

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, August 4, 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 the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to deliver the invocation. Council Member O'Neill led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Billy Chooniyom

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

AMVETS Post 19 – Presentation to the City and Military Moms for the military banners on Highway 95.

Chris Neiffer, retired Navy veteran and Commander of AMVETS Post 19 Fort Mohave, presented a Patriotism Award to the City Council and the Tri-State Military Moms in recognition of the Military Banner Program. He said it brought joy and pride to the service members and their families and expressed his appreciation for the city's support of deployed veterans. Robynne Mieding, Tri-State Military Moms Director of the Military Banner Program, expressed gratitude to the city and community for supporting Service Members. She said seeing their children's banners along the highway gave families moments to pray for and think about them. She thanked all who had previously served.

Mayor Dallman thanked AMVETS Post 19 for recognizing Tri-State Military Moms and said the city was proud to participate in the Military Banner Program.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dallman opened the call to the public.

Harvey Pryor requested the city resume observing the "overflow rule" by holding a second call to the public at the end of meetings when the initial 30-minute limit is exceeded. He said current time limits restrict individual speaking time when many organizations are present and emphasized residents

should have the opportunity to address their government. He suggested providing an overhead projector at the podium so group presenters can display materials.

Scotty McClure said the Council needs to allow additional speakers after the initial 30-minute public comment period. He criticized the prior meeting for allowing certain speakers and presentations to continue beyond the 30-minute limit. He referenced past requests for cameras in the Council Chambers and said they should be there to protect the public.

Nick Childs introduced himself as a new pastor at Desert Shores Community Baptist Church. He said he had observed gaps in services for local youth from broken or underserved families. He announced an upcoming "eXtreme Tour" youth event. He said four churches are participating in the event and said the community has donated food, clothing, and haircuts for school. He urged the city and community partners to include the church and expressed the desire for the community to work together in supporting local youth. He thanked the community and the Council for welcoming him and his family.

Nena Weeber said she attempted to join the Senior Center and felt she was discriminated against and labeled as homeless. She said Council Member Ring and Senior Services Program Manager Cool were not good for the community.

Tammy Lafond said the Senior Center staff had discriminated against Ms. Weeber and said prior complaints and internal investigations were inadequate because Ms. Weeber was not interviewed. She called for Council Member Ring to step down and accused Council Member Ring and Senior Services Program Manager Cool of bullying and improper conduct.

Kelly Grunder said he was concerned about traffic and safety in the Vista Del Rio Way in Rio Lomas near Highway 95 and Central Avenue. He said removal of the median and addition of left-turn arrows had not improved access for residents exiting onto northbound Highway 95 and said a state trooper had advised he could be cited for using the left-turn lane as a merge lane. He said there was frequent speeding on Highway 95 and said traffic cuts through an alley behind Vito's Italian Restaurant and Southwest Realty. He requested Council consideration of a traffic signal on Highway 95 near Rio Lomas.

Julie Hassett announced the Mohave College Bighorns soccer team's first preseason game is on August 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Firebird Field in Rotary Park. She shared information on the Colorado River Concerts series.

Larry Tunforss requested the city make repainting street "STOP" legends and stop bars a higher priority and said existing markings were faded. He recommended standardizing the speed limit on North Oatman Road to 45 mph rather than having three different speed limits. He proposed creating an additional access route from the Perkins/McDonald's/Dutch Bros/5-Minute Lube shopping area to Hancock Road via Alta Vista Road to relieve congestion.

Paula Fontes Hamby said she had researched topics such as the PACT Act, disability claims backlogs, Veterans Affairs workforce and staffing levels, appointment volumes and wait times, mental health services, and veteran homelessness. She encouraged residents to review the information themselves and decide which leaders they felt best served veterans.

Dr. Ryan Proctor, head coach of the Bullhead City Barracudas swim team, thanked the city for its long-standing support. He said 80–120 children participate and value having a safe, clean facility for practices and meets. He requested a meeting with staff before next season to review and prevent miscommunications experienced at the start of the current season. He asked the Barracudas to be included in any planning or brainstorming related to a potential new city pool.

Melody Gjertsen with Colorado River Republican Women announced the group's meeting on Wednesday, August 5th at Chaparral Country Club and Restaurant from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She announced there will be a fundraiser at Black Bear Diner on Tuesday, August 11th.

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

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Council Member Ring made a motion to move Item 10 to Item 2. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Smith made a motion to move Item 9 to Item 3. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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. Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce Report

Jen McGuire, Executive Director of the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on their activities and priorities. She explained her background in chamber leadership and said they have focused on organizational improvements, strengthening financial oversight through a CPA, conducting board training and a bylaws review, developing a strategic plan, and expanding staff training and professional development. She said strengthening relationships with local businesses, community organizations, elected officials, tourism partners, regional chambers of commerce, and state resources are priority. She said membership support and marketing efforts had been expanded,

including increased social media exposure, business spotlights, one-on-one member engagement, enhanced website and event-calendar technology, and regional destination marketing. She discussed the relaunch of the Business Government Affairs Forum, plans for member education through the Mohave College Small Business Development Center, and efforts to increase regional collaboration. She said membership growth, destination marketing, economic development, and community collaboration were her four primary priorities. She discussed plans for regional events and tourism initiatives, including a joint mixer with the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce on September 10th, enhancements to Christmas on the Colorado, night markets, events at Oatman and Mohave Valley Raceway, and continued collaboration with the city's marketing and tourism staff. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the area and said she looked forward to providing the Council with future quarterly and annual reports showing progress on their initiatives.

2. Community Cat Colony Registration Program, Cat Ordinances – September 15th Workshop

City Manager Cotter said the Council will hold a special workshop meeting on September 15th regarding community cat colonies and other cat-related issues. He said a Change.org petition had been submitted requesting the Council adopt regulations for cat colonies. He said the workshop was tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

3. Splash Bash Recap

City Manager Cotter said the annual Splash Bash event featuring water slides and family activities took place last weekend and was well attended. He said attendance was regulated due to pool capacity, and thanked city staff, council, and event sponsors for their support.

4. Tuesday, August 18th City Council Meeting – Changed to Monday, August 17th

City Manager Cotter said the City Council meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th had been rescheduled to Monday, August 17th.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member Newlin reported that he completed a ride-along with Meals on Wheels the previous week and received feedback from approximately 20 program clients. He thanked the volunteers for their efforts in supporting the program.

Mayor Dallman recognized the 2026 Junior Lifeguard Program graduates and said 32 participants graduated on July 31st. She congratulated the graduates for their hard work and commitment.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Newlin 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 Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Item on the Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the July 7, 2026 and July 21, 2026 Regular Council Meetings. (City Clerk Ogden)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

- * 10. Discussion and possible action to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-25 declaring and adopting the July 21, 2026 Primary Election results submitted by the Mohave County Elections Department and as canvassed and approved by the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, as the official final election results for the City of Bullhead City. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said the packet posted online included a statement from the Mohave County Election Department containing the official election results. He said Resolution No. 2026R-25 would need to be signed following Council approval to confirm the election results. He said City Clerk Ogden was available to provide additional information if needed.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026R-25 declaring and adopting the July 21, 2026 Primary Election results submitted by the Mohave County Elections Department and as canvassed and approved by the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, as the official final election results for the City of Bullhead City 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 adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13 by reference, approving an amendment to Chapter 5.30, Personal Watercraft Rentals, Title 5, Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations, of the Bullhead City Municipal Code as an emergency measure; and adopting RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-24 declaring the code amendment a public record. (City Attorney Emery)

City Attorney Emery said the proposed ordinance resulted from the July 7th Executive Session regarding insurance requirements for businesses using the city's launch ramps for commercial purposes. He gave a brief background on the existing requirement for commercial general liability insurance. He said in 2019, an administrative decision allowed businesses to provide commercial auto liability insurance as an alternative after concerns were raised that the original requirement was burdensome. He said the proposed ordinance would codify the policy allowing commercial launch ramp permit holders to provide either \$1 million in commercial general liability insurance or \$1 million in commercial auto liability insurance. He said commercial general liability coverage would generally address incidents involving personal watercraft after they were released from the vehicle or trailer and were operating in the water, while commercial auto liability coverage would address risks associated with maneuvering, backing, and launching the watercraft from the vehicle or trailer. He said the city's insurer considered vehicle and launch-ramp traffic to be the primary source of risk and said individual vendors were responsible for their launch and retrieval operations. He said the proposed ordinance was presented for Council discussion and consideration as a matter of policy.

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

Gregg Eidsness, a former local insurance agent, said the original ordinance addressed three distinct areas of risk: marine liability, commercial auto liability, and workers' compensation. He said marine liability coverage was intended to address exposures occurring once watercraft entered the water. He said he learned some launch ramp operators were providing general liability insurance certificates for their business premises rather than the marine coverage required by the ordinance. He said he discussed the matter with the city and was told that the ordinance remained necessary and said enforcement was deferred because requiring the coverage mid-season could create a financial hardship for business owners. He said the risks associated with activities on the river and docks had not changed and accidents and fatalities had increased. He expressed concern that some business owners had paid significant premiums to comply with the city's requirements while others had not. He questioned why the marine insurance requirement was now being removed for economic reasons.

Najibullah Noori said since 2011, Bullhead City required watercraft rental businesses to carry \$1 million in general liability insurance which he understood to mean marine liability coverage. He said the proposed change allowing commercial auto liability insurance in place of marine coverage would not cover incidents involving a personal watercraft once it was released into the water or in certain situations on the launch ramp. He provided an example of a boat that had traveled approximately 100 feet up a launch ramp and struck two personal watercraft and said his insurance covered the resulting damage. He said he had consistently maintained the required insurance coverage while alleging some competing operators had not carried the same coverage. He questioned the city's 2019 decision to allow automobile insurance as an alternative and said the change had not been brought before the public. He urged the Council to retain and enforce the marine liability insurance requirement. He referenced insurance requirements at Davis Camp and encouraged the city to ensure all vendors were treated equally and complied with applicable insurance and workers' compensation requirements.

Barry (no last name given) said he had been in the watercraft rental industry since 2015 and said the existing insurance policy had worked for 10 years without significant issues. He said he was concerned that requiring marine insurance would create a financial hardship for smaller businesses. He said the insurance policy referenced by Mr. Noori applied to Davis Camp, which is a county facility, and should not be imposed on city businesses. He said the proposed requirement would disproportionately affect smaller businesses, and alleged Mr. Noori was attempting to limit

competition. He said he operated his business in compliance with city requirements and had not experienced problems with his current insurance coverage.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he understood the insurance requirement at Davis Camp was imposed by Mohave County because Mr. Noori was the sole vendor at that facility. He said other local vendors operated within the city and were not subject to the county's requirements. He asked if Mr. Noori had agreed to the Davis Camp insurance requirements when becoming the facility's sole watercraft rental vendor. Mr. Noori asked if the launch ramp and dock constituted city property. City Attorney Emery answered affirmative and said that is why a launch permit is required. Mr. Noori said the issue concerned the Bullhead City ordinance adopted in 2011 and was unrelated to the insurance requirements at Davis Camp.

Christopher (no last name given) and Nazir Akbari said the local jet ski rental industry is highly competitive and emphasized many of the businesses were small, family-operated companies. He said additional insurance requirements could negatively affect smaller businesses and said the city should encourage a healthy and competitive business environment. He said he was concerned about businesses operating from Laughlin, Nevada while conducting business on city property. He said local rental businesses provided customers with safety information, operating instructions, and guidance regarding river conditions and designated areas before allowing them to operate personal watercraft. He said the businesses took responsibility for educating customers and providing a safe experience while attracting tourists to the community. He encouraged the city and local businesses to work together to promote safety and a healthy business environment.

Mindy Kassan said she was involved in a boating accident in 2015 in which she, her boyfriend, and her children were nearly killed after underage individuals operating rented personal watercraft allegedly caused an accident and left the scene. She said promoting water safety and enforcing water safety were different matters. She said she was concerned automobile insurance would not provide adequate coverage for incidents occurring on the water and urged the city to require appropriate coverage for both land and water operations.

City Attorney Emery said the proposed insurance requirement applied only to a vendor's use and connection with the city's launch ramps at city parks. He said the city did not dictate the amount or type of insurance businesses were required to carry for their overall operations and said the Council had not established insurance requirements for those activities. He emphasized the ordinance was limited to risks associated with use of the city's launch ramps.

Steve D'Amico said he was opposed to what he characterized as excessive government regulation. He said the city's liability should be limited to the launch ramps and should not extend its requirements to activities occurring on the river. He supported Bullhead City addressing its own liabilities and cautioned against imposing additional insurance requirements on businesses beyond the city's responsibility.

Mayor Dallman said she had reviewed the issue, and Arizona law did not require personal watercraft insurance while operating on the water. She said the business owner was responsible for determining if they provide insurance coverage to customers. She said the Colorado River was regulated by Arizona Game and Fish and said federal maritime law placed operational responsibility on the watercraft operator. She said watercraft rental businesses required customers to sign personal watercraft rental protection advisory forms and use wristbands to identify authorized operators. She

acknowledged previous Councils had made decisions regarding the insurance requirements and referenced the 2019 letter to watercraft rental businesses clarifying the acceptable insurance coverage.

Council Member Smith asked if the city's responsibility extended beyond the portion of the ramp located outside the water and how far. City Attorney Emery said the city's responsibility is to the high-water mark.

Council Member O'Neill asked if a person rented a personal watercraft in Laughlin and subsequently struck a city dock would the responsibility for the resulting damage fall on the watercraft operator, the city, or the watercraft rental business. City Attorney Emery said the watercraft operator would be responsible for damage caused to a city dock.

Council Member Newlin read from the proposed ordinance: "The endorsement must specifically list the use of city-owned or controlled launch ramps and connected facilities or properties." City Attorney Emery said the city provided businesses with a sample insurance endorsement because some businesses and insurance agents were unfamiliar with the endorsements required by the city. He said an updated sample endorsement would be provided to all watercraft rental businesses following the Council's action. Council Member Newlin read from the council item: "Due to questions at the beginning of the jet ski season in 2019, the city issued a letter to all launch ramp pass holders, which stated that the city would permit an alternative form of insurance in the form of commercial auto liability policy in the amount of \$1 million for each vehicle accessing the ramps". He asked if a letter was issued to all launch ramp pass holders. City Manager Cotter answered affirmative. Council Member Newlin asked if the proposed ordinance addressed accidents occurring on the river itself. City Attorney Emery said it had no applicability.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-13 by reference, approving an amendment to Chapter 5.30, Personal Watercraft Rentals, Title 5, Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations, of the Bullhead City Municipal Code as an emergency measure; and adopting Resolution No. 2026R-24 declaring the code amendment a public record. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) License Job No. 397906 submitted by Randy Faiek Mary for Wing It, located at 742 Hancock Road, Bullhead City. (City Clerk Ogden)

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

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

Council Member Ring made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 12 (Restaurant) License Job No. 397906 submitted by Randy Faiek Mary for Wing It, located at 742 Hancock Road, Bullhead City, Arizona. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License and Interim Permit Job No. 401684 submitted by Raphael Rafo for Riviera Beer and Wine, located at 506 Riviera Boulevard, Bullhead City. (City Clerk Ogden)

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

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Lic a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License and Interim Permit Job No. 401684 submitted by Raphael Rafo for Riviera Beer and Wine, located at 506 Riviera Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract for purchase of Type II Slurry Seal Sand for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$166,446.00 for fiscal year 2026-2027 from S&S Concrete of Bullhead City, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is for a contract with S&S Concrete for slurry sand used in the city's street maintenance program. She said the contract unit price is \$33.29 per ton and said it was the same price as the previous year. She said the project was advertised for bids on June 3, 10, 17, and 24, with the bid period extended to July 20th. She said 13 vendors accessed the bid documents and said only S&S Concrete submitted a bid.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve the contract for purchase of Type II Slurry Seal Sand for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$166,446.00 for fiscal year 2026-2027 from S&S Concrete of Bullhead City, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the contract for purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$1,117,956.00 for fiscal year 2026-2027 from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson said this item is for a slurry oil contract with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions. She said the city had previously used this vendor and had no issues with its products. She said the project was advertised for bids on June 3, 10, 17, and 24, with the bid period extended to July 20th. She said 17 vendors downloaded the bid packet and said two bids were received with Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions being the lowest bidder. She said the cost per ton is \$798.54, compared to \$771.68 per ton the previous year.

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

Council Member Smith said approximately \$1.8 million had been budgeted for street maintenance between slurry seal sand and emulsion leaving approximately \$515,500 remaining in the budget after these contracts.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve the contract for purchase of PMCQS-1h Asphalt Emulsion for street maintenance projects within city limits in an amount not to exceed \$1,117,956.00 for fiscal year 2026-2027 from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Inc. of Las Vegas, Nevada, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and approve resultant payments as presented. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the construction contract (base bid only – no additive alternative), with Mountain High Excavating, LLC., for the installation of approximately 4,700 feet of 16-inch water transmission main in an amount not to exceed \$1,562,754.60, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and issue resultant payments. (Utilities Director Clark)

Utilities Director Clark said this was the third and final phase of the South Supply Line project to improve water supply, storage, and pressure in the southern portion of the city. He said Phase I included drilling Well 20-1 and constructing the initial portion of the supply line to Kaibab Drive, and said Phase II extended the line from Kaibab Drive to the easternmost driveway of the Catholic

Church on North Oatman Road. He said Phase III would extend the South Supply Line along North Oatman Road to Arcadia Road and then to Black Mountain Road connecting to a planned storage tank. He said the storage tank project would include a 1.5-million-gallon storage tank and a future distribution main connecting to the Miracle Mile line. He said once completed, the project would improve water pressure through gravity in the Riviera, Riverbend, and Holiday Shores areas and along Miracle Mile from Walmart to City Square Shopping Center. He said this would utilize Well 20-1 and would address deficiencies identified in the Water Master Plan related to water storage and production capacity.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said the South Supply Line Phase III project was competitively bid and said two bids were received. He said Mountain High Construction submitted the lowest bid and said Kay Constructors' bid was \$8,227.70 higher.

Council Member Smith asked what the alternative bid entailed. Utilities Director Clark said it was for an additional line because the distribution main was initially planned to be routed through the area. He said the routing was later changed and said the additional line remained in the bid documents because removing it would have required costly redesign work. He clarified the additional line was never intended to be constructed as part of the project.

Council Member Smith asked if this contract would address the delayed response in repairing the roads after utility work was performed. Utilities Director Clark said the majority of South Supply Line Phase III would be installed in the dirt on the north side of North Oatman Road to Arcadia Road. He said the line would cross Arcadia Road and continue in the dirt until reaching Black Mountain Road where a road crossing would occur. Council Member Smith said she was concerned about metal plates remaining in place for extended periods because they were damaging vehicles. She asked about completing the associated road repairs more quickly. Utilities Director Clark explained the plates were being left in place because staff did not want to energize the line until they were certain the section could be pressurized along Riverview Drive. He added there would not be a large area requiring metal plates.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve the construction contract (base bid only – no additive alternative), with Mountain High Excavating, LLC., for the installation of approximately 4,700 feet of 16-inch water transmission main in an amount not to exceed \$1,562,754.60, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and issue resultant payments as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the "Agreement for Full Patrol Unit Upfits 2026 Ford Expeditions" with Airwave Communications Enterprise in an amount not to exceed \$245,247.61 under City of Phoenix Cooperative Contract (Invitation for Bid 24-FSC-013), and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments. (Police Chief George)

Police Chief George said the Council had previously approved the purchase of seven patrol vehicles and said this item was for the upfitting of those vehicles with the necessary equipment. He said the expense was included in the budget.

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

Harvey Pryor asked for clarification regarding the cost and whether the amount was for seven new vehicles or only for installing equipment in seven vehicles already in the fleet. Police Chief George explained the item was solely for upfitting the seven new patrol vehicles with emergency equipment.

Council Member Ring made a motion to approve the “Agreement for Full Patrol Unit Upfits 2026 Ford Expeditions” with Airwave Communications Enterprise in an amount not to exceed \$245,247.61 under City of Phoenix Cooperative Contract (Invitation for Bid 24-FSC-013), and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue resultant payments as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of seven APX8500 radios under Quote No. 3716198 dated July 9, 2026 in the amount of \$79,493.46; waive competitive bidding as being in the best interest of the city pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D); and further, authorize the City Manager to issue resulting payments. (Police Chief George)

Police Chief George said this item was for the communications equipment for the seven patrol vehicles previously approved for purchase.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked if completing the vehicle upfitting in Fort Mohave would save time and if warranty work for the vehicles would be performed there. Police Chief George said any malfunctions with the equipment, the vendor will come to the city to address the issue.

Council Member O’Neill asked if the Ford vehicles came with a standard police package and if the expense was necessary to upfit the seven vehicles with the same equipment used in the city’s existing patrol vehicles and asked if that was why there were additional Council items for the same seven vehicles. Police Chief George answered affirmative.

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 seven APX8500 radios under Quote No. 3716198 dated July 9, 2026 in the amount of \$79,493.46; waive competitive bidding as being in the best interest of the city pursuant to Bullhead City Municipal Code Section 3.37.030(D); and further, authorize the City Manager to issue resulting payments as presented. Council Member Ring seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

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COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

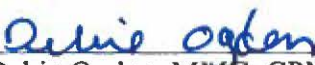
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Dallman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 4th day of August 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of August 2026.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk