

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 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 6:01 p.m. Pastor Keith Howard of Buckeye First Assembly led the invocation.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Strauss.

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

2A. Comments from the Public – None.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations – None.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and Council Workshop, May 7, 2014 Council Workshop, and the May 13, 2014 Special Council Meeting and Council Workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

A motion was mad by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess 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 and will be enacted by one motion and vote of the City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests. Vice Mayor Orsborn requested Item *5F be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve Items *5A, *5B, *5C, *5D, *5E, and *5G. Motion passed unanimously.

*5. New Business

- *5A. Resolution No. 57-14 Approving the Agreement Between the City of Buckeye and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver said Agreement**
Staff Liaison: Len Becker, Economic Development Director
District No. All

Council adopted Resolution No. 57-14 approving the agreement between the City of Buckeye and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver said agreement.

- *5B. Resolution No. 49-14 Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Buckeye and the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County Relating to Jury Services; Authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to Execute and Deliver said Agreement**
Staff Liaison: Maria Brewer, Presiding Judge
District No. All

Council adopted Resolution No. 49-14 approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Buckeye and the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County relating to Jury Services; authorizing the Mayor or City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement.

- *5C. Resolution No. 65-14 Approving the Abandonment of Four Separate Rights-Of-Way in the Vicinity of 247th Avenue and Yuma Road Associated with the Four-Lot Skeleton Ridge Subdivision and a Portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 3 West of the Gila and Salt River Meridian**
Staff Liaison: Sean Banda, Development Services Planner
District No. 3

Council adopted Resolution No. 65-14 approving the abandonment of four separate Rights-of-Way associated with the four-lot Skeleton Ridge subdivision. These Rights-of-Way are generally located on Yuma Road and 247th Avenue.

- *5D. Resolution No. 66-14 Approving the Reversion of the Lots, Street and Easement to Its Original Single Parcel Designation Prior to the Recordation of the Final Plat Known as Skeleton Ridge Generally Located South of the Southwest Corner of Yuma Road and 247th Avenue**
Staff Liaison: Sean Banda, Development Services Planner
District No. 3

Council adopted Resolution No. 66-14 a reversion of the lots, street and easement to its original single parcel designation prior to recordation of the final plat known as Skeleton Ridge generally located south of the southwest corner of Yuma Road and 247th Avenue.

- *5E. Resolution No. 40-14 Adopting New Fees and Charges for Services and Programs Rendered by the Community Services Department; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions; and Providing for an Effective Date**
Staff Liaison: Douglas Strong, Community Services Department Management Assistant
District No. All

Council adopted Resolution No. 40-14 adopting new fees and charges for services and programs rendered by the Community Services Department, providing for repeal of conflicting Resolutions, and providing for an effective date.

- *5F. Approval of the Expenditure for the Purchase of Electronic Plan Review Software Through SHI International Corporation, Utilizing the State of Arizona Department of Administration Cooperative Contract (No. ADSPO11-007500) for an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 to be Funded by the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget to Include the Use of Contingency Funds if Necessary; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver a Purchase Order Under said Contract**
Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer; George Flores, Development Services Director; Chris Williams, Construction and Contracting Manager
District No. N/A

Vice Mayor Orsborn requested this item be pulled for discussion. Mr. Zipprich provided an overview of the Electronic Plan Review Software purchase and the efficiency the program will provide as well as how the program will be utilized. The cost and time savings by purchasing the software is discussed. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve the expenditure for the purchase of electronic plan review software through SHI International Corporation, utilizing the State of Arizona Department of Administration Cooperative Contract (No. ADSPO11-007500), the "State Contract", for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget); authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver a purchase order under the State Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

- *5G. Resolution No. 72-14 Approving Amendment No. One to the Intergovernmental Agreement No. JPA 13-0001748-I between the City of Buckeye (formerly the Town of Buckeye) and the State of Arizona Department of Transportation Relating to the Construction of the Alarcon Boulevard and Kino Place Pedestrian Corridor Improvements; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver said Amendment**
Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer
District No. 1

Council adopted Resolution No. 72-14 Approving Amendment No. One to the Intergovernmental Agreement No. JPA 13-0001748-I between the City of Buckeye (formerly the Town of Buckeye) and the State of Arizona Department of Transportation Relating to the Construction of the Alarcon Boulevard and Kino Place Pedestrian Corridor Improvements; authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver said Amendment.

6. Continued / Tabled Items

- 6A. Action (Continued from June 3, 2014 Regular Meeting) Approving the Agreement Between Arthur J. Gallaher & Co (Formerly Known as Fox Lawson) and the City of Buckeye to Complete a Workforce Market Analysis; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver Said Agreement**
Staff Liaison: Nancy Love, Human Resources Director
District No. N/A

Ms. Love provided an overview of the agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher and Co. to conduct a Workforce Market Analysis. The reasons for conducting a market analysis and using a consultant to conduct the study were discussed. The study will take approximately 4 months to complete; there are no funds currently in the budget to implement any changes to base pay. City staff will receive training on maintaining the information obtained from the study. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to approve an agreement between Arthur J. Gallaher & Co (formerly known as Fox Lawson) and the City of Buckeye to complete a Workforce Market Analysis; authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver said agreement. At Mayor Meck's request, a roll call vote reflected Councilmember Garza, Councilmember Hess, Councilmember McAchran, Vice Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Meck voted aye; Councilmember Heustis voted nay. Councilmember Strauss was absent. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business

7A. Action Ordinance No. 07-14 Extending and Increasing the Corporate Limits of the City of Buckeye, Maricopa County, State of Arizona, Pursuant to the Provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes and Amendments Thereto, by Annexing 2 Parcels Containing Approximately 26 Acres Generally Located on the Northeast Corner of the Union Pacific Rail Crossing and Johnson Road South of I-10 Staff Liaison: Adam Copeland, Development Services Senior Planner District No. 1

Mr. Copeland provided an overview of the proposed Laikind Annexation. The land will be used as an outdoor paintball facility. Mr. Laikind discussed the use of the park and informed Council he has another paintball facility and has been operating similar parks for several years. A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to Ordinance No. 07-14 an ordinance extending and increasing the corporate limits of the City of Buckeye, Maricopa County, State of Arizona, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes and amendments thereto, by annexing two (2) parcels containing approximately 26 acres generally located on the northeast corner of the Union Pacific Rail crossing and Johnson Road south of I-10. Motion passed unanimously.

7B. Action Approval of a Contract Between the City of Buckeye and RBF for the Gila River Restoration Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$390,000 Staff Liaison: Adam Copeland, Senior Planner; Robert Wisener, Conservation and Project Manager; Stephen Cleveland, City Manager District No. All

Mr. Copeland and Mr. Wisener provided an overview of the Gila River Restoration Program contract with Michael Baker Jr., Inc. including scope of work, cost of the program, schedule, and potential of return on investment. The consultants involved in the project were listed. Mr. Cleveland clarified that grants applications will be developed by the consultants and the city will submit for approval; some of the property may be annexed due to current procedures set forth in Arizona State Law; it is anticipated that the cost to conduct the project will increase in the future. Mr. Price provided information regarding funding currently available for the contract. The area is included in the City's general plan and staff has explored an annexation strategy for areas not within the incorporated area. Clarification regarding a maintenance plan was provided. Mr. Cleveland provided information regarding the process for implementing the project and budgeting for management of the land and available access to the river and surrounding areas. This project is intended to stimulate improvement and growth and quality of life. Mr. Copeland stated that the City's eligibility would be more difficult to obtain without the consultants. Dr. Wass (Wass Gerke & Associates) provided information regarding removal of salt cedar and the potential to generate approximately 60,000 acre feet of water per year; salt cedar is a fire adapted species. Potential grants available for salt cedar removal were discussed. Information was presented related to sentiment movement. Chief Costello provided information regarding past large fires within the City and

surrounding unincorporated areas. The potential of future fires and flooding due to salt cedars was discussed. Mr. Wade (Arizona Game and Fish Department) discussed the approach for ratification of the salt cedars and the need of a strategy for future prevention. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve a contract between the City of Buckeye and RBF for the Gila River Restoration Program in an amount not to exceed \$390,000. Councilmember Garza, Councilmember McAchrans, Councilmember Hess, Vice Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Meck voted aye. Councilmember Heustis voted nay. Motion carried.

7C. Action Resolution No. 58-14 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Loan Agreement Amendment No. 1 Between the City of Buckeye and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) for Loan No. 910158-13; Authorizing the Taking of All Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by This Resolution and Declaring an Emergency; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver Said Amendment
Staff Liaison: Dave Nigh, Water Resources Director
District No. All

Mr. Nigh presented an overview of the loan agreement amendment with WIFA. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Heustis to approve Resolution No. 58-14 authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement amendment to Loan No. 910158-13 between the City of Buckeye and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA), authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated and Declaring an Emergency; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Deliver Said Amendment. 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: provided comments related to potential of fire near the river.

Councilmember Strauss: absent.

Councilmember Hess: commented that the Community Service Board is excited about the Buckeye Marathon.

Councilmember McAchrans: no comment.

Councilmember Heustis: provided comments regarding the roof recently constructed at All Faith Community Services and expressed gratitude to the individuals and businesses that participated.

Vice Mayor Orsborn: provided comments regarding the recently held Westmarc Conference; open pool day at the Buckeye Pool was a successful event; expressed appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Meck: commented that contractor Chicago Ridge and Iron paid for the reconstruction of the roof at All Faith Community Services and expressed thanks for services provided.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 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 17th day of June, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk