

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 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 6:00 p.m. Pastor John Morningstar of Buckeye Outreach Ministry led the invocation. Buckeye Boy Scout Troop No. 263 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza and Councilmember Hess.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, City Attorney Scott Ruby, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Summer Stewart Clerk's Office, Assistant to Council Christine Grundy, Human Resources Director Nancy Love, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Fire Chief Bob Costello, Police Chief Larry Hall, Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, Marketing and Communications Manager Jennifer Rogers, Technical Services Manager Greg Platacz, Development Services Director George Flores, City Engineer Scott Zipprich, and Finance Director Larry Price.

2A. Comments from the Public – Mr. James Green (847 S. 222nd Avenue) presented suggestions to Council regarding City growth;

Nicole Werhanowicz and Rose Olivarez with the American Cancer Society (4550 East Bell Road) presented statements regarding use of funds raised through the Relay for Life program and requested volunteers for the Road to Recovery program.

2B. Awards/Presentations/Proclamations

Mayor Meck presented awards to the following Verrado Cheer teams:

- Verrado Small Junior Varsity Show Cheer Novice Team;
- Verrado Medium Show Cheer Intermediate Team;
- Verrado Group Stunt Intermediate Team.

Mayor Meck proclaimed the week of May 18, 2014 as “National Public Works Week”.

Mayor Meck proclaimed the month of May as “Building Safety Month”.

Mayor Meck proclaimed the Month of May as “Poppy Month”.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to approve the

minutes of the April 1, 2014 Council Workshop and Regular Council Meeting and the April 8, 2014 Special Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Expenditures

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember McAchran to ratify the payment of the accounts payable and 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 *5B be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Councilmember Heustis and seconded by Vice Mayor Orsborn to approve Consent Items *5A and *5C. Motion passed unanimously.

***5. New Business**

***5A. Resolution No. 24-14 Declaring a Public Right-of-Way (ROW) Generally Located at 247th Avenue Alignment and Lower Buckeye Road
Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer
District No. 3**

Council adopted Resolution No. 24-14, declaring a public right-of-way (ROW) generally located at 247th Avenue alignment and Lower Buckeye Road.

***5B. Design/Build Contract between the City of Buckeye and J. Banicki Construction, Inc. for the Monroe Avenue Beautification**

**Staff Liaison: Scott Zipprich, City Engineer
Adam Copeland, Senior Planner
District No. 2**

Councilmember McAchran pulled this item for discussion, commented that he is excited for this project to go forward, and acknowledged the Main Street Coalition. A motion was made by Councilmember McAchran and seconded by Vice Mayor Orsborn to approve the Design/Build Contract between the City of Buckeye and J. Banicki Construction, Inc. for the Monroe Avenue Beautification in an amount not to exceed \$240,000. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Staff Liaison: Lucinda Aja, City Clerk
District No. 4**

Council approved the following changes to Boards and Commissions:

- Appoint Clayton Bedoya (District 4) as an Alternate Member on the Planning and Zoning Commission filling the unexpired term of Russell Hood with a term expiration of December, 2014; and,
- Appoint James Brown (District 5) as a member on the Public Safety Retirement Board (Fire) with a term expiration of December, 2017.

6. Continued / Tabled Items-None.

7. Public Hearings / Non-Consent - New Business-None.

8. City Manager's Report and Government Relations

Cheryl Sedig, Community Services Director informed Council of the following:

- 25 new trees were planted in City parks in recognition of the Arbor Day Celebration;

- Buckeye received the title of Tree City USA and Parks Manager, Fred Sanchez, was recognized for becoming a certified Arborist for the City;
- over 800 people attended the Library Sneak Peak;
- a concert series will be held May 9, 2014 at the Sixth Street Plaza;
- the Demolition Derby is scheduled for May 10, 2014 with 20 car entries;
- the annual Salad Luncheon will be held on May 14, 2014 at the Recreation Center;
- with the help of Councilmember McAchran a marathon is scheduled for December 13, 2014, which is a new event for the City.

9. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Councilmember Garza: absent.

Councilmember Strauss: congratulated all staff for doing a fantastic job; thanked Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig and Community Engagement Manager Myra Curtis for the well-attended community music events in District 4; thanked Senior Planner Adam Copeland for coordinating the ASU presentation; and thanked the Library staff for the sneak peak.

Councilmember Hess: absent.

Vice Mayor Orsborn: attended a birthday party at Sundance Park and congratulated the Parks Department on how well the park has been kept up; appreciates the work put forth by the Parks Department and Mr. Sanchez for becoming a certified Arborist.

Councilmember McAchran: stated how proud he was of Buckeye's Officers representation at the 41st annual Arizona Peace Officers Memorial Service; commented on Aiden Tirado's moving speech regarding the loss of her father, Officer Rolando Tirado; participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run held May 1, 2014; reported that the Buckeye Marathon will be a Boston Marathon qualifier and currently only one of three in the State; requested volunteers for Buckeye Days and the Buckeye Air Fare, both taking place in February 2015.

Councilmember Heustis: commented on how excited residents are about the new Library; thanked Henson Technologies for computer equipment installed at All Faith Community Services; welcomed new Boards and Commissions members; reported there will be a budget meeting at the Sundance Community Center on May 8, 2014 and invited all residents to attend.

Mayor Meck: reported the State of the City Address will be held on May 13, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. at the Palo Verde Energy Education Center, with the public invited to attend.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 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 6th day of May, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk