

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 7, 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 Council Member O'Neill to deliver the invocation. Mayor Dallman 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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation to Mike Conner, outgoing CEO of the River Fund.

Mayor Dallman presented a certificate of appreciation for over 40 years of service in the community and a picture that was signed by various members of the community, city staff members, and council members to Mike Conner.

Mr. Conner reflected on his 16 years leading the River Fund and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community and help individuals and families in need. He thanked the River Fund Board, community members, businesses, volunteers, and supporters on both sides of the Colorado River for their continued support. He thanked the City Council, city staff, and the Mayor for their partnership and support and said the River Fund was able to expand its services, assist people experiencing homelessness, and support local food banks. He recalled receiving the River Fund's first grant from the Walmart Foundation and said it provided equipment and materials to regional food banks. He acknowledged Nancy Monjo for mentoring him through the grant-writing process and thanked everyone for their support.

2. Receive presentation from David Schott, CEO of Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) regarding hospital operations, capital improvements and related matters.

David Schott said Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC) operates nine clinics, one urgent care, an imaging center, and the hospital. He said its vision is providing exceptional care to the community with a strong safety performance. He said in fiscal year 2025-2026, the hospital recorded 162,000 patient encounters and delivered over \$45 million in uncompensated care, \$3.8

million in capital investments, \$57 million in payroll, and \$10 million in taxes. He highlighted community programs such as Shop with a Cop, the Jars of Love peanut butter drive, Art for Healing, and CPR training for all eighth graders. He said recent physician recruitment for new surgeons and primary care physicians is underway, and said the integration of Southwest Cardiology brings the cardiology team to five cardiologists and three advanced practice providers.

Mayor Dallman asked if the MRI opening that was mentioned during his presentation is the Imaging Center on Hancock Road or at the hospital. Mr. Schott said the MRI center was at the hospital on Silver Creek Road.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dallman opened the call to the public.

Greg Eidsness said watercraft liability is an expensive specialty coverage not included in standard general liability policies. He said the city ordinance also required appropriately classified workers' compensation coverage for employees operating on the water. He said he was concerned some companies might not be in compliance with these requirements and offered to be available to council members for any further questions about this type of insurance.

Najibullah Noori with Fastrip Convenience Store said after competitors pressed the city in 2011, the city adopted an ordinance requiring \$1 million in watercraft liability insurance per occurrence for jet ski rental companies and later imposed a \$100 tag per ski for launch ramp use. He said based on advice from his insurance agent, he consistently carried the required specialty marine / watercraft liability insurance year-round and said premiums ranged from \$100,000 to approximately \$175,000 annually. He said the resulting financial burden had forced him to stop operating jet ski rentals at Fastrip.

Cameron Noori, a new owner of a watercraft rental business, said he complied with all city requirements, including tax ID, TPT, general liability insurance, the \$10 per jet ski city fee, and the \$100 per jet ski launch pass. He said after reviewing Bullhead City Municipal Code 5.30, he understood it to require \$1 million in watercraft liability insurance per occurrence, specifically for jet skis. He said he currently pays approximately \$180,000 annually to insure his 45 jet skis. He said he was concerned that some competitors appeared to satisfy the requirement with much cheaper automobile liability policies which he believed did not meet the ordinance's intent or adequately protect public safety.

Dr. Soy with A-to-Z Health and Wellness Clinic said the clinic was accepting new patients, accepted Medicare and PPO insurance plans, and offered affordable payment plans with unlimited visits for uninsured patients. She said she is a board-certified family nurse practitioner with advanced training in diabetes, and emphasized chronic disease prevention and management. She said the clinic planned to offer free diabetes education classes soon.

Jackie Wallin with River 250 and the Laughlin Tourism Commission recognized community partners who helped execute the Davis Dam Banner Project and served on the new River 250 Legacy Collection Committee. She announced on July 31st there will be the Margarita Fest event that will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River. She requested to return in August with the

River 250 Planning Committee to present a recap of the 37 events and programs that were held and to provide a progress update on the Legacy Collection.

Ron Miller said there has been a long-standing homeless encampment issue at the end of Trane Road. He said there had been increasing problems with trash overflow, unsanitary behavior in the river, and vandalized signs. He said homeless individuals were living at the access point, and questioned when it would be considered an encampment. He raised serious safety concerns, alleging that one individual carried a samurai sword and large knives. He urged the city to take action to make the area safe for families.

Paula Fontes Hamby spoke about increasing utility bills and actions of the Arizona Corporation Commission. She said the Commission had voted to allow utility companies to implement annual rate hikes with less frequent, full public review and said she was concerned about reduced oversight and gradual bill increases. She said two of the five commission seats would be on the ballot in November and urged residents to research commission candidates carefully and vote for those pledging to slow rate hikes, impose real caps, and strengthen oversight.

Melody Jurgenson with the Colorado River Republican Women Council announced their August 5th meeting will be held at Chaparral Country Club and Restaurant from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She reminded residents early voting was underway through July 17th with the Primary Election taking place on July 21st. She encouraged voters with mail-in ballots to deliver them in person to the Mohave County Library rather than mailing them.

Julie Hassett announced Colorado River Concert Series was entering its 52nd season of bringing world-class performers to Bullhead City, with concerts scheduled for November-March.

Scotty McClure said he was posting political signage around town. He said his packet of public records was related to an individual's past criminal history in other states. He criticized Make Bullhead Better for their lack of financial transparency. He accused council members of contacting the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about tax matters involving local political figures, and expressed ongoing frustration and distrust toward some local officials and candidates.

Council Member Smith responded that she had never contacted the IRS except for personal matters and clarified she simply reported to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors that Supervisor Gould had improperly increased his assistant's pay by reimbursing her commuting mileage between his two offices.

Council Member Ring said Mr. McClure would have more money if he stopped pursuing others and spending funds on political signs.

Mike (no last name given) said he was frustrated with Mr. McClure's political signs and confirmed Council Member Smith had not reported anyone to the IRS. He said his friends frequently asked what was happening in the city because of the signs and said while Mr. McClure could be sued, recovery would likely be impossible. He said the Kentucky Board of Corrections might be interested in Mr. McClure's claims because the inmate number regarding David Rose used on Mr. McClure's signs belonged to a different individual. He alleged Mr. McClure had stolen one political sign and placed his own sign in front of another candidate's sign. He urged the council to take action to stop what he called "the little man with the little signs."

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. America 250 Celebrations

City Manager Cotter presented a video recap of recent America 250 events and said Bullhead City was one of very few communities to host both the Arizona 250 and America 250 museum trailers. He said the July 1st Findlay Tailgate party and Laughlin's July 4th show were very successful. He expressed pride in staff and partners for organizing 37 River 250/Bullhead City 250 events.

2. Artist Guild Presentation

City Manager Cotter said the River Valley Artists Guild created a commemorative canvas at the historical trailer event and said it will be formally presented at the July 21st Council meeting.

3. Recreation Summer Camp and Aquatic Programs

Recreation Manager Adams said the Recreation Department completed its five-week "Star Spangled Summer" camp with a record 1,360 registrations. She highlighted new programming such as Mad Science Camp and kids' golf camp. She said a major highlight was the free one-day Segun Olubi Family Football Camp led by NFL linebacker and Bullhead City alumnus Segun Olubi. She said Raiders team players and coaches signed memorabilia to be displayed in the council chambers. She said 322 children attended the event. She reported the Aquatics Division remained very active with swim lessons, TWN-sponsored free pool parties and dive-in movies reaching capacity, a free July 4th pool party, and a Senior Splash Pad Takeover event at Ken Fovargue Splash Pad. She said recreation programs provide first-sport experiences for children, STEM exposure, safe family spaces, and opportunities for seniors to stay active.

4. Susan Carroll – Certified Municipal Clerk

City Clerk Ogden announced on June 26th she received notice from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks that Deputy City Clerk Susan Carroll had met all requirements to become a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), following completion of a three-year program through Arizona State University and additional coursework. She commended Deputy City Clerk Carroll's dedication over the past three years. She said both she and Deputy City Clerk Carroll would attend

election-related training the following week, and Deputy City Clerk Carroll would be eligible to take the exam to become a Certified Elections Official.

5. Election Information

City Clerk Ogden reported that the upcoming Primary Election is Tuesday, July 21st and said the last day to register to vote was June 22nd. She said in-person early voting was available at the Mohave County Library Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with extended hours on July 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. She said early ballots were mailed on June 24th and said the last day to request a ballot by mail was July 10th. She said all election and voter registration information was available on the Mohave County Recorder's website under the voter registration page.

6. Riverbend Circle Property Maintenance and Concerns

Human Services Director Tipton reported on June 23rd, the city was notified by the Bullhead City Police Department of a severe animal hoarding case involving hazardous living conditions and numerous cats. He said the city immediately coordinated a multi-department response involving the police department, animal enforcement, code enforcement, BARC, and local nonprofit rescue organizations Feral Cat Warriors and We Care for Animals. He said over several days, rescue teams safely removed a total of 50 cats from the property despite hazardous conditions that required personnel to wear protective equipment and limit time inside the residence. He said all rescued cats received veterinary examinations, were spayed or neutered if healthy, and said four cats were humanely euthanized due to severe medical conditions. He reported that Feral Cat Warriors assumed care of 42 cats, while BARC continued caring for eight cats including four receiving medical treatment. He explained the residence was secured after the final search and said We Care for Animals continued trapping efforts in the surrounding neighborhood. He thanked the police department, animal enforcement, BARC staff, code enforcement, Feral Cat Warriors, We Care for Animals, and the many volunteers whose collaborative efforts made the rescue operation successful.

City Manager Cotter said while the city strongly respected private property rights, there were circumstances in which government intervention became necessary to protect public health and safety. He explained the property had been red-tagged and was scheduled for demolition unless legal action prevented it. He said the city often was not aware of dangerous conditions inside private residences until a serious incident occurred. He emphasized that the city would continue to respect private property rights while responding appropriately to welfare concerns and public safety issues.

City Manager Cotter addressed comments made by Mr. Miller during the call to the public regarding homeless activity in drainage easements and street ends. He said the city would not allow public drainage easements or other city property to become homeless encampments and said the police department would continue to patrol and respond to concerns in those areas. He encouraged residents to report suspicious or threatening activity by calling the police department's non-emergency line or 911 in emergencies.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Council Member O'Neill said the men's home operated by Praise Chapel will be closing and would no longer accept individuals needing housing. He encouraged community members to volunteer at the Bullhead City Food Bank.

Council Member Newlin congratulated the United States on its 250th Anniversary and expressed appreciation for the community's patriotism. He said the nation's success depended on everyone working together.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo praised the police department, fire department, and ambulance services and said they responded to 628 calls over the Independence Day weekend. He said there were six motor vehicle collisions, three watercraft collisions, and no fatalities. He said Bullhead City has one of the finest police departments in the state.

Council Member Ring commended the city, fire department, police department, and all personnel involved in the animal hoarding incident. She thanked community members who adopted some of the rescued cats and expressed appreciation for their kindness and support.

Mayor Dallman thanked city staff, and everyone involved in organizing the America 250 events. She said after traveling to other states, she observed many communities were not recognizing the anniversary in the same way. She expressed pride in Bullhead City's efforts and thanked Jackie Wallin and her team for their work in coordinating the celebrations. She said the visits from the Arizona Liberty Bell and the federal truck were celebrations that made her proud to be both an American and a Bullhead City resident.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith made a motion that Items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda be approved in accordance with the reports, certifications and recommendations furnished each Council Member and without further discussion. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, June 16, 2026 Special Budget Meeting, and June 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. (City Clerk Ogden)
2. Accepted the Grant and Dedication 30-foot Public Utility Easement Portion of Section 24, T20N, R22W (APN 220-04-059 vicinity of 1842 Goldrush Road, Bullhead City, AZ). (Development Services Director Chooniyom)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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) License and Interim Permit Job No. 401689 submitted by Raphael Rafo for Eagles Market, located at 2178 Riviera Boulevard, Bullhead City, AZ. (City Clerk Ogden)

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

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

Council Member O'Neill asked if the business already had a liquor license. City Clerk Ogden said this application was an agent change.

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 10 (Beer and Wine Store) License and Interim Permit Job No. 401689 submitted by Raphael Rafo for Eagles Market, located at 2178 Riviera Boulevard, Bullhead City, AZ as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. **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. 400368 submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller for Takumi Sushi House and Kitchen, located at 1047 Highway 95, Suite A1, Bullhead City, AZ. (City Clerk Ogden)

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

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

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to make a recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control to approve the application for the owner/location transfer of a Series 12 (Restaurant) License Job No. 400368 submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller for Takumi Sushi House and Kitchen, located at 1047 Highway 95, Suite A1, Bullhead City, AZ. As presented. 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

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the "River Fund Transportation Assistance Grant" with River Fund, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 to assist the homeless in Bullhead City with transportation needs, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, issue payments, and to take all actions necessary for the implementation of the agreement. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said this request was for approval of a \$50,000 River Fund Transportation Assistance Grant and said the funding had been included in the current fiscal year budget. He said River Fund provided critical assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness or other hardships, including transportation, bus tickets to reunite individuals with family, and other services. He said since the grant program began in May 2021, River Fund had assisted 1,142 clients and provided 319 bus tickets. He introduced April Wing as the new Executive Director of River Fund and thanked former Executive Director Mike Connor for his years of service and contributions to the community.

River Fund Executive Director Wing introduced herself and expressed her enthusiasm for serving as Executive Director. She said River Fund would continue its strong partnership with the City of Bullhead City and other community partners while building on the legacy established by former Executive Director Connor. She expressed her willingness to collaborate on future partnerships and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

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

Council Member O'Neill said he had initially opposed funding for the River Fund and said his perspective had changed after working closely with the organization and getting to know former Executive Director Connor. He said the River Fund had helped relocate more than 20 individuals from the men's home over the past year and expressed his full support for the grant. He thanked Mr. Connor for his service and friendship and acknowledged the positive impact the organization has on the community.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to approve the “River Fund Transportation Assistance Grant” with River Fund, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 to assist the homeless in Bullhead City with transportation needs, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, issue payments, and to take all actions necessary for the implementation of the agreement as presented. Council Member O’Neill seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and Catholic Charities Community Services in support of the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help & Hope, effective July 1, 2026, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, to make resultant payments, and to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the agreement. (Human Services Director Tipton)

Human Services Director Tipton said this request is for approval of a \$127,000 services agreement with Catholic Charities Community Services to support the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help and Hope and said the funding had been approved as part of the current fiscal year budget. He said the center operates daily by providing shelter and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness, including meals, medical and mental health services, employment assistance, and resources to help transition individuals into permanent housing. He said staff recommended approval of the agreement.

Council Member Smith asked for future reports to include if individuals originated from within Mohave County, other Arizona communities, or out of state. Human Services Director Tipton said he could provide the requested additional information.

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

Scotty McClure said he was concerned about the funding provided to organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness and questioned the transparency of nonprofit organizations receiving city funding. He said he wanted additional information regarding individuals using shelter addresses and said he was concerned about individuals with criminal histories or sex offender registration requirements. He said he had issues with homeless camping and littering near the storage facility and requested the city address debris, drainage easements, and related issues in the area.

Council Member Newlin said the facility had many unique circumstances and said he had recently volunteered at the facility. He agreed with Council Member Smith’s request for additional detailed reporting and said gathering information during the intake process could be challenging and improvements could be made. He expressed support for the additional reporting requirements that had been added in previous years and said those requirements remained in place.

Council Member Newlin made a motion to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Bullhead City and Catholic Charities Community Services in support of the Legacy Foundation Christine Stamper Center for Help & Hope, effective July 1, 2026, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, to make resultant payments, and to take all actions to effectuate the intent of the agreement 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 1) authorize entry into a financial leasing agreement for two Toro Greensmaster 3400 Hydraulic Diesel mowers (one narrow roller and one wide roller), two Toro Groundsmaster 4300 mowers, and two Toro Reelmaster 5510-D mowers from Simpson Norton Corporation of Goodyear, Arizona, in an amount not exceeding \$514,433.90 including tax through a 48-month capital financing lease agreement with monthly payments of approximately \$9,871.99; and 2) authorize the City Manager to finalize the financing lease agreements, execute all required documentation, and issue resulting payments. (Public Works Director Johnson)

City Manager Cotter said the city usually purchased and maintained most of its equipment and said lawn mowers were one of the few items the city had historically leased. He explained Bullhead City's climate created challenging conditions for equipment maintenance and said reliable mowing equipment was essential to maintaining city parks, sports fields, and recreational facilities. He said the importance of maintaining high-quality fields for residents, youth programs, sports tourism, tournaments, and the newly added Chaparral Golf Course is imperative. He said leasing mowers allowed staff to keep equipment in operation rather than out of service for repairs.

Public Works Director Johnson said this item was for approval of a lease agreement for six Toro mowers and said the equipment was a budgeted item for the current fiscal year and would be obtained through a Sourcewell Cooperative contract. She said the city currently uses five Toro mowers to maintain approximately 220 acres of grass and said mowing schedules vary from daily to weekly depending on the location and need. She said the lease included a four-year warranty and said the city had experienced reliable service from Toro in previous lease agreements. She explained if equipment issues occurred, the company provided prompt service including repairs, replacement equipment when needed, and warranty coverage. She said staff would continue performing routine maintenance and said major repairs would be covered under the warranty.

Vice Mayor Alfonzo asked why diesel mowers were chosen given the cost of diesel is close to \$2.00 per gallon more than unleaded. Public Works Director Johnson said the city selected diesel-powered mowers due to their durability and efficiency for the type of equipment required. She said the large mower decks, reels, and hydraulic systems required significant power to operate and said diesel engines are better suited for the application. She explained research comparing gas and diesel equipment showed diesel models had longer lifespans and could provide an estimated 20 to 35 percent reduction in operating costs.

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

Council Member Newlin made a motion to 1) authorize entry into a financial leasing agreement for two Toro Greensmaster 3400 Hydraulic Diesel mowers (one narrow roller and one wide roller), two Toro Groundsmaster 4300 mowers, and two Toro Reelmaster 5510-D mowers from Simpson Norton Corporation of Goodyear, Arizona, in an amount not exceeding \$514,433.90 including tax through a 48-month capital financing lease agreement with monthly payments of approximately \$9,871.99; and 2) authorize the City Manager to finalize the financing lease agreements, execute all required documentation, and issue resulting payments as presented. Vice Mayor Alfonzo seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

Vice Mayor Alfonzo said he had enjoyed serving as Vice Mayor and appreciated the opportunity to participate in community events. He said he and his wife attended approximately 279 events over the past year, representing nearly 97 percent of events throughout the Tri-State area. He said being retired allows him the time and willingness to continue volunteering his services to the city.

8. Discussion and possible action to designate a Council Member to serve as Vice Mayor for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, from July 7, 2026 through the date of the next appointment at the beginning of the next fiscal year. (City Clerk Ogden)

City Manager Cotter said Bullhead City Code requires the appointment of a Vice Mayor to serve in the event the mayor is unable to perform the duties of the office. He said the requirement was outlined in Section 2.08.030 of the City Code and said the position did not include additional compensation or benefits. He said the Vice Mayor's primary responsibility was to assume the duties of the mayor in his/hers absence or ability to serve.

Mayor Dallman said the current Vice Mayor had done an excellent job and said he was also in an election cycle and there could be uncertainty of the Vice Mayor position if he were not reelected. She asked how the vacancy would be handled if Vice Mayor Alfonzo is not reelected and asked if the city's previous practice had been to rotate the Vice Mayor role among Council Members. City Attorney Emery said it was not codified and said it was an informal practice. He said if the incumbent was not reelected there would be another agenda item for Vice Mayor designation.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to nominate Dan Alfonzo to serve as Vice Mayor for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, from July 7, 2026 through the date of the next appointment at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Council Member O'Neill seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-22 appointing and directing the City Finance Director, Robert Drexler, to submit the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General. (Finance Director Drexler)

Finance Director Drexler said state statute requires that all cities submit the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report by July 31st each year.

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

Vice Mayor Alfonzo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026R-22 appointing and directing the City Finance Director, Robert Drexler, to submit the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General as presented. Council Member Newlin seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and possible action to approve the estimated total annual assessment of \$65,983 for all Improvement Districts listed for Fiscal Year 2027, 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 2026-27 Statement of Tax Levies and Rates. (Finance Director Drexler)

City Manager Cotter explained that most street lighting districts had been established for many decades and said the current process was required to allow Mohave County to assess taxes for those districts. He said the funds collected through the process primarily covered the cost of electricity for the street lighting systems.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the estimated total annual assessment of \$65,983 for all Improvement Districts listed for Fiscal Year 2027, 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 2026-27 Statement of Tax Levies and Rates as presented. Council Member Newlin 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 6:59 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 7th day of July 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 23rd day of July 2026.



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk