

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the January 26, 2010 regular Council meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henry at 6:00pm.
- B. Mayor Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Invocation given by Town Attorney McClure.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry - present	Council Member Chuck Turner - present
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull - present	Council Member James "Bud" Turner - present
Council Member Fernando Fernandez - present	Council Member Donny Young – arrived 6:06pme
Council Member Armida Gonzalez - present	

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Public Works Director Parsi, Finance Director Young, Parks and Recreation Director Hoffman, Airport Manager Drury, Parks and Recreation Assistant Dishman, Records Clerk Eisenberger, Counter Operations Smith

- ### III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (*The procedures to follow if you address the Council are: Council requests that you express your ideas in three minutes or less and refrain from any personal attacks or derogatory statements about any individual . The Mayor will limit discussion whenever he deems such an action appropriate to the proper conduct of the meeting. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Council may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Council, may ask Staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take legal action on any matters during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.*)
- Resident Gracie Pinette stated that she spoke to Town Manager Buss regarding an apology from Greg Schwarz (of Piper-Jaffray) and that he still has not apologized for using bad language and for, she feels, lecturing attendees. Town Manager Buss commented that he had spoken to Mr. Schwarz and that Mr. Schwarz stated that he planned to apologize, however, he was not able to attend this council meeting. Resident and business owner, John Augsberger, stated that he believes that Gila Bend should concentrate on the appearance of the Town and making it more attractive before spending funds on other areas as stated in Item F on the agenda under Business. Mr. Augsberger noted that there is no need for upgraded services if people do not want to come to a Town that is unattractive.**

- ### IV. CONSENT AGENDA (all items subject to approval by a single motion; any Council Member may require any of these items to be voted on separately.

- A. Approval of January 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)**
- B. Butterfield Line Extension RFP. The Mayor and Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the issuance of a request for proposal (RFP) for the construction of the Butterfield Line Extension. The project is part of the recently awarded funding from USDA Rural Development. **Discussion and Action**
- C. Brine Pond RFP. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the issuance of a request for proposal (RFP) for the construction of a Brine Pond at the Town's Water Campus. The project is part of the recently awarded funding from the USDA Rural Development. **Discussion and Action**
Council Member C. Turner moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.

V. BUSINESS - Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Butterfield Stage Days. Presentation by Sonny Hoffman, Parks and Recreation Director on upcoming Butterfield Stage Days. **Discussion Only Parks and Recreation Director Hoffman spoke about the upcoming Butterfield Stage Days annual celebration. The theme this year is Commerce, Grand Marshals for the parade will be those in business for 20 years in Gila Bend, and Friday evening will be centered around cultural sharing. He noted that there will be bed races, live entertainment, exhibitions, a street dance on Saturday evening and a ranch rodeo on Saturday and Sunday. Director Hoffman noted that vendors will be here all three days and that the ranch rodeo will be held at the rodeo grounds and vendors and other entertainment will be held at the Community Center Park. He noted that vendor forms can be down-loaded from the Town's website.**
- B. Solar Energy Community Plan. Presentation by Rick Buss, Town Manager on a Community Plan for Solar Energy Resources. **Discussion Only (WHITE) Town Manager Buss presented a PowerPoint presentation on a solar energy community plan and overlay zone. Discussion on the cost effectiveness of installing solar in residences. Resident Heather Goebel noted that their home in Phoenix was solar, they are in the process of converting their home in Gila Bend to solar, and the savings on energy are considerable. (Power point presentation attached and made part of the official minutes)**
- C. Airport Shade Hangers. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a Professional Services Agreement with PBSJ for bidding and construction management services for the construction of Aircraft Shade Canopies at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. This project is being funded 95% FAA and 5% Town. **Discussion and Action (ITEM TABLED FROM JANUARY 12, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING) Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the service agreement with PBS&J for the Airport Shade Hangars. The motion was seconded by Council Member Young. It was noted that this item was tabled from the January 12, 2010 council meeting. Airport Manager Drury spoke about speaking with the FAA and the differences between using PBS&J or using our Town Engineer being, 1) the Town would be liable for any problems using our engineer, 2) PBS&J has already been approved, 3) town engineer is civil, not a structural engineer, and 4) equipment for working metal would need to be rented by the town. Discussion on the amount of item 5 is \$10,000, not \$1,000. Discussion on why, if PBS&J services previously approved, is this an agenda item and it was noted that the Council has to approve all expenditures (each project) over \$5,000 per the Town Code, that the Council approved PBS&J as a service provider, not as a contractor for all projects, and that Public Works Director Parsi is the over-seer. Discussion on there being no other hidden costs except costs shown. Motion passed; 5-1 with Council Member C. Turner voting no.**
- D. Airport Capital Improvement Program. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the submittal of the 5 year Airport Capital Improvement Program to the FAA. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the submittal of the 5-year Airport Capital Improvement Program. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Turner. Discussion on funding problems and projects that are considered "band-aids" like the runway slurry project will not be considered or approved. Discussion on one-half of the 5% would be paid by the State, Town of Gila Bend would technically pay \$150,000 and, that the Town of Gila Bend receives \$150,000 every year from the FAA. Discussion on actual construction beginning in 2012 and the project costs are projected by the FAA and based on inflation. Discussion on airport runway to be a new runway and not patched or repaired, without an approved runway there will be no grant funds available, and with the**

aviation museum and with other entities coming in there will be other funding opportunities available. Discussion on not allowing the Town to get into a situation where employees would or could face salary cuts or job losses. Motion passed; 5-1 with Council Member A Gonzalez voting nay.

E. Bid Award. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to award bid for the construction of Airport Shade Hangers to SD Crane Builders in an amount not to exceed \$201,590.00. This project is being funded 95% FAA and 5% Town. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor Hull moved to award bid for construction of Airport Shade Hangers to SD Crane Builders not to exceed \$201,590.00. Council Member J. Turner seconded. Discussion on whether this item was budgeted for; yes. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**

F. Resolution 10-02. A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona, finding and declaring that said Mayor and Town Council deem that it would be beneficial to the Citizens of the Town of Gila Bend to authorize the Town to increase the primary property tax (AD VALOREM) levy for the purpose of funding Police, Fire, Ambulance and other Public Safety Services; providing for the giving of notice of said election and that all qualified electors of the Town shall be entitled and qualified to vote at said election to be held on May 18, 2010. **Discussion and Action Town Manager Buss suggested that Council not approve Resolution 10-02. He noted that he placed it on the agenda in order to meet special elections deadlines but believes that more public input is needed. Council Member C. Turner moved not to approve Resolution 10-02. Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**

VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

(This is the time Council Member's may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented)

Council Member Young apologized for arriving late noting that today was the start of the Gila Bend baseball season.

Council Member C. Turner gave his condolences to the Ochoa family.

Vice Mayor Hull commented on the presentation he attended focused on Arizona graduates and that targets kids at high risk for dropping out of school. He commented on the effects of the storm damage to the lift station and commended the Water & Wastewater employees for being on the ball and keeping with it all night.

Council Members J. Turner and Gonzalez had no reports.

Mayor Henry had no report.

Mayor Henry asked MCSO Capt. Roska if he had anything to report; he did not. Mayor Henry asked Finance Director Young if she had anything to report. Finance Director Young noted that the auditors were here for the week. Public Works Director Parsi had no report and Town Clerk Turner had no report.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

No report.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice for any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(3)
No Executive Session called.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mayor Henry. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0. Time of adjournment: 7:15pm.

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held January 26, 2010, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk