

**CITY OF BUCKEYE  
COUNCIL POLICY DISCUSSION  
APRIL 30, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Executive Conference Room  
530 E. Monroe Ave.  
Buckeye, AZ 85326  
10:00 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mayor Meck called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Strauss (arrived at 10:15 a.m.), Councilmember Hess, Councilmember McAchran (excused at 12:55 p.m.), Councilmember Heustis, Vice Orsborn, and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, Assistant City Manager Roger Klingler, City Attorney Scott Ruby, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Finance Director Larry Price, Executive Assistant Diane Maloney, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Management Assistant Christine Grundy, and Government Relations Manager George Diaz. Facilitator Dick Bowers facilitated the meeting.

Lunch was served at 12:20 p.m. Breaks were taken as needed.

**2. General Overview**

Mayor Meck began the discussion with the observation that as the City grows it has to generate revenue and sustain itself. For example, parks generate revenue. Certain areas of roadway warrant stoplights because it is more attractive for growth opportunities which have the potential to generate revenue. The City has a great capacity for commercial growth. The need for infrastructure is our greatest need right now. Retail creates jobs and generates sales tax, which in turn generates revenue to provide City services and aid in employee retention. Vice Mayor Orsborn noted that construction sales tax revenue from construction projects totaling less than \$750,000 adds up to a significant amount over time. Mr. Ruby noted the purchase of Global Water allows the City greater capacity to provide utility services. Mr. Bowers provided a general overview of the January 16, 2015 Council Policy Discussion. Council agreed that water is vital for the future of Buckeye.

**3. Council Discussion Topics**

Proposed FY15-16 Budget

Mr. Price provided Council an overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. Council discussed various ways to reduce the budget including returning Federal match funding if the overall project is not the best way to allocate City funds. Councilmember McAchran voiced concern about dropping funding for the substation from the budget because of public perception.

Market Analysis

Mr. Cleveland noted the market analysis study for wages will be presented in June so Council can decide how to move forward with the results. Funding can be budgeted and the way it is dispersed can be decided after the results are presented to Council.

Annexation Team

Council acknowledged a need for evaluating unincorporated land within the planning area.

Ambulance CON

This subject is in progress and was not discussed at length.

2018 General Plan Update

A consultant will be used for the General Plan for Buckeye's 2018 update. Utility service will be a priority.

Transportation Town Hall

Councilmember Strauss represented Buckeye and attended the 106<sup>th</sup> Arizona Town Hall, Transportation and Arizona, in Tucson. Buckeye was exemplified for its location and resources. Ideas and examples were shared. Water will be the subject of the November 2015 Arizona Town Hall.

Main Street MOU

Council requested this to be included in a future Council Policy Discussion.

Wrap-up Exercise

Development in Buckeye is a top goal and resources must be provided to aid our efforts to grow and be efficient. Vice Mayor Orsborn commented that Council travel is critical for marketing Buckeye and is a great way to gain exposure. We currently have some development happening that is positive for growth. The focus remains on how we attract business. Development Services have streamlined their services for purposes of efficiency and customer service.

**4. Next Council Policy Discussion Session**

No discussion of subjects of the next Council Policy Discussion.

**5. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hess and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Jackie A. Meck, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Council Policy Discussion held on the 30th day of April, 2015. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk