

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014
MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers
530 E. Monroe Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Mayor Meck called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Pastor Adam Zamora of Desert Hills Baptist Church led the invocation.

Members Present: Councilmember Garza (via telephone), Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember Hess, Councilmember McAchran, Councilmember Heustis, Vice Mayor Orsborn, and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: None.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, Assistant City Manager Roger Klingler, City Attorney Scott Ruby, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Fire Chief Bob Costello, Police Chief Larry Hall, Finance Director Larry Price, Economic Development Director Len Becker, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Human Resources Director Nancy Love, Water Resources Director Dave Nigh, Development Services Director George Flores, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, Information Technology Director Greg Platacz, Planning Manager Terri Hogan, and Marketing and Communications Manager Jennifer Rogers.

2A. Comments from the Public – Ms. Jillean Frakes (1615 South 220th Lane) presented statements regarding recent interactions with the Buckeye Police Department.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations

Mayor Meck proclaimed November 1, 2014 as “Extra Mile Day”.

Mayor Meck proclaimed October 2014 as “Community Planning Month”.

Mayor Meck proclaimed October 19-25, 2014, as “Cities & Towns Week”.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 Council Workshop and Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

Councilmember Heustis requested further clarification regarding labor and equipment charges for a roof repair and the potential for an insurance claim for the repair; an answer will be provided to Council. There being no further questions, a motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to ratify the payment of the accounts payable expenditures made. Copies of invoices are available at City Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of items on the Consent Agenda - All items with an (*) are considered to be routine matters. Councilmember Strauss requested Item *5D be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to approve Consent Items *5A, *5B, *5C, *5E, and *5F. Motion passed unanimously.

***5. New Business**

- *5A. Resolution No. 107-14 Approving the First Amendment to the Agricultural Lease Agreement By and Between the City of Buckeye, an Arizona Municipal Corporation, and Wingate Farms Partnership; Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to Execute and Deliver said Agreement**
Staff Liaison: Scott Lowe, Public Works Director
District No. 2

Council adopted Resolution No. 107-14 approving the First Amendment to the Agricultural Lease Agreement by and between the City of Buckeye, an Arizona Municipal Corporation and Wingate Farms Partnership; authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver said Agreement.

- *5B. Funding Approval for Airport Development and Access Road Construction**
Staff Liaison: John McMahon, Airport Coordinator
District No. All

Council approved an expenditure of \$22,000 from the Economic Development Fund (Account No. 122-050-1113, the "6.25 money") for the construction of the Airport development access road.

- *5C. Resolution No. 108-14 Approving the Purchase of Watson Road Right-of-Way from the Arizona State Land Department for the Access Road to Skyline Park; Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into and Execute Certain Agreements Related to the Purchase of Land for Right-of-Way**
Staff Liaison: Robert Wisener, Conservation and Project Manager
District No. 6

Council adopted Resolution No. 108-14 approving the purchase of Watson Road Right-of-Way from the Arizona State Land Department for the access road to Skyline Park; authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute certain agreements related to the purchase of land for the Right-of-Way.

- *5D. Professional Services Contract 2014-33 Between the City of Buckeye and Perlman Architects of Arizona, Inc. for the Final Design and Construction Administration Services of Fire Station 704 and the Completion of the Prototype Four-Bay District Command Fire Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \$352,724**
Staff Liaison: Bob Costello, Fire Chief
Chris Williams, Construction and Contracts Manager
District No. All

Councilmember Strauss requested this item be pulled for discussion. Chief Costello provided an overview of the final design and construction contract for Fire Station 704; groundbreaking is expected the first quarter of 2015 with an opening of the station approximately 11 months thereafter. The funds to support this project will come from previously collected impact fees as well as a financial commitment from Pulte Homes. Councilmember Strauss expressed appreciation for Fire Department staff. A motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and seconded by Vice Mayor Orsborn to approve Professional Services Contract 2014-33 between the City of Buckeye and Perlman Architects of Arizona, Inc. for the final design and construction administration services of Fire Station 704 and the completion of the prototype four-bay district command fire station in an amount not to exceed \$352,724. Motion passed unanimously.

***5E. Request for Council to Authorize a Possible Special Census in Buckeye**
Staff Liaison: George Diaz, Government Relations Manager
District No. All

Council authorized staff to conduct a Special Census in the City of Buckeye including:

1. Setting the terms for a contract or intergovernmental agreement with the United States Bureau of Census to conduct a special census;
2. Expending up to \$1,400,000 from contingency funds for census services and products;
3. Collaborating with other municipalities; and
4. Advertising and promoting special census participation by Buckeye residents, with costs associated with it likely spread over multiple fiscal years.

***5F. Authorization and Approval of the 2015 Government Relations Program**
Staff Liaison: George Diaz, Government Relations Manager
District No. All

Council authorized and approved the implementation of the 2015 Government Relations Program to include the following three components:

- 1. 2015 Legislative Goal**
 - a) Influence the legislative process, its outcomes and benefit the City of Buckeye.
- 2. 2015 Legislative Agenda**
 - a) Preserve local control – i.e.: oppose the preemption of local authority.
 - b) Protect State Shared Revenues to cities and towns.
 - c) Restore of the Highway User Revenue Fund.
 - d) Maintain Construction Sales Tax.
 - e) Defend Local Transaction Privilege Tax.
 - f) Authorize the physical transfer of water for the purposes of water recharge.
 - g) Authorize the reimbursement for value added investment into state lands.
- 3. 2015 Federal Program**
 - a) Employ contract services to pursue federal resources with compensation limited to \$5,000 per month with incentives for any awards received by the City of Buckeye.

6. Tabled/Continued Items-None

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business

7A. Action Resolution No. 94-14 Adopting A Notice Of Intention to Increase Water Meter Fees or Charges; Setting a Public Hearing; Filing a Written Report Supporting the Proposed New or Increased Water Meter Fees or Charges with the City Clerk
Staff Liaison: Dave Nigh, Water Resources Director
District No. All

Mr. Nigh provided an overview of the request to increase fees for new water meters; this increase will not affect current customers. The City is currently charging a fee for new water meters that is less than the cost of the meter, creating a deficit. Proposed fees will cover the City's costs with a ten percent increase to accommodate for future increases in purchase and labor fees. The fees the City currently charges were approved in 2007. A public hearing to approve/disapprove proposed new fees will be held on December 2, 2014. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Heustis to adopt Resolution No. 94-14 adopting a Notice Of Intention to Increase Water Meter Fees or Charges; setting a public hearing; filing a written report supporting the proposed new or increased water meter fees or charges with the City Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report and Government Relations

See attached City Manager's Report.

9. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Councilmember Garza: no comment.

Councilmember Strauss: no comment.

Councilmember Hess: reminded staff and residents about the upcoming Halloween event and community yard sale.

Councilmember McAchran: reminded staff and residents about upcoming events at the 6th Street Plaza including Octoberfest and Sangria and Shopping.

Councilmember Heustis: discussed Valley Metro circulator within the City and the value of this resource/service to residents; All Faith Board is planning a golf tournament.

Vice Mayor Orsborn: provided information related to Valley Metro route changes within the City and education discussions that took place at WESTMARC.

Mayor Meck: recently attended important GAIN event and thanked staff for participation.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie A. Meck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Council Meeting held on the 21st day of October, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk