

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2015
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 6:00 p.m. and led the invocation.

Members Present: Councilmember Garza, Councilmember Strauss (via telephone), 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, Deputy City Clerk Summer Stewart, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Fire Chief Bob Costello, Police Chief Larry Hall, Economic Development Director Len Becker, Finance Director Larry Price, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Human Resources Director Nancy Love, Development Services Director George Flores, City Engineer Scott Zipprich, Information Technology Director Greg Platacz, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, and Planning Manager Terri Hogan.

2A. Comments from the Public – None.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations – None.

The Government Fleet Management Alliance award presentation will be held on January 20, 2015.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Council Workshop and Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

A motion was made 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. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve Consent Items *5A. and *5B. Motion passed unanimously.

***5. New Business**

***5A. Approval of Economic Development Catalyst Program Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

Staff Liaison: Len Becker, Economic Development Director

District No. All

Councilmember McAchran declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from voting. Council approved funding for the City of Buckeye Economic Development Catalyst Program in the total amount not to exceed \$96,654.58.

***5B. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Removals**

Staff Liaison: Lucinda Aja, City Clerk

District No. 6

Council approved the following changes to Boards and Commissions:

- Remove Lazelle Hall (District 6), who no longer resides in the City of Buckeye, as a Regular Member of the Community Services Advisory Board;
- Remove Brian Sweiven (District 1), who no longer resides in District 1, as an Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission;
- Appoint Jesse Knight (District 1) as an Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, filling the unexpired term of Brian Sweiven, with a term expiration date of December, 2018;
- Appoint Charles Astleford (District 6) as a Regular Member to the Buckeye Pollution Control Corporation with a term expiration of January, 2021.

6. Continued / Tabled Items – None.

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business

7A. Public Hearing and Action Resolution No. 05-15 Authorizing the City to Submit Two (2) Applications to the Maricopa County Human Services Department – Community Development Division for Community Development Block Grant Funds; Authorizing the Mayor and the City Manager to Execute and Submit Documents
Staff Liaison: Andrea Marquez, Associate Planner
District No. 2

Mayor Meck opened a public hearing at 6:03 p.m. to hear citizen input regarding applications to be considered for sewer and sidewalk improvement projects in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) cycle. Ms. Marquez provided an overview of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 CDBG Applications; the City is requesting funding to improve sewer service and sidewalks in the historic downtown area. National objectives of CDBG funding are discussed and include housing, job creation or retention, prevention or elimination of slum, and benefiting low to moderate income residents. Funding eligibility requirements are presented. Income Surveys in project areas will be conducted to determine eligibility. The City's five-year comprehensive plan will be provided along with the application. Activities deemed high priority include removal of dangerous obstructions, water and sewer improvements, clearance of contaminated sites, and crime awareness. Funding is awarded by Maricopa County through a competitive process. It is estimated that 2.3 million dollars will be available in Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Maps depicting proposed projects were displayed. The City is requesting funds to install improved sewer lines on Roosevelt Avenue, and to improve sidewalk, curbing and gutters and remove existing curbing and ramps on Edison Avenue. A calendar representing the application process was displayed and discussed. A Notice to Proceed with projects may be provided as early as July 1, 2015. There being no further public comment, Mayor Meck closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to Adopt Resolution No. 05-15 authorizing the City to submit two (2) applications to the Maricopa County Human Services Department – Community Development Division for Community Development Block Grant funds; authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute and submit documents. 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: wished residents and staff a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Strauss: discussed new projects scheduled for 2015 and expressed excitement for positive changes and growth.

Councilmember Hess: reminded staff and residents about the Farmers Market and Fitness in the Park kick-off scheduled January 17, 2015; congratulated recipients of Catalyst Program funds and is excited to see those projects move forward.

Councilmember McAchran: recognized and thanked new members appointed to Boards and Commissions; provided information and encouraged participation in the "Fun" Raiser scheduled for January 10, 2015, to be held at Sundance Golf Course; recognized Mr. Waters for efforts and time spent on the "Fun" Raiser.

Councilmember Heustis: wished staff and residents a Happy New Year; expressed excitement for projects scheduled to begin in 2015.

Vice Mayor Orsborn: discussed member changes to Boards he is currently serving on; provided information regarding the "Victory" phase of Verrado opening in January, 2015 and thanked staff for time spent on project and the incredible customer received by contractors; attended inauguration of Governor Ducey and discussed questions raised regarding budget discussions.

Mayor Meck: wished staff and residents a happy new year and is excited for things that will be accomplished in 2015; discussed the importance of the success of cities and towns in the State and concerns related to State Shared Revenues.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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 6th day of January, 2015. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk