



**CITY OF BUCKEYE  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015  
MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers  
530 E. Monroe Ave.  
Buckeye, AZ 85326  
4:30 p.m.**

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

Mayor Meck called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember McAchrans (excused at 5:28 p.m.; returned at 5:30 p.m.), Councilmember Heustis, Vice Mayor Orsborn, and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza and Councilmember Hess.

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, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Finance Director Larry Price, Water Resources Director Dave Nigh, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Economic Development Director Len Becker, Construction and Contracting Manager Chris Williams, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, Airport Coordinator John McMahon, and Chief Communications Officer Jennifer Rogers.

**2. Economic Development Department Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Update and Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Action Items**

**Staff Liaison: Len Becker, Economic Development Director  
District No. All**

Mr. Becker opened the presentation and provided an overview of the update and presentation. A summary of the 6.25 program was presented; the allocation of 6.25 money is set by the Arizona Department of Revenue each fiscal year and then disseminated to the finance department by the end of January. Mr. Becker stated the plan is to bring the 6.25 program before Council for direction in February 2016 for inclusion in the City budget process. Budgeted projects were listed and include Skyline Park, Marketing and Communications Department projects, and the Benbow Alley project. Potential projects include an Economic Development Center, Economic Development Catalyst Program, Economic Development contingency, One Block-Monroe Streetscape Project, airport waterline engineering, and Mayor and Council special projects. Each budgeted and potential project was summarized and discussed. Mr. Price stated revenues from the previously approved transient lodging tax became effective July 1, 2015 and the City should receive the tax in the month of September. Mr. McMahon provided additional information related to the airport waterline project. Mr. Cleveland stated a proposal will need to be developed to address infrastructure needs at the airport. Mr. Price stated a report is provided to the City by the Department of Revenue that lists each vendor and sales tax received from each vendor; a report will be generated and provided to Council representing taxes received in a specific area of the city. An

overview of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Catalyst Program and the funded projects was provided; before and after pictures were displayed. Open enrollment for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Catalyst Program will begin September 2, 2015; \$100,000 has been allocated. A demonstration of the growbuckeye.com website was provided; visitors to the website have access to information including available business sites, labor force, demographics, and consumer spending. General discussion was held regarding economic development.

**3. Arizona Department of Administration Presentation Regarding Arizona FirstNet, a Dedicated Wireless Network for Public Safety  
Staff Liaison: Stephen Cleveland, City Manager  
District No. All**

The liaison from the Arizona Department of Administration having been unavailable, the presentation regarding Arizona FirstNet was cancelled.

**4. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 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 Workshop held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk