

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 3, 2015
MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers
530 E. Monroe Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
3:15 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Meck called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Strauss (arrived at 3:24 p.m., excused at 5:09 p.m., returned at 5:12 p.m.), Councilmember Hess (excused at 4:26 p.m., returned at 4:28 p.m.), Councilmember Heustis (excused at 5:04 p.m., returned at 5:06 p.m.), Vice Mayor Orsborn (excused at 4:29 p.m., returned at 4:31 p.m.), and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza and Councilmember McAchran.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, Assistant City Manager Roger Klingler, Deputy City Clerk Summer Stewart, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Chief of Police Larry Hall, Assistant Chief of Police Robert Sanders, Finance Director Larry Price, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Economic Development Director Len Becker, City Engineer Scott Zipprich, Water Resources Director Dave Nigh, Information Technology Director Greg Platacz, and Government Relations Manager George Diaz.

**2. Discussion of the Proposed State Route 30 (SR-30) Alignment
Staff Liaison: George Diaz, Government Relations Manager
District No. All**

Megan Griego (Arizona Department of Transportation "ADOT") provided an overview of the proposed State Route 30 (SR-30) and presented maps illustrating the proposed route, stretching from 59th Avenue to MC-85. Potential alternative routes are displayed. Public outreach efforts related to this project include meeting with members of the public. ADOT is taking comments from the public as well as key stakeholders groups through February 20, 2015. Brian Bombardier (ADOT) provided a brief history of the proposed SR-30 corridor. The project represents approximately 27 miles in length and is divided into segments with two different designs; the designs were provided and discussed. The study of the stretch of SR-30 from MC-85 to 303 was initiated in 2006. It is anticipated this project will begin in 2026-2030 and is currently unfunded, but will be one of the first projects placed back in the funded program. The SR-303 will eventually be extended south of the Gila River and several studies have taken place to determine the best approach; there are several hindrances including environmental issues and physical constraints. The SR-30 alignment through the City of Buckeye cannot proceed without establishing the 303 route and determining when the project will be fiscally constrained. Studies have continued related to the segment from downtown Buckeye to SR-85; potential increases in traffic through the downtown area and along MC-85 were discussed. Ms. Griego stated there is a plan to widen the freeway between Verrado Way and SR-85; the project is currently under design on the westbound side, eastbound widening improvements are in the construction phase. Vice Mayor noted the importance of continuing discussion between ADOT and City of Buckeye planning staff related to improvements and potential projects. Mr. Bombardier commented on the importance of following the federal process to assure projects are eligible for grants and funding. Ms. Griego stated ADOT will commit to further conversation with City staff. Mayor Meck stressed the value and importance of continued communication between City staff and ADOT.

3. Presentation of Body Camera Implementation Proposal – Evidence Collection and Police Legitimacy Project

Staff Liaison: Larry Hall, Police Chief

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Assistant Police Chief Sanders presented an overview of the body-worn camera program. The Police Department would like to implement the project to increase transparency, increase community trust, support police legitimacy, document evidence, create a public record and reconcile complaints against officers. A news story demonstrating the benefit of officers using body-worn cameras was played. The Buckeye Police Department handles approximately 26,000 calls per year with five to ten calls rising to the level of increased involvement. Concerns were discussed and include public privacy, retention and storage, officer privacy, budgetary constraints, long term financial commitment, and policy development and implementation. An advertisement explaining how to manage the technology was presented. Discussions have been held with other municipalities and the Information Technology Department regarding storage of body-worn camera recordings. The cost to implement the program and funding sources were discussed; it is estimated the total cost will be \$185,855. A clip exhibiting the view from a body-worn camera as opposed to a dashboard camera was presented. Funding sources were addressed along with on-going program costs. City resources and affect to staff was discussed. Internet clips depicting the difference between various body-worn cameras were played. Challenges to the project include funding and administration. A clip was played to demonstrate how evidence documentation will improve. Councilmember Strauss addressed the need to protect police officers. Assistant Police Chief Sanders stated officers are generally in favor of the project. Mr. Platacz discussed potential video storage constraints. General discussion was held regarding benefits of the program. Police Chief Hall addressed the potential of decreased litigation with the implementation of body cameras resulting in reduced legal fees. Assistant Police Chief Sanders stated the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit will not be outfitted with the cameras at this time due to tactical conversations held before operations; the cameras will be worn by patrol officers and at times by detectives.

4. Economic Development Department Update Part 3 – Retail Focused

Staff Liaison: Len Becker, Economic Development Director

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Mr. Becker presented a summary of retail development and attraction and discussed the goals and objectives of the Economic Development Department. The need for retail was addressed. A map representing the distance City residents travel for work was presented. City demographics were discussed; Buckeye has a population of 56,987 with an average age of 31.9 and household income of \$67,985. Strategies for positioning retail opportunities in the City were reviewed. Upcoming retail specific engagements were listed and Council was invited to attend.

5. Discussion of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Design of the Watson Drainage System

Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer

District No. 1, 2, 3

Mr. Zipprich provided an overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Flood Control District for the design of the Watson Drainage System. A background of the system was presented along with a map depicting the study area and drainage area. The Watson Drainage System will have five detention basins and approximately ten miles of channels and culverts. Project implementation will be part of future development, will integrate systems into communities, and will be managed and maintained by the Home Owners Associations as part of their open space. The IGA reflects an equal cost share of the outfall final design with Flood Control District; the City's portion is \$750,000. Utility design considerations were addressed. The City's responsibilities include working with developers to implement the system through future development and preserve system corridor to minimize project utility and infrastructure relocation costs. The Flood Control District responsibilities include publishing, procuring, awarding and managing the outfall design contract and reviewing future development plans that affect the channel. Staff recommends approval of the IGA;

once approved, future steps include 100% design, adoption of the design report for implementation, request Flood Control District place the project on their Capital Improvement Program, and negotiate match for construction dollars. Clarification regarding the drainage system and how it will alleviate flooding during heavy storms was provided. Mr. Cleveland discussed the urgency and importance of moving forward with the project and explained how projects compete for funds within Maricopa County. General discussion was held regarding concept design and cost.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 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 Council Workshop held on the 3rd day of February, 2015. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk