

Upon notice duly given under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431, et seq., as amended, the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Head called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Earl Jones of Spirit Life Church to deliver the invocation. Council Member 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

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF: Daniel Sharp

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Head opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee said the public needed to stay vigilant for the next ten months because we are in a fight for our lives. He said globalists are making plans to kill people by using chemtrails, and said President Trump is doing some good things, but we cannot count on him to fix the things locally. He said citizens need to come together to form a think tank to come up with solutions to take back citizen justice so that there will be legitimate moral justice in the community, country, state, and federal government.

Nancy Horn said she was representing Veterans in Motion. She spoke about their Sweethearts Ball fundraising event that is taking place on February 14th at the Fiesta RV Resort Ballroom.

Diane Kirkland said she was representing a few of her neighbors. She said the intersection at Rio Vista and Ramar Road needs to be made into a four way stop. She said there are a lot of speeders and asked that additional signage be added to inform drivers that they need to drive slowly because children are present.

Ashley Lambert she lives at 1684 Ramar Road. She said her son attends Sunrise Elementary School and said she worries about him when he is at the bus stop. She said people speed around the corner

onto Rio Vista and do not know the bus is stopped to pick up children. She requested a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Rio Vista and Ramar Road.

Kirby Williams said he has lived at 1684 Ramar Road for approximately 34 years. He said the intersection of Rio Vista and Ramar Road used to be a four way stop. He said since the stop signs were removed, there are a lot of speeders and said sometimes it is difficult to pull out of his driveway because cars will not stop. He said the police department will send an officer to target speeders if they call and complain, but it should not have to come to that. He asked the Council to consider making the intersection of Rio Vista and Ramar Road a four way stop.

Rusty Braun said he owns Riviera Marina and said he would like the medians around Riviera Boulevard and his business to be removed because they cause flooding and make it difficult for him to park boats on his property.

Terri Tomlinson said she is representing the Boys and Girls Club. She said the Boys and Girls Club is a qualified charitable organization and any financial donations can be applied as tax a credit against your Arizona tax liability. She encouraged the public to donate to the Boys and Girls Club because they provide a very important service in the community. She announced that the Legacy Foundation purchased the Holy Spirit Church located at 580 Hancock Road. She said they are going to renovate the building so clients that are waiting for their food from the food bank will not have to stand outside in the elements. She said the building will accommodate approximately 100 people at a time in a comfortable climate controlled setting. She said they are also going to add an office for Executive Director Stephen Brown.

Mohave County Supervisor Rich Lettman said he was representing the Rotary Club of Bullhead City. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department for their help during their Slab-O-Rama event, and said they are grateful for the city's support. He said during today's Board of Supervisors meeting, Chairman Lingenfelter introduced an issue dealing with the allocation of flood control district money to the unincorporated areas of the County. He said he supports Supervisors Gould and Martin for their efforts to obtain more flood control funds into Fort Mohave and Golden Valley. He said the formula they used to determine how much funding will be issued will give Bullhead City an additional \$200,000 but will take away approximately \$1.3 million from Lake Havasu and approximately \$200,000 from Kingman. He said no action was taken on the item, and said they will probably set up a subcommittee to work directly with different cities to tweak the formula a little bit more. He said there is no question that the intent is to move more flood control funds to the unincorporated areas.

Mike Gabrielsson said he resides at 3234 Sycamore Avenue and said he has a problem with the city's code enforcement policies. He said he recently received a 15 day notice to comply from code enforcement. He said the notice stated that landscaped areas shall be kept free of trash, debris, weeds and/or dead plants through pruning, trimming, watering or other means to ensure an attractive appearance. He said he was instructed to remove all the dead palm fronds on his palm trees. He asked who determines what an attractive appearance is. He said palm trees do not serve any purpose, but they do provide habitat for critters and said quail nest in them. He said he currently has approximately 50 quail nesting in his palm trees. He said the letter does not indicate any sort of appeals process and said the city's website also does not show an appeals process. He said he does not intend to comply unless he gets an appeals process presented to him.

Jackie Miller spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Republican Women luncheon to be held on February 4th at Chaparral Golf Course and Restaurant.

Scotty McClure said he agreed with Rusty Braun regarding the removal of the medians on Riviera Boulevard. He briefly spoke about the flooding that happened outside of his home during the last storm. He said flashing lights should be placed in the center of school crosswalks to help improve safety for the crossing guards.

Rose Jacobs spoke about the upcoming Colorado River Concert Series performances.

Bo Hellams announced this is his last week with the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce. He said he accepted a job with Mohave County. He said he appreciated all the city's support and said he hoped the support would continue.

Eva Genovese spoke about the upcoming Mohave High School Choir performance that is taking place on January 22nd.

Having no one else present requesting to speak, Mayor Head closed the call to the public.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Right Turn Lane Construction Projects

Public Works Director Johnson said the Laughlin Ranch right turn lane opened last Friday, and said they still have to complete the final striping. She said they must let the pavement bleed before they can do the permanent striping. She said Mohave Drive right turn lane will open in approximately two weeks, and said there are still a few punch list items the contractors are working on. She said they will do temporary striping, and the final striping will be completed in approximately 45 days.

2. Safeway-Highway 95 Right Turn Lane

Public Works Director Johnson said the contractor that is doing the Safeway right turn lane is expected to start the project on February 16th. She said construction will take place from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. She said there will be lane closures during the night, and said the lanes will be reopened during the day.

3. Middle School/City Park

City Manager Cotter said the new middle school park was opened last week. He said the football field and playground are open and ready for play. He said the Council and School Board were told that the next phase of construction will include another ball field. He said the park is located on Highland Road, and said this is a great partnership with the city and the school district. He said the park will be used by the school Monday through Thursday until 3:00 p.m. and said the public can use the park after school hours and all weekend.

4. Spring Special Events and Sports

Recreation Superintendent Heath spoke about the following upcoming events: Power Play Sports baseball tournament to be held on January 24-25; Colorado River Invitational Tournament, NRC's Sports Baseball Tournament, and pickleball tournaments all to take place over Presidents Day weekend; Spring Classic Softball Tournament to take place on February 28-March 8; Dave Kops Tournament of Champions to be held on March 5-8; Farmers Market to be held on March 7; Golden Games starting on April 5; many Easter egg hunts throughout the city as well as Sunrise Services on Easter weekend; River Days Soccer Tournament and AFA Youth Girls Softball Tournament to be held on April 18-19; Mayhem Motorcycle Rally, another Power Play Baseball Tournament, and the Corvette Club autocross will take place on April 22-25. He said the Bullhead Belle will end the season with a party on May 2nd.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Newlin said the RC tracks in Rotary Park are producing great things. He said the Bullhead City area was represented with class and professionalism at the 2026 Silver State Indoor World Championships in Las Vegas last week. He congratulated local racers Chris Viera, Stuart Plato, Shawn McDonald, and Jim Skinner on their podium finishes.

Council Member Smith said a meet and greet for Rodney Glassman, who is running for Arizona Attorney General, is going to take place at the GOP office located on Hancock Road on February 2nd. She said a candidate forum is taking place at Praise Chapel on June 9th and said 5 candidates that are running for the House of Representatives will be in attendance.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion that Item 1 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint two citizens to serve on the Bullhead City Area Transit System (BATS) Commission effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2027. There are two applicants and four vacancies on the BATS Commission. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said there are two applicants and four vacancies on the Commission. He said a separate motion needs to be made for each applicant.

City Clerk Ogden said she spoke with each applicant, and said neither applicant can attend the meeting tonight due to prior engagements. She said each applicant is currently serving on the commission and has expressed interest in being appointed to serve another term.

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

Council Member Dallman made a motion to appoint Robynne Mieding to serve on the Bullhead City Area Transit System (BATS) Commission effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2027. There are two applicants and four vacancies on the BATS Commission. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint Livia Hendrickson to serve on the Bullhead City Area Transit System (BATS) Commission effective immediately and expiring on September 30, 2027. There are two applicants and four vacancies on the BATS Commission. Council Member Dallman seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion and possible action to appoint two citizens to fill two partial terms on the Bullhead City Parks and Recreation Commission. One term is effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2026 and one term is effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2027. There are three applicants to fill two seats.

Mayor Head asked if applicant Rusty Braun was present.

Rusty Braun said he felt that he would be a good asset for the Parks and Recreation Commission because he has watched the parks for many years. He said he has lived in the city for 25 years, and said he has done a lot of different things with the city and the parks.

Council Member Newlin asked Mr. Braun if he preferred the term that expires in 2026 or 2027. Mr. Braun said he was fine with either term.

Mayor Head asked if applicant David Schott was present.

David Schott said he moved to Bullhead City approximately 6 months ago, and said before that he lived in the Kingman area. He said one of the things that attracted him to Bullhead City is the parks and all the outdoor activities. He said the parks and recreation activities are one of the key things that will keep him and his family in Bullhead City.

Council Member Newlin asked Mr. Schott if he preferred the term that expires in 2026 or 2027. Mr. Schott said he did not have a preference.

Mayor Head asked if applicant Ashley Webb was present. Ms. Webb was not present.

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

Council Member Ring made a motion to appoint Rusty Braun to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term effective immediately and expires on June 30, 2027. Council Member O'Neill seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint David Schott to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term effective immediately and expiring on June 30, 2026. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

4. Discussion and possible action to approve an employment agreement with Rod C. Gilleo as City Magistrate for four years commencing on January 25, 2026, at a starting annual salary of \$160,000.00. (Human Resources Director Stanley)

City Manager Cotter said last year, City Magistrate Richard Speer gave his intent to resign and has since left employment with the city. He said former Mayor Tom Brady has been serving as the interim magistrate while Human Resources Director Stanley initiated the search process. He said the Council went through the search process, and said Mr. Gilleo was chosen to serve as the next city magistrate. He said the employment contract that the Council instructed Human Resources Director Stanley to put together is before the Council tonight and ready for approval.

Mr. Gilleo said he is an attorney in Mohave County and grew up in Kingman. He said he grew up in Mohave County, and said Bullhead City has always had a dear place in his heart. He said he has attended numerous sports events in Bullhead City and said he visits the river often with his family. He said one of the things he is most proud of is serving his current role as the Deputy County Attorney and to be able to serve the community. He said he has been privileged to prosecute cases in Bullhead City and work with local law enforcement. He said if the contract is approved, he is excited to get to work and be able to serve the community.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo congratulated Mr. Gilleo and asked if the contract was to his liking. Mr. Gilleo answered affirmative.

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

County Supervisor Lettman said he strongly endorsed Mr. Gilleo. He said he had the opportunity to interview him for a court commission opening, and said he is outstanding and very ethical. He said he was sad to see Mr. Gilleo leave the County Attorney's Office, but was happy for him. Eva Genovese said she endorsed Mr. Gilleo.

Ron Gilleo said he is a proud papa. He said his son got the third highest score on the Arizona bar exam, and said there is not a judge or attorney in Mohave County that can say they ranked third on the bar exam. He said his son is highly intelligent, a brilliant lawyer, and a good family man. He said he is a good son, and said the city is going to enjoy having him represent Bullhead City.

Mayor Head welcomed Mr. Gilleo to the Bullhead City team. He said he endorsed Mr. Gilleo to be the next city magistrate wholeheartedly, and said he believed he would do an amazing job.

Council Member Dallman said she had the pleasure of sitting on the initial board to interview all the applicants, and said Mr. Gilleo stood out. She welcomed Mr. Gilleo as the new city magistrate.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve an employment agreement with Rod C. Gilleo as City Magistrate for four years commencing on January 25, 2026, at a starting annual salary of \$160,000.00. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve a grant agreement for the 2025 National Shelter Initiative for the Bullhead City Animal Resource Center (BARC) projects and to assist animal welfare for Bullhead City residents, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said this grant is for \$60,000 and said the funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Bullhead City Animal Resource Center which will include three surgical lights, an autoclave, and assistance with programs supporting spay and neuter and humane euthanasia for Bullhead City residents. He said the grant committee has approved the grant application and there is no match required to receive the funds.

Council Member Dallman said she thought it was great idea that staff apply for grant funds. She said anything to help the animals in the community is a bonus, and said she appreciates everything they do.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve a grant agreement for the 2025 National Shelter Initiative for the Bullhead City Animal Resource Center (BARC) projects and to assist animal welfare for Bullhead City residents, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city. Council Member O’Neill seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

6. Receive a presentation from the American Red Cross, Northern Arizona Chapter. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

Henning Larsen said he is the Executive Director of the newly formed Northern Arizona Chapter of the American Red Cross and stated that one of his primary responsibilities was serving as a liaison to elected officials and community leaders. He encouraged council members to contact him directly with any concerns affecting the community or residents. He provided a high-level overview of the Red Cross mission, which is to prevent and alleviate human suffering during emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. He shared that his professional background was in politics for more than 20 years and explained that he joined the Red Cross to focus on directly helping people outside of the political environment. He noted that the Northern Arizona chapter was newly formed, though the Red Cross previously had a chapter in the region. He explained

that, historically, Red Cross chapters operated as independent nonprofit entities with separate staff and finances. He said in 2018, the organization implemented the “One Red Cross” initiative, which consolidated chapters under a unified national structure to improve efficiency and ensure more consistent service delivery across the country. He stated that this restructuring positioned the organization for long-term sustainability and continued service. He explained that following a national consolidation, chapters were reduced from more than 550 to approximately 230, which resulted in Northern Arizona being served out of Phoenix. He noted that this structure made it difficult to adequately serve rural and isolated communities and after advocacy efforts, a new Northern Arizona chapter was reestablished, now covering five counties from Apache to Mohave. He stated that disasters are increasing in frequency and cost, making the traditional “blue sky/gray sky” response model more challenging. He said with multiple large-scale disasters occurring simultaneously across the country, smaller communities can struggle to receive timely support and as a result, the Red Cross has shifted toward a hyper-local response model focused on building local capacity and resilience. He described the “Century of Resilience” initiative in Arizona and New Mexico, which aims to establish strong local networks in individual communities. He said the Red Cross intends to support and augment existing local organizations rather than replace them. He outlined two primary approaches: Training Clubhouses – Shared community spaces where Red Cross and partners can conduct trainings, store supplies, and hold meetings. He said a partnership was established in Fort Mohave with BHH Legacy to provide such a space to better serve the Bullhead City area. He said the second approach is Community Resilience Collaborations – A two-year process in selected communities involving listening tours, surveys, and stakeholder engagement in year one, followed by targeted resource investment in year two. He said Verde Valley recently completed year one, and Yavapai County was beginning year two. He said Bullhead City was identified as a focus community for Fiscal Year 2027 (beginning July 1), pending local input and support. Mr. Larsen emphasized that the Red Cross does not receive federal, state, county, or city funding, despite holding congressional charters designating it as the national mass care provider during disasters and outlining its work with the armed forces. He stated that the organization operates solely on donor funding to remain independent and nonpolitical. He reviewed key Red Cross services, including disaster response: assistance to families affected by home fires and other incidents, including immediate financial assistance, temporary lodging support, and follow-up casework; preparedness: free smoke alarm installations (including accessibility devices), disaster education for all age groups, and community preparedness programs; blood services: supplying blood for emergencies, surgeries, births, and cancer treatments; service to the armed forces and veterans: emergency communication, family reunification, and support services for active-duty members and veterans; and training services: CPR, AED, first aid, water safety, babysitting, and other safety trainings. He noted that funding had been set aside to sponsor local residents to become certified trainers to reduce barriers in rural areas. He highlighted the local impact in Mohave County and Bullhead City since the chapter’s reestablishment as follows: multiple shelter and disaster action team trainings and simulations, partnerships with Mohave Medical Reserve Corps and Bullhead City Police Department, a 100% local volunteer responder rate for home fire responses, a 330% increase in local volunteers, a partnership with BHHS Tri-State to provide training space and supply storage, local board representation and leadership development, hundreds of youth preparedness presentations, and smoke alarm installations and heat relief outreach efforts, with a heat planning workshop scheduled for March. He requested support from the Council in serving as community champions for Bullhead City’s resilience efforts and helping the Red Cross understand local needs. He also asked the Council to consider issuing a proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month to help establish the chapter’s presence in the community.

Council Member O'Neill asked if the Red Cross works with, for, or separate from FEMA. Mr. Larsen said the Red Cross works with FEMA during large disasters but is a separate, independent organization. Council Member O'Neill said he would like the Red Cross to offer local CPR training. Mr. Larsen confirmed the Red Cross could assist with establishing ongoing local training capacity. He also shared an example of the Red Cross assisting a deployed service member with emergency travel to be with a dying parent, illustrating the organization's work with military families.

Council Member Newlin thanked Mr. Larsen for the presentation and showing interest in Bullhead City.

Mayor Head said after serving in law enforcement for over 20 years, he knew the value of the Red Cross. He thanked Mr. Larsen for the presentation and update.

7. Receive the 2026 Arizona Legislative Session Overview and provide any direction to staff regarding legislative priorities, advocacy positions, or issues requiring additional monitoring during the legislative session. (Assistant City Manager Pruitt)

Assistant City Manager Pruitt said the 2026 Legislative Session officially began on January 12th. He said Governor Hobbs said her priorities are affordability and a nightly fee on short term rentals. He said Governor Hobbs also introduced a draft budget of \$18.6 billion, which is up 4.9 percent from the previous year. He said Governor Hobbs spoke about eliminating the TPT tax exemption on the state level for data centers. He said the bill that pertains to short term rentals impacts Bullhead City because some of the things that they are focusing on is being able to deal with some of the bad actors, whether it be trash, parking, noise, etcetera. He said there are also efforts to put limits on short term rentals because a lot of cities are having a big problem with the number of short term rentals. He said staff will continue to monitor the bill. He said there is a bill that pertains to permit ready housing plans. He said across the board there is the thought that they need to speed up the process for housing plans going through the development service departments. He said Bullhead City does not have a problem with processing plans, and said the Building Department does an excellent job in processing permits in a timely manner, but the state has a one size fits all in this effort. He said they will monitor this bill because they want to keep an eye on local control. He said this is not a bill the city has a problem with because the city processes all permits in a timely manner. He said the Arizona low income housing tax credit expired at the end of 2025. He said this tax helped projects like The Abbott Apartments. He said there are bills to extend the expiration date and to increase the amount of money that is in the program. He said they are in support of this bill and they will keep an eye on it. He said there is going to be a lot of talk this session about data centers and how they should be legislated. He said there is some talk at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns where there might be some preemption to let them come in the state. He said he does not know if that will happen, and said they will continue to monitor the bill. He said those were the major items that initially came out during the legislative session, and said things change daily and staff will continue to monitor all the bills.

Council Member Smith said the city should oppose the permit ready housing plan. She said she felt the bill is government overreach, and said the city does a great job to make it easy for developers to build in Bullhead City if they follow the guidelines.

City Manager Cotter said there is an official process to oppose, support, or remain neutral. He said the Council has authorized Travis Pruitt, the mayor, and himself to log into the system so the legislators can see if Bullhead City is in favor or in support of a particular bill. He said in this case, if

the general feeling is that the city should not be supporting that type of legislation, now would be a good time to make sure everyone is on the same page. He said they know from the last couple of years that builders, realtors, and others have been stressing over cities being more effective and efficient and creating laws. He asked the Council if they want the city to remain neutral, or do they want staff to log into the system and oppose the bill.

Council Member O'Neill said he is in favor of opposing the bill.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he would like the city to remain neutral because the city is not involved with this type of legislation.

Council Member Ring said she would like to stay neutral.

Council Member Dallman said the city should remain neutral. She said Assistant City Manager Pruitt does a good job and everything is good with the Building Department.

Mayor Head said he thinks that there does not need to be a law for things people cannot figure out. He said the city should remain neutral because it does not affect the city.

Council Member Newlin asked City Manager Cotter if he can explain the process about logging into the system to support, oppose, or remain neutral. Assistant City Manager Pruitt said the legislature has a standardized system where it lists all of the bills and you can see who is and is not in support of the proposed bills so they will get a sense of who is backing the bills and who is not.

City Manager Cotter said when our representatives are voting on a particular issue, the board in front of them shows everyone that is in favor of, opposed, or neutral. He said this is why staff does not want to log in and show support, opposition, or remain neutral on any bill without a consensus of the Council.

Council Member O'Neill said if the city remains neutral on this bill, the city is giving up its rights on stupid laws. He said the city should not remain neutral on this bill. He said this bill would affect Bullhead City if Phoenix has its way.

Council Member Smith said she agreed with Council Member O'Neill. She said the city needs to take a stand, and said you cannot sit on a fencepost all the time.

Council Member Newlin asked if there is a timeframe they need to establish their position on this bill. Assistant City Manager Pruitt said it varies. He said the bills have not been introduced to Committee. He said it depends on when they are introduced and how they progress. He said as of now the bill has not been up for review and there still is time.

Council Member O'Neill said he will never be in favor of the city giving up its rights. He said remaining neutral is giving up rights if someone else votes the way the city would not. He said remaining neutral is not an option and said opposition or denial is an option.

Council Member Smith made a motion to oppose the Permit Ready Housing Plans bill. Council Member O’Neill seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Newlin, O’Neill, Smith NAYS: Alfonzo, Dallman, Head, Ring

MOTION FAILED

COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Head declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 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 20th day of January 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of January 2026.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk