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## **BHC prepares for water business**

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**BULLHEAD CITY** - The Bullhead City Council will meet twice today in the Council chamber at City Hall.

During a 3:30 p.m. workshop, Council members will receive a water rate study presentation by representatives of Red Oak Consulting as the city prepares to provide water to 45 Concordia Home residences at Laughlin Ranch.

This will mark the city's first venture in the municipal water business, as all water in the city is currently provided by private companies.

"Laughlin Ranch, as part of their development agreement, wanted to hand over their water system to the city for operation," said Pawan Agrawal, Bullhead City public works director.

The city is going through the process of taking over the system and agenda items during the regular Council meeting at 5:30 will help Bullhead City prepare for that eventuality.

"There are other steps that need to be in place before we would have a functioning utility," Agrawal said.

"Ordinances, regulations, all the approvals need to be in place, then at some point we would be starting the water service," he said.

Tonight, the Council will discuss and possibly act on appointing a member to serve as Vice Mayor from now until the end of May 2009. John Anderson has been in the position since November and he told the Daily News he would like to continue to serve as Vice Mayor.

Council members are also expected to make a number of appointments to various boards and commissions. City Clerk Diane Heilmann has received letters of interest from Planning and Zoning commissioners Howard Brassfield, Michael Lipshultz and Ann Pettit to serve additional terms.

Steven Buck, Thomas Ciresa and Orchid Comitz have expressed interest in reappointment to the Board of Adjustment and Mark Clark and John McCormick seek re-appointment to the Water Resources Advisory Committee.

Two positions on the Municipal Arts Commission need to be filled. Current commissioner Bart Williams requests re-appointment and Timothy Dewar is applying for the second seat.

City Hall is located at 1255 Marina Blvd. Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.