

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 18, 2014
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 6:35 p.m. Pastor Greg Clemmons, Valley Christian Ministries led the invocation.

Members Present: Councilmember Garza, Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember Hess, Councilmember McAchran, Councilmember Heustis, Vice Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: None.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, City Attorney Scott Ruby, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Deputy City Clerk Deborah Harrell, Assistant to Council Carol Conley, Development Services Director George Flores, Human Resources Director Nancy Love, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Police Chief Larry Hall, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, and Finance Director Larry Price.

2A. Comments from the Public-None.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations

Mayor Meck and Councilmember Hess presented AZ SciTech Expo Awards to several students.

Proclamation: Mayor Meck proclaimed the month of April, 2014 as "Fair Housing Month".

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Council Workshop and Regular Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember 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 and will be enacted by one motion and vote of the City Council unless a Councilmember requests an item be pulled for discussion. Councilmember McAchran requested Item *5C be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to approve Items *5A and *5B. Motion passed unanimously.

***5. New Business**

***5A. Authorization to Proceed for Solicitation of Bids for the Buckeye Wildlife Corridor Implementation Study**

**Staff Liaison: Robert Wisener, Community Services
Ed Boik, Development Services**

District No. All

Council authorized staff to proceed for the solicitation of bids for the Buckeye Wildlife Corridor Implementation Study.

***5B. Resolution No. 15-14 Approving the First Amendment to the Phase 2 Water Agreement between the City of Buckeye, Arizona, an Arizona Municipal Corporation, Nevada Holding Co., L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership, Sunbelt Land Holdings L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership, and Banner Health Foundation, an Arizona Nonprofit Corporation; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver said Amendment on behalf of the City**

Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer

District No. 6

Council adopted Resolution No. 15-14 approving the First Amendment to the Phase 2 Water Agreement between the City of Buckeye, Arizona, an Arizona Municipal Corporation, Nevada Holding Co., L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership, Sunbelt Land Holdings L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership, and Banner Health Foundation, an Arizona Nonprofit Corporation; authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver said Amendment on behalf of the City.

***5C. Boards and Commissions Resignation and Appointments**

Staff Liaison: Lucinda Aja, City Clerk

District No. 1, 4, 5

Councilmember McAchran acknowledged and welcomed Mr. Sweiven in his appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion was made by Councilmember McAchran and seconded by Councilmember Heustis to approve the following changes to Boards and Commissions:

- Accept the resignation of Malvina Libman (District 4) as a Regular Member on the Library Advisory Board; and,
- Appoint John Lynch (District 5) as a Regular Member on the Library Advisory Board filling the unexpired term of Malvina Libman with a term expiration of December, 2014; and,
- Appoint Brian Sweiven (District 1) as an Alternate Member on the Planning and Zoning Commission filling the unexpired term of Saundra Covington with a term expiration of December, 2014.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Continued / Tabled Items-None.

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business

7A. Public Hearing and Action Ordinance No. 02-14 Approving the Kingdom Hall Rooks Annexation

Staff Liaison: Sean Banda, Development Services

District No. 1, 3, 6

Mayor Meck opened a public hearing at 6:50 p.m. to hear citizen input regarding the Kingdom Hall Rooks Annexation. Mr. Banda presented Council an overview of the annexation of 14 parcels containing approximately 35.71 acres. There is no known opposition to the annexation and the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission is approval. There being no further public comment Mayor Meck closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to adopt Ordinance No. 02-14 increasing the corporate limits of the City of Buckeye, Maricopa County, State of Arizona, pursuant to the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes and amendments thereto, by annexing 14 parcels containing approximately 35.71 acres of territory. Motion passed unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report and Intergovernmental Affairs Update

See attached City Manager's Report.

Mr. George Diaz briefed Council on current legislative matters.

9. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Councilmember Garza: no comments.

Councilmember Strauss: reported the Washington DC trip had great meetings with topics such as I-10 and I-11.

Councilmember Hess: encouraged residents to the Community Yard Sale and the Melodrama.

Councilmember McAchran: thanked Mr. Sweiven for serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission and thanked Chief Hall for the ride-along raffle at the Buckeye Air Fair.

Councilmember Heustis: March 29 a group of Verrado volunteers will be at All Faith to help out with painting and other items needing attention; thanked all the volunteers for the Watson Road clean up.

Vice Mayor Orsborn: reported the Washington DC trip was productive with many networking opportunities; transit and transportation funding looks bleak and funding cuts could affect the delivery of some F35 jets.

Mayor Meck: attended the Air Fair at Luke and was impressed with the F35.

10. a. Council to Convene Into Executive Session

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Hess at 7:20 p.m. to convene into an executive session pursuant to ARS Section 38-431.03(A)(4), to discuss with attorneys the City's position regarding a contract for water resources and to discuss with the attorney and city representatives the city's position regarding potential economic development activities that may be the subject of negotiation; and ARS Section 38-431.03(A)(7), to discuss and consult with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Council to Reconvene into the Public Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Hess and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to reconvene into the public meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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 18th day of March, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk