressed concerns related to native fish populations and potential infrastructure impacts to dam operations associated with the program. He said the Bureau was requesting additional peer-reviewed research demonstrating that low flow conditions are effective in controlling caddisfly populations.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Smith said she has heard from many members of the community that they love the Bullhead City Connect app and the notifications they receive.

Council Member Ring said Veterans United Inc of Bullhead City will have a Memorial Day Celebration on May 25th at 12:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

Mayor Dallman said as a member of the Kiwanis Club of the Colorado River, she was pleased to participate in awarding scholarships to local students to support their college education. She recognized other nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships and said these groups work diligently to raise funds and give back to the community.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Newlin asked that Item 2 be removed from the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Newlin made a motion that Items 1 and 3 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. Approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Special Budget Meeting; May 5, 2026 Special Work Session Meeting; and the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
3. Approve the preliminary plat for a project known as The Residences at Parkside, described at Lot 004 of the City Center District Lot 4 and 5, Tract 5178 subdivision, Section 20, T20N, R22W, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2. Adopt ORDINANCE NO 2026-6, approving an amendment to Z24-002/S23-003, Ordinance No. 2024-08, Stipulation No. 11, to allow the applicant additional time (2 years) to record the final plat for a project known as Desert Rose, that is described as Parcel G of Chaparral Terrace Estates, Tract 4020, Bullhead City, AZ. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

City Clerk Ogden said this item is for Public Hearing and therefore was pulled from the consent agenda.

City Manager Cotter said the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this item on May 7th and voted six to zero in favor of the approval of additional time and added there were no objections.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-6, approving an amendment to Z24-002/S23-003, Ordinance No. 2024-08, Stipulation No. 11, to allow the applicant additional time (2 years) to record the final plat for a project known as Desert Rose, that is described as Parcel G of Chaparral Terrace Estates, Tract 4020, Bullhead City, AZ, as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreements, and Purchases

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2027 Kenworth Chassis with an Interstate 17-foot Dump Body along with extended warranty from Inland Kenworth in the amount of \$262,611.31 through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said dump trucks are used at the Section 10 and Section 18 Wastewater Treatment Plants to transport sludge generated from wastewater treatment operations to disposal sites. He said the trucks operate nearly full time during the five-day work week. He explained staff had evaluated used vehicles; however, none were available in the required size and the price difference between used and new vehicles was minimal, approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. He said purchasing a new vehicle would include a five-year extended warranty, while used vehicles would not include warranty coverage.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo expressed support for the purchase, stating that he was pleased the vehicle included a 100,000-mile extended warranty and that the purchase was made through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative agreement.

Mayor Dallman asked if the new dump truck would replace one of the existing vehicles or be added to the fleet. Utilities Director Clark said the purchase would add an additional truck to the fleet and explained that one of the trucks currently being used belongs to the wastewater construction division and would be returned for use for ongoing construction projects. Mayor Dallman asked if the new vehicle would be larger than the existing dump truck. Utilities Director Clark said the new truck

would be larger and said population growth has increased the amount of sludge generated and requiring additional disposal capacity.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2027 Kenworth Chassis with an Interstate 17-foot Dump Body along with extended warranty from Inland Kenworth in the amount of \$262,611.31 through the Sourcewell purchasing cooperative; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments as presented. Council Member O'Neill seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to 1) approve the "Agreement for Lifeguard and Beach Safety Services Colorado River Safety Program" in the amounts of: \$571,096.66 for Season 26; \$572,505.93 for Season 27; and \$608,201.70 for Season 28; find, pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D), that a waiver of competitive bidding for the services is in the best interests of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, issue payments, and take all actions to implement the agreement. (Police Chief George)

City Manager Cotter said the city was unaware of any other company providing comparable river safety services with the same level of workers' compensation, liability coverage, and ocean-certified lifeguards training. He said the city had explored alternative providers and also considered operating the program internally, including potentially training and certifying its own lifeguards in the future. He said the river safety program was a comprehensive effort involving lifeguards, deckhands, beach security, and coordination with the police department to improve river and beach safety and save lives. He said the program was developed following years with multiple river fatalities and increasing river traffic from boats and jet skis. He said the city patrols a large stretch of river from Davis Dam to the city's southern border and currently operates four patrol boats in coordination with police services. He said the city supported renewing the agreement and noted the contract included an annual termination clause that allowed the city to reevaluate services each year.

Police Chief George said water recreation was an important part of the community and emphasized the city takes waterway safety as seriously as public safety on land. He said the project would allow the police department to continue supporting safe and responsible water recreation activities.

Police Corporal Crawford presented a video on the water rescue program and explained the city partners with the Bullhead City Police Department, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Arizona Game and Fish, Mohave County Sheriff's Office, Clark County Fire Department, and Bullhead City Fire Department. He said the program began with five lifeguards and expanded to seven lifeguards and a dispatch supervisor. He said the program also created opportunities for local residents, including two local lifeguards assigned to patrol boats and six beach safety ambassadors who patrol beaches and assist with medical and safety incidents. He said the program adapted ocean lifeguarding practices to an inland waterway environment with strong success and said the model could be applied to rivers and lakes nationwide to support drowning prevention and water safety initiatives. He said the personal watercraft units improved response times, enforcement capabilities, and rescue operations, and said

many team members were certified EMTs or paramedics with advanced open-water rescue training. He reported during the 2025 season the program completed 3,577 personal watercraft rescues, responded to 23 major medical calls, 78 minor medical calls, and provided approximately 400 vessel assists. He said crews often assisted with missing person and drowning recovery operations beyond scheduled hours and remained available during holidays and high-traffic weekends. He said staff had repeatedly evaluated alternative methods for operating the program but continued to find the current provider to be reliable, effective, and responsive to the city's public safety needs.

Duran Reed with Water Rescue and Safety, LLC said the organization takes pride in the water rescue program and believes it has developed one of the top water rescue teams in the United States by bringing together highly trained personnel from agencies throughout Southern California. He thanked the Council for their continued support of the program and said the team's primary mission is to save lives and prevent deaths.

Corporal Crawford said the partnership with Water Rescue and Safety began during the River Regatta when the city recognized the value of the company's water rescue services and faced staffing challenges within the police department. He said the working relationship has been positive and professional, with issues addressed promptly when they arise.

Council Member O'Neill thanked the team for their work and service to the community.

Council Member Newlin said the water rescue and safety program was very important and commended the team for their work on the river. He said he appreciated that the city reviews the program annually and expressed his support for the agreement.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo thanked the water rescue team on behalf of the community for their service and dedication to river safety and asked how many watercraft are typically deployed on the river at one time. Corporal Crawford said the city generally deploys two boats on Fridays, three boats on Saturdays, and two boats on Sundays, with some boats staffed by both police officers and lifeguards. He added one boat is typically available Monday through Thursday and additional support is also provided on weekends by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and the Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked about the level of support received from agencies across the river. City Manager Cotter said the city does not receive enough support from outside agencies. He said Clark County agencies do not patrol that section of the river, resulting in the majority of river enforcement and emergency response responsibilities falling to the Bullhead City Police Department and the water rescue program. He added Bullhead City police officers and lifeguards are typically the first responders to incidents on the river. Corporal Crawford explained Arizona, Nevada, and California operate under interstate compacts that allow agencies to patrol shared waterways with mutual jurisdiction. He said agencies work cooperatively on enforcement and emergency response efforts and exchange supplemental reports when assisting one another and said jurisdictional boundaries do not create issues for enforcement activities on the river.

Council Member Ring expressed strong support for the program and stated it should be continued.

Council Member Smith said the water rescue program was a valuable service needed by the community and asked if most calls originated in the northern portion of the river near Davis Camp

and Community Park. City Manager Cotter said the majority of summer calls generally occur between Davis Dam and south of Community Park.

Council Member Smith asked about financial contributions from Mohave County toward the program. City Manager Cotter said the county does not provide funding and indicated that both Mohave County and Clark County have previously said river patrol responsibilities fall on Bullhead City. He said the city does charge fees to jet ski rental operators and identified Nevada Department of Wildlife as the city's strongest operational partner.

Council Member Smith asked if any of the partner agencies contribute financially to the program. City Manager Cotter confirmed that no financial support is provided. Corporal Crawford added Arizona Game and Fish provides limited grant support and occasional safety equipment such as life jackets, and the Mohave County Sheriff's Office assists when available, though not on a consistent weekly basis. He said additional support from partner agencies would be beneficial given the level of use of the federally managed waterway.

City Manager Cotter explained when the city was incorporated, its jurisdiction extended to the center of the river, providing enforcement authority within that area. He said the city has developed what it considers an efficient and effective river safety program. He said the city receives in-kind support from Laughlin in the form of lodging accommodations for lifeguards.

Council Member O'Neill asked if parking fees collected at Community Park from non-residents contributed to funding the river safety program. City Manager Cotter answered affirmative. Council Member O'Neill said parking revenue collected from visitors helps support river safety operations and emphasized the parking fees benefit the public.

Chief George said he would work to strengthen support for the program from partner agencies, including the Mohave County Sheriff's Office and state agencies in Nevada and Arizona, and committed to advocating for continued assistance so the water rescue team could continue its operations effectively.

Council Member Smith said even with increased participation from other agencies, the city would still need lifeguard services because they perform specialized duties that police officers are not able to provide. She said there was no question the program is necessary and expressed concern that Bullhead City bears the majority of the financial responsibility for the service.

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

Paul Lavold asked if there was a limit on the number of users allowed on the river. City Manager Cotter said the city had extensively evaluated potential regulatory options, including limiting business licenses and controlling watercraft use; however the river is a federal waterway and therefore cannot be regulated or restricted by the city or neighboring jurisdictions. Mr. Lavold asked if maintaining rescue services was truly within the city's responsibility and suggested the river operates on a "swim at your own risk" basis and said he was concerned that increased park usage could lead to higher congestion and safety issues. He said Nevada should contribute financially to the program.

Gail Mers asked about the length of the river area being discussed. Council Member Smith said the jurisdictional stretch of the river is approximately nine miles.

Brian MacMahon, a retired fire chief, said he had received numerous public comments regarding the cost of the program. He expressed strong support for public safety and characterized the river safety program as a necessary public safety service. He expressed concern that other partner agencies were not contributing financially and emphasized that maintaining river safety supports the city's overall reputation and economic vitality, noting that residents, businesses, and visitors are drawn to the community due to its recreational opportunities and services.

Council Member Smith said she was not opposed to this item and had made that clear previously. She explained that her questions were intended to inform the public that the City of Bullhead City bears the majority of the costs for the program and receives limited financial or operational support from other entities.

Council Member Smith made a motion to 1) approve the "Agreement for Lifeguard and Beach Safety Services Colorado River Safety Program" in the amounts of: \$571,096.66 for Season 26; \$572,505.93 for Season 27; and \$608,201.70 for Season 28; find, pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D), that a waiver of competitive bidding for the services is in the best interests of the City; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, issue payments, and take all actions to implement the agreement as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

6. Discussion and possible action to authorize a budget amendment from general fund general services contingency to general fund health and welfare cremation budget in the amount of \$120,000 to purchase pet cremation equipment. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said this request was to approve funding for the setup of cremation services at the Bullhead Animal Resource Center (BARC). He said a cremation manager had been selected and the funds would be used to begin furnishing the facility, purchasing supplies and fixtures, and implementing software to expedite the service. He said the addition of cremation services would provide an important new resource for the community by offering compassionate afterlife services for pets. He said the request included a transfer from the contingency budget not to exceed \$120,000.00.

Cremation Manager Beauchamp explained the proposed cremation service would be named "Peaceful Paws Bullhead City Pet Crematory," with branding intended to reflect a warm and welcoming image incorporating the Colorado River, a sunset, and silhouettes of a dog and cat. He said the mission of the service would be to provide compassionate, dignified, and professional aftercare services to the community while supporting the lifesaving work of BARC. He outlined core values including compassion, community, service, professionalism, respect, integrity, and trustworthiness, and emphasized the importance of building community trust. He said the facility would be the only local pet cremation service and would offer a range of services, including private cremations, specialty options, transportation, and grief support, with plans to develop a memorial garden. He said their goal is to reinvest revenues back into BARC to support its no-kill mission. He

described the facility layout, including a small office, visitation area for families to pay final respects, and a preparation room. He said they would pursue required certifications, hold community open houses, and work with local veterinary offices to expand access to services.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to authorize a budget amendment from general fund general services contingency to general fund health and welfare cremation budget in the amount of \$120,000 to purchase pet cremation equipment as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-14 approving the changes to the City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2026/2027. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this item was part of the city's annual review of fees charged for services. He said the fee schedule had previously been discussed at a workshop and posted on the city's website for 60 days for public review and input. He said the proposed changes included a 1 percent increase to development services and planning fees, adjustments to utility fees, and minor revisions and clarifications to recreation and engineering fees.

Council Member Newlin asked if electricity is included in the rental fee under City Park Ramada Reservation Fees. City Manager Cotter answered affirmative. Council Member Newlin asked what criteria would be used to determine such reductions, specifically the provisions allowing the City Manager to reduce daily reservation fees to zero for nonprofit-sponsored events or non-revenue-generating uses. City Manager Cotter explained the provision was intended to provide flexibility in applying fees across different types of users, including nonprofits, for-profit promoters, and rare circumstances where an applicant is not affiliated with a nonprofit, but the use is deemed in the city's best interest. He said such instances would be rare and that the Council could remove the provision if desired. He said the city has historically not charged local nonprofits for use of parks and facilities and that most uses fall within nonprofit or community-based activities. He said the intent was to maintain flexibility while prioritizing local community use, with fee waivers typically reserved for nonprofit or clearly beneficial community events.

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

Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026R-14 approving the changes to the City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2026/2027 as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-15 adopting the tentative budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for fiscal year 2026/2027, authorizing and directing the publication of statements and schedules of the tentative budget, together with notice of hearing on said budget and notice of date of final adoption of said budget. (Finance Director Drexler)

Finance Director Drexler said the proposed budget totals \$199,750,036 and was previously reviewed during the April 20th workshop. He explained the packet included all state-required schedules for submission, and Schedule A would be published in the newspaper following tentative budget approval and final budget adoption would occur at the second meeting in June. He reported changes since the workshop were minimal, including a \$20,000 reduction in the court budget due to the correction of a duplicate veteran's court line item that had been budgeted in both General Services and the Municipal Court budget. He said updates to risk fund revenues reflect internal transfer adjustments that had not been carried forward from the workshop and said all other budget items remained as previously presented.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026R-15 adopting the tentative budget, adopting the estimated amounts required to meet the public expenses of the City of Bullhead City for fiscal year 2026/2027, authorizing and directing the publication of statements and schedules of the tentative budget, together with notice of hearing on said budget and notice of date of final adoption of said budget as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to: 1) adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-16 ordering the work and authorizing other actions pertaining to the CityCentre Improvement District; and 2) ratify the City Manager's execution of the CityCentre Development and Waiver Agreement by and among the City of Bullhead City, Arizona, CSQ H95, LLLP, and EHC Bullhead City LP. (Assistant City Manager Kajirwa)

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said this item had previously come before the Council on March 3rd at which time the Council approved a resolution of intention as the initial step in forming the improvement district. He explained the current action represented the next step in the process, seeking Council approval to adopt a resolution authorizing the city to proceed with procurement activities. He said staff had been working with the developer and engineering team and finalizing an easement agreement with Kinder Morgan Gas was the remaining item to be completed. He said once that easement is secured, the project would proceed to bid, and the item would return to Council for subsequent approval.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked approximately how many single-family homes are planned within CityCentre. Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said at this time approximately 196 single-family homes would be built. City Manager Cotter added within the remaining 270 acres of the CityCentre development, the project could ultimately include up to 1,000 homes. He said significant commercial development was also expected along Highway 95 with major roadway infrastructure, multiple

internal connections within the subdivision, and access points from Lakeside Drive, Riverview Drive, and Marina Boulevard, and described the project as a substantial development for the community.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026R-16 ordering the work and authorizing other actions pertaining to the CityCentre Improvement District; and 2) ratify the City Manager's execution of the CityCentre Development and Waiver Agreement by and among the City of Bullhead City, Arizona, CSQ H95, LLLP, and EHC Bullhead City LP as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, Dallman, 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 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 19th day of May 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of May 2026.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk