

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 27, 2014
MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers
530 E. Monroe Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
2:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Meck called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Members Present: Councilmember Hess, Councilmember McAchran, Councilmember Heustis, Vice Mayor Orsborn (excused at 2:59 p.m., returned at 3:01 p.m.), and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza and Councilmember Strauss.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, City Attorney Scott Ruby, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Assistant to Council Christine Grundy, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, Economic Development Manager Len Becker, Fire Chief Bob Costello, City Engineer Scott Zipprich, Planning Manager Terri Hogan, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Marketing and Communications Manager Jennifer Rogers, and Technical Services Manager Greg Platacz.

**2. Presentation by Wass Gerke & Associates for Buckeye Lake Assessment Phase 1
Staff Liaison: Stephen Cleveland, City Manager
District No. All**

Mr. Cleveland opened discussion regarding the concept of the City Lake. Roland Wass (Wass Gerke & Associates) presented Phase I of the Lake Assessment, consisting of the purchase of three sand and gravel pits that could be re-purposed as recreational lakes; developing a matrix of attributes; and assessing cost of access/egress, restoration of shore lines, construction of roadways, parking and project clean-ups. Brendon Fox (Wass Gerke & Associates) discussed constructability of each lake and presented earthwork concepts. Mr. Wass provided information related to permits and certifications necessary for the lake project. Lake three would cost approximately \$316,000 annually in operations and maintenance costs and was determined to have the lowest estimated cost as well as more urban recreation potential. The lakes represent an opportunity for recreation, increase surrounding land value and may become larger in the future. Phase II of the process would include acquisition and annexation of the land. Mr. Wass clarified that cost estimates provided do not include the cost of acquiring the surrounding land, but does include developing the land/lakes. Mr. Cleveland stated there are no funds currently assigned for acquisition and/or improvement of these projects and impact fees may not be assessed for city lakes moving forward. There is currently \$1.3 million in impact fees previously collected for proposed lakes. Mr. Wass discussed the potential of flooding and areas currently considered flood plains and the ability to build in or around those areas. Mr. Cleveland requested further direction with regard to moving forward with the lake projects and entering into a Phase II contract and the availability of funds for same. No direction to proceed with this project was provided to Council; Mr. Cleveland stated the City will not pursue further contracts related to potential city lakes at this time and provided clarification regarding the El Rio Project and Gila River Implementation Project.

3. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), New and Replacement Equipment, and Other One-Time Expenditures
Staff Liaison: Larry Price, Finance Director
District No. All

Mr. Price presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget, the Capital Improvement Plan and discussed new equipment, replacement equipment and one-time expenditures. Mr. Price stated some projects are dependent on certain revenue streams. Expenditures that will be included in the tentative and future budgets are discussed. Mr. Zipprich provided information related to efforts with flood control and the Watson Road area that is in the Buckeye drainage; further engineering studies that will be performed; and Apache Road railroad crossing improvements. Mr. Price stated there are several different revenue sources and not all projects listed will come from the City's general fund. Clarification with regard to expenditures for the Sundance Crossings project and the relocation of Fire and Police administration offices as well as certain fund balances/use is provided. Mr. Cleveland presented statements regarding the continuing positive direction of the City, implementation of projects and moving forward with Capital Improvement Plans.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Vice Mayor Orsborn to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 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 Council Workshop on the 27th day of May, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk