



**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016
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. Pastor Ed Yearack of Calvary Chapel Church led the invocation. Vice Mayor Hess led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in honor of the memory of Officer Michael Haddad.

Members Present: Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember Orsborn, Councilmember McAchran, Councilmember Heustis, and Vice Mayor Hess 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, Deputy City Clerk Summer Stewart, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Police Chief Larry Hall, Finance Director Larry Price, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Economic Development Director Len Becker, Development Services Director George Flores, City Engineer Scott Zipprich, Information Technology Director Greg Platacz, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, and Construction and Contracting Manager Chris Williams.

2A. Comments from the Public – None.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations

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

Lead Maintenance Worker Mark Bianco was recognized for his exceptional job performance at Skyline Regional Park.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Orsborn and seconded by Vice Mayor Hess to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Council Workshop and the February 16, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

A motion was made by Councilmember Orsborn and seconded by Vice Mayor 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 Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to approve Consent Items *5A., *5B., *5C., and *5D. Motion passed unanimously.

*5. New Business

- *5A. Council to take Action on the Construction Contract (No. 2015-042) between the City of Buckeye and Visus Engineering Construction Inc., in the total amount of \$538,000, for the Northern Addition Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sidewalk Improvements**
Staff Liaisons: George Flores, Development Services Director
Chris Williams, Construction/Contracting

Council approved the Construction Contract (No. 2015-042) between the City of Buckeye and Visus Engineering Construction Inc., in the total amount of \$538,000, for the Northern Addition Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sidewalk Improvements.

- *5B. Council to take Action on Resolution No. 17-16 Approving the Agreement between the City of Buckeye and the Maricopa County Association of Governments (MAG) relating to Fiscal Year 2016 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for the City**
Staff Liaison: Jason Mahkovtz, Deputy City Engineer

Council adopted Resolution No. 17-16 approving the Agreement between the City of Buckeye and the Maricopa County Association of Governments (MAG) relating to Fiscal Year 2016 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Plan for the City.

- *5C. Council to take Action on Resolution No. 14-16 Enlarging the City of Buckeye Street Lighting Improvement District (SLID) No. 2006-SLID-011; and Declaring an Emergency**
Staff Liaison: Scott Lowe, Public Works Director

Council adopted Resolution No. 14-16 enlarging the City of Buckeye Street Lighting Improvement District (SLID) No. 2006-SLID-011; and declaring an emergency.

- *5D. Council to take Action on Resolution No. 15-16 Enlarging the City of Buckeye Parkway Maintenance Improvement District (MID) No. 2006-MID-016; and Declaring an Emergency**
Staff Liaison: Scott Lowe, Public Works Director

Council adopted Resolution No. 15-16 enlarging the City of Buckeye Parkway Maintenance Improvement District (MID) No. 2006-MID-016; and declaring an emergency

6. Continued / Tabled Items – None.

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business

- 7A. Council will hold a Public Hearing and take Action on the request for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License Application (No. 1207A531). Requested by Maricopa Wings XV, LLC.**

Staff Liaison: Lucinda Aja, City Clerk

Mayor Meck opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m. to hear citizen input regarding the request for a Series 12 (Restaurant) Liquor License for the Wingstop restaurant that will be located at 940 South Watson Road, Suite 101, in the City of Buckeye. Ms. Aja provided an overview of the request to approve the Series 12 Liquor License. Thomas Aguilera, on behalf of Maricopa Wings, provided information related to the application and was available for questions. There being no further comment, Mayor Meck closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to approve the request for a Series 12 Liquor License (Application No. 1207A531) for the Wingstop restaurant that will be located at 940 South Watson Road, Suite 101, in the City of Buckeye. Motion passed unanimously.

7B. Council will take Action on Resolution No. 20-16 Authorizing the Submittal of Certified Results of the Special Census to the Arizona Department of Revenue, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and the Arizona State Treasurer

Staff Liaisons: Larry D. Price, Finance Director

George Diaz, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager

Mr. Diaz provided an overview of the request to authorize submittal of certified results of the Special Census to the Arizona Department of Revenue, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and the Arizona State Treasurer. Councilmember Orsborn requested information related to Special Census results for comparator cities. Mr. Diaz stated similar efforts were undertaken by seven cities; results of the City of Buckeye Special Census, along with one other city, met expectations. A motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and seconded by Vice Mayor Hess to adopt Resolution No. 20-16 authorizing the submittal of certified results of the Special Census to the Arizona Department of Revenue, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and the Arizona State Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report and Government Relations

Mr. Lowe provided a brief overview of the Spring clean-up efforts that will take place in the downtown area on March 19, 2016.

Ms. Sedig stated the Spring Festival will be held on March 19, 2016 at Sundance Park; discussed the upcoming Melodrama.

Mr. Price provided information related to the recently approved refinance of a Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) loan; the City will realize an approximate savings of two million dollars; strong fiscal management and an improved economic situation contributed to the successful refinance.

Mr. Flores stated single family residential permits have increased by 76 percent this year; stated there has recently been an increase in development interest.

Mr. Diaz introduced and thanked intern Elise Nilles for efforts during recent legislative activities; discussed bills that have been addressed at the State Legislature; stated a meeting will be held on March 28, 2016 with two members of Congress related to salt cedar issues.

9. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Councilmember Garza: absent.

Councilmember Strauss: thanked staff for doing a fantastic job.

Councilmember Orsborn: stated the recent trip to Washington D.C. was very positive; stated he recently spoke at Communiversity in Surprise and discussion was held regarding water conservation, developing water resources, and addressing water infrastructure needs.

Councilmember McAchran: stated Sergeant Haddad was an excellent officer that served the community of Buckeye for 20 years; encouraged staff and residents to attend the funeral services that will be held March 18, 2016; discussed trip to Washington D.C. and the positive effect the Buckeye Youth Council had in Washington; thanked Ms. Conley and Ms. Grundy for excellent assistance with the Buckeye Youth Council during their visit to Washington D.C.

Councilmember Heustis: invited staff and residents to attend the Spring Festival and Easter egg hunt scheduled for March 19, 2016 at Sundance Park; requested that Mr. Price provide a short description of information related to the GADA loan refinance for forwarding to residents.

Vice Mayor Hess: thanked Mr. Lowe for providing information and answering questions at a recently held Homeowner Association meeting; thanked Database Administrator Janardhan Manjunath “Jay” for assisting the water resources department with retrieving reporting information; stated Sergeant Haddad would be missed.

Mayor Meck: stated there is a rodeo mixer scheduled on March 18, 2016; discussed upcoming meetings regarding requests for permits to assist with flooding and issues related to salt cedars.

Ms. Serbin with the Buckeye Main Street Coalition provided information regarding the Main Street Mixer scheduled for March 18, 2016

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Orsborn and seconded by Vice Mayor Hess to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 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 15th day of March, 2016. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk