

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 3, 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 5:58 p.m. Pastor Brent Hodges of Palm Valley Church led the invocation.

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

Members Absent: None.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, Assistant City Manager Roger Klingler, City Attorney Shiela Schmidt, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Deputy City Clerk Summer Stewart, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Police Chief Larry Hall, Fire Chief Bob Costello, Finance Director Larry Price, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Development Services Director George Flores, City Engineer Scott Zipprich, Human Resources Director Nancy Love, Information Technology Director Greg Platacz, Economic Development Director Len Becker, and Government Relations Manager George Diaz.

2A. Comments from the Public – None.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations

Mayor Meck proclaimed the week of March 2-6, 2015 as “National School Breakfast Week”.

Mayor Meck and Council presented an award in recognition of their sponsorship of the 2015 Buckeye Air Fair to CORE Construction.

Councilmember Hess presented Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Expo awards.

Mayor Meck and Council congratulated Buckeye Elementary School District Superintendent Dr. Sandvik for receiving the VH1 Save the Music Foundation Award for Distinguished Support of Music.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and seconded by Councilmember Heustis to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2015 Council Workshop and Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Council member Heustis 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 Heustis requested Item *5B. be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve Consent Items *5A., *5C., and *5D. Motion passed unanimously.

*5. New Business

- *5A. Resolution No. 13-15 Ratifying the Submission of a Grant Request to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Relating to DUI Enforcement Vehicle Funding; Authorizing the City Manager and Police Department Chief to Execute and Deliver the Grant Agreement**
Staff Liaison: Larry Hall, Chief of Police
District No. All

Council adopted Resolution No. 13-15 ratifying the submission of a grant request to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for FFY 2015 funding to purchase a DUI enforcement vehicle; authorizing the City Manager and Police Department Chief to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement.

- *5B. Resolution No. 12-15 Approving the Agreement Among the City of Buckeye, Sunbelt Investment Holdings and The Flood Control District of Maricopa County Relating to the Roosevelt Street Crossing of the White Tanks Flood Retarding Structure No. 4; Authorizing the Mayor or the City Manager to Execute and Deliver Said Agreement**
Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer
District No. 6

Councilmember Heustis requested this item be pulled for discussion. Mr. Zipprich provided information related to the design and construction of the improvements included in this Agreement. A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adopt Resolution No. 12-15 approving the agreement among the City of Buckeye, Sunbelt Investment Holdings and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County relating to the Roosevelt Street Crossing of the White Tanks Flood Retarding Structure No. 4; authorizing the Mayor or the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. Ms. Schmidt stated amended language has been added to the Agreement currently before Council; the amended language benefits the City. An amended motion was therefore made by Councilmember Heustis to adopt Resolution No. 12-15 approving the agreement, with amendments to paragraph 19, among the City of Buckeye, Sunbelt Investment Holdings and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County relating to the Roosevelt Street Crossing of the White Tanks Flood Retarding Structure No. 4; authorizing the Mayor or the City Manager to execute and deliver said Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

- *5C. Reclassification of Administrative Assistant Position to Management Assistant Position**
Staff Liaison: Carol Conley
District No. N/A

Council approved the reclassification of the existing Administrative Assistant position, salary grade 43, to a Management Assistant Position, salary grade 60, in the office of Mayor and Council.

- *5D. Boards and Commissions Resignation**
Staff Liaison: Lucinda J. Aja
District No. 4

Council accepted the resignation of Stanley Goldman (District 4) as a Regular Member on the Airport Advisory Board.

6. Continued / Tabled Items - None

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business

- 7A. Action Resolution No. 14-15 Establishing Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges; Establishing an Effective Date; Repealing Conflicting Resolutions**
Staff Liaison: Dave Nigh, Water Resources Director
District No. All

A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to continue to a later date the adoption of Resolution No. 14-15 establishing water and wastewater rates and charges; establishing an effective date; repealing conflicting resolutions. 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: discussed the importance of positive conversations recently held with business owners who may be interested in the City; provided statements related to opportunities for growth.

Councilmember Hess: commented with regard to recent successful events held in the City; thanked staff for efforts and hard work put into the events.

Councilmember McAchran: discussed the positive Youth Council trip to the legislature.

Councilmember Heustis: provided comments related to the Youth Council trip to the legislature and the meetings held while there; discussed opening of the new library; discussed Planning and Zoning Commission's updated by-laws.

Vice Mayor Orsborn: provided information and updates related to Route 685; discussed the Police Awards Banquet and expressed gratitude to Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Meck: thanked Police and Fire Departments for their hard work and sacrifice.

10. Executive Session

a. Council to Convene Into Executive Session

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Heustis to convene into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) to consult with the City Attorney for legal advice pertaining to the acquisition of water resources and assets; ARS Section 38-431.03(A)(4), to discuss with attorneys and the city representative the City's position regarding a contract for water resources at 6:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Action: Motion to convene into Executive Session.

b. Council to Reconvene into Public Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Vice Mayor Orsborn to reconvene into Public Meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Heustis to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 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 3rd day of March, 2015. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk