

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, July 2, 2024, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor D'Amico called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited Pastor Nicholas Grainger of Hope United Methodist Church to deliver the invocation. Mayor D'Amico led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Present

Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht (via telephone), Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE CAPTAIN: Jason Harms

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Robert Drexler

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Saritti Chooniyom

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor D'Amico opened the call to the public.

Steven Lee said a Department of Homeland Security whistleblower urged everyone to understand the threats that stand before them today. They said the threats include FEMA camps, illegal immigrants, Plandemic 2.0, and World War III. He said all local elected officials need to understand the facts of the threats and have a plan for our vigilance.

Daniel Rebeck voiced his concerns regarding Highway 95 and Merrill Avenue. He said after the new construction is complete, he will have to drive through the strip mall to access Highway 95. He asked the Council not to block Merrill Avenue.

Jim Fuller read a Scripture from the Bible. He said he attended the Mohave County Republican Picnic and said he was not allowed to express his choice for State Senator.

Barbara Pape said the Colorado River Republican Women's luncheon will take place at Chaparral Terrace on July 3rd at 11:00 a.m. She read an article about freedom of speech.

Kathleen Seymore gave an update on a concern she brought before the Council during the June 4, 2024 Council Meeting. She said she viewed the bodycam footage of the event with Lieutenant Holdway. She said her perception, both favorable and unfavorable, was altered at the close of the

meeting with Lieutenant Holdway. She said they discussed a possible follow-up during another council meeting, but the specific meeting was never agreed upon. She said she was not able to attend the June 18th Council Meeting because she was sick. She said the Council took advantage of her absence and gave a less than favorable public response to the incident and communications surrounding it. She said it was sad that Police Chief Trebes mentioned Donna Doyle more than once in his reaction to her. She said Donna Doyle has been a friend of hers for many years, and said they have been supportive of S.A.I.N.T. (Saving Animals in Need Together) and other animal nonprofits for a very long time. She said the Council should consider a formal apology to Donna Doyle.

Donna Doyle said she is with the S.A.I.N.T (Saving Animals in Need Together) Organization. She said she attended the June 4, 2024 Council Meeting to hear about Proposition 416. She said she has known Kathleen Seymore for many years. She said she saw Ms. Seymore in the parking lot right before the meeting started. She said Ms. Seymore told her that she wanted to speak during the Call to the Public, and asked her what the process was and if she would sit with her. Ms. Doyle said she did not know what Ms. Seymore was going to speak about. She said she did not attend the June 18th Council Meeting, and said Police Chief Trebes responded to Ms. Seymore's complaint during the meeting. She said Chief Trebes linked her name and reputation of S.A.I.N.T. because she was sitting next to Ms. Seymore at the June 4th meeting. She said she felt that Chief Trebes tried to destroy her integrity during his response at the June 18th Council Meeting, and said she was upset that the Council applauded after Chief Trebes' comments.

Sean Regan said some city employees need to be reigned in, and said they need to be educated on freedom of speech. He said freedom of speech is limited to challenging someone to a fight or to cause violence. He said it is not limited to an individual standing at the podium or speaking their minds, and said citizens requests are not being filled.

Nick Parsons said solar power can help the middle class save money on their utility bills and gas. He said he wants to make a rechargeable fueling station at his home for everyone to use, and said he will help make them for individual homeowners. He asked the city to purchase one electric vehicle and make one charging station.

Scotty McClure said his "Scotty" campaign signs are still being stolen and he accused the city of having two of his "No on Proposition 416" signs. He said the "Yes on 416" sign that is on the trailer is in violation and needed to be removed. He said the print on the sample ballot is too small, and said he is going to send it to the Attorney General. He said Council Member Hecht signed her own petitions, and said it was a felony.

Mohave County Supervisor Hildy Angius said she is a candidate for Arizona Senate District 30. She said she approached the city with the idea of an ADA playground to be paid for with ARPA funds. She said Mohave County received approximately \$40 million, and said they decided to split the money between the five districts and allow each district to decide how they were going to spend it. She briefly spoke about all the ARPA projects she was involved with.

Eva Corbett said a We Care for Animals fundraiser will take place at Mohave Steakhouse on July 7th.

Nicole Tracy said enough funds were raised during the Kirk Tracy Musical Memorial Fun Walk that they were able to gift four musical instruments to local schools and were able to donate \$1,500 to S.A.I.N.T and \$1,500 to the Bullhead City Morning Kiwanis.

Gary Genovese said people should not celebrate the 4th with a 5th on the 3rd.

Having no one else present requesting to speak, Mayor D'Amico 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 Head seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: AYES: Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring**

**NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Summer Camp

Recreation Superintendent Heath said the summer camp program was very successful this year. He said this year they were able to add an additional 12 camps, and said there were 761 registrations this year. He said they plan to grow the program even more next year.

2. ADA Playground at Rotary Park

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said a ribbon cutting ceremony was held today for the ADA Playground at Rotary Park. He thanked the Rotary Club and the BHHS Legacy Foundation for their generous donations towards this project. He thanked Mohave County Supervisor Hildy Angius for the ARPA funds that were used for this project. He said the ADA playground is more than just a new addition to the parks system, it is a symbol of the commitment to create a community where every individual can thrive and where every child can play, learn, and grow together regardless of their abilities or mobility. He said it is a place where families can come together, create memories and make lifelong connections. He said this park is a reflection of the city's values, of inclusivity, and accessibility. He said it shows that we care about each other and all residents and are dedicated to providing high quality amenities that enhance the quality of life.

3. Summer Safety on the Colorado River

City Manager Cotter said all city parks are very busy. He said Arizona Game and Fish, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and the U.S. Coast Guard have acknowledged to help on the river this weekend. He said Davis Camp will be patrolled by Mohave County and the city will be patrolling our parks and looking for any violations and answering any emergency calls. He said police officers will address calls regarding fireworks.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS**

Council Member Lizarraga wished everyone a Happy Independence Day. He said a BARC Bunco Fundraiser will be held on July 26th at 2435 Miracle Mile. He said the funds that are raised will help fund the Bullhead City Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Program.

**ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council Member Head made a motion that Items No. 1 through 4 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, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring**

**NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Special Budget Meeting, June 18, 2024 Special Council Meeting, June 18, 2024 Special Budget Meeting, and June 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
2. Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-32, appointing and directing City Finance Director Robert Drexler to submit the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General. (Finance Director Drexler)
3. Approve the Thirteenth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Colorado River for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$50,000 for FY 2024-2025, and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. (City Manager Cotter)
4. Approve to grant a 5.67-acre-foot water allocation for the Bullhead City School District's DEN (District Employee Neighborhood) authorized under Ordinance No. 2023-16. (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Building, Planning and Zoning Items**

None

### **Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases**

5. Discussion and possible action to award the contract “RFP 2024-215 Professional Auditing Services” to Baker Tilly US, LLP., in a total amount not to exceed \$231,885.00 over a three-year period for the City’s annual auditing requirements beginning with fiscal year end June 30, 2024 through fiscal year end June 30, 2026, with an option to extend the contract for two additional audit periods. (Finance Director Drexler)

City Manager Cotter said the city does an audit every year, and said the audit is then presented to the Council. He said the cost of the audit for the first year is \$73,000; the second year is \$77,000; and the third year is \$80,000.

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

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to award a contract “RFP 2024-215 Professional Auditing Services” to Baker Tilly US, LLP., in a total amount not to exceed \$231,885.00 over a three-year period for the City’s annual auditing requirements beginning with fiscal year end June 30, 2024 through fiscal year end June 30, 2026, with an option to extend the contract for two additional audit periods. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, D’Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Other Business**

6. Discussion and possible action to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21, “Bus Stop Amendments 2024” by reference; and approve RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-33, declaring “Bus Stop Amendments 2024” a public record. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said this item will make it unlawful for any person to remain at or upon any bus stop shelter, bench, or seating provided at a bus stop after hours.

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

**Council Member Lizarraga made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-21, “Bus Stop Amendments 2024” by reference; and approve Resolution No. 2024R-33, declaring “Bus Stop Amendments 2024” a public record. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, D’Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the estimated total annual assessment of \$105,056.00 for all Improvement Districts listed for FY 2025; grant the City Manager or his designee approval to sign all Tax Levies and Rates Certification Forms on behalf of the Lighting Districts; and forward the information to Mohave County for inclusion in its FY 2024-2025 Statement of Tax Levies and Rates. (Finance Director Drexler)

City Manager Cotter said the street lighting districts were requested by neighborhoods or developers upon the development of a particular subdivision.

Mayor D’Amico asked if anyone wanted to speak on this item.

Janice Johnston asked if dark sky alternatives have ever been considered. City Manager Cotter said most of the streetlights were put in many years ago. He said they currently work with developers on any new streetlights; if any. He said the city has taken the position that streetlights are for safety and security. He said this agenda item is dealing with a lot of older subdivisions that already have streetlights.

**Council Member Head made a motion to approve the estimated total annual assessment of \$105,056.00 for all Improvement Districts listed for FY 2025; grant the City Manager or his designee approval to sign all Tax Levies and Rates Certification Forms on behalf of the Lighting Districts; and forward the information to Mohave County for inclusion in its FY 2024-2025 Statement of Tax Levies and Rates. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, D’Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2024R-34, approving the application and receipt of Arizona’s State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) program funds from the Arizona State Parks and Trails for an additional restroom facility at Community Park. (Assistant to the City Manager Kajirwa)

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said portable toilets are currently being used at Community Park. He said he is asking the Council to approve the application and receipt of Arizona’s State Lake Improvement Fund program funds from the Arizona State Parks and Trails for an additional restroom facility at Community Park. He said if approved, the restroom will have 6 stalls.

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

**Council Member Ring made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024R-34, approving the application and receipt of Arizona's State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) program funds from the Arizona State Parks and Trails for an additional restroom facility at Community Park. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Discussion and possible action to ratify the receipt and execution of the Water Conservation Grand Fund Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona and direct the City Manager to take all actions consistent with its implementation, including the issuing of payments and entry of contracts. (Assistant to the City Manager Kajirwa)

Assistant City Manager Kajirwa said he and Mayor D'Amico made two trips to Phoenix to advocate for this grant. He said this grant will facilitate the replacement of non-functional turf in areas owned by the city with either artificial turf or low water xeriscape landscaping. He said the other component of the program consists of rebates and incentives to replace turf in areas owned by homeowners' associations and local businesses.

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

**Council Member Lettman made a motion to ratify the receipt and execution of the Water Conservation Grand Fund Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona and direct the City Manager to take all actions consistent with its implementation, including the issuing of payments and entry of contracts. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.**

**VOTE:** AYES: Alfonzo, D'Amico, Head, Hecht, Lettman, Lizarraga, Ring  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS**

None

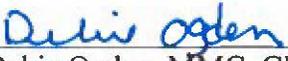
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 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 2nd day of July 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of July 2024.

  
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Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk