

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Work Session

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The work session was called to order by Mayor Henry at 5:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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| A. Mayor Ron Henry | E. Council Member Chuck Turner |
| B. Vice-Mayor Fred Hull | F. Council Member James "Bud" Turner – arrived 5:19pm |
| C. Council Member Fernando Fernandez | G. Council Member Donny Young-absent |
| D. Council Member Armida Gonzalez | |

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Community Development Director Fitzer, Finance Director Young, Records Clerk Eisenberger

III. WORK SESSION (the Council cannot take action on any of these subjects because they are on the agenda for discussion only)

- A. Old Sheriff Sub-Station: The Mayor and Council shall discuss the possible uses of the old sheriff sub-station located at 303 E Pima. ***Discussion on the possible uses of the building were for the First Things First Program and relocation of the Town Museum. Discussion on the Town Museum being relocated there had been discussed for many years, return of Gatlin Site artifacts held by University of Arizona dependant on better museum building than present one, and new museum location should not be forgotten. Discussion on the building being an eyesore, the high out-of-pocket cost to Town to renovate building, a bare minimum cost to Town of \$50,000 per year to run, more efficient and beneficial to residents and visitors to relocate Museum to a new Civic Center facility, and currently looking into option that would have no cost to residents. Discussion on the benefits of the First Things First program using the building are that they would do renovations at no cost to Town, excellent chance of them actually renovating the building as they have previously done the same in Avondale, the renovations are donated back to Town, they are temporarily working out of CAP office without enough room to implement programs, considered new building but better for Town if they renovate sub-station, renovation will happen much faster than Town can do, and the plan is to do clean up of interior and let them tour building again. It was noted that First Things First program is planning to have a proposal to present to the Town at the end of this month or beginning of next month. Community Development Director Fitzer noted that he found three (3) sets of old plans and will send one to Town Building Official. Discussion on First Things First is funded by voter enacted tobacco tax, funds readily available, provide assistance in three (3) areas with main focus on newborn to 5 year olds, management funds provided for a portion of CAP Director salary and an assistant, and the programs offered are needed in Gila Bend. Vice Mayor Hull noted that the Museum cannot be put aside and Town should continue to move ahead in securing better Museum facility. Discussion on the need to add the Museum to the 5-Year CIP, need to first get an actual plan for Museum and then start. Resident Clyde Kreeger***

commented that several years ago the sub-station was looked at for Museum facility but Towns contracted engineers (Gannett Fleming) claimed not sound, that numerous other entities (Sonoran Desert National Monument, BLM, and others) wanted space for small displays and that there was not enough room for all in the building.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member . Motion passed unanimously; 6-0. Time of adjournment: 5:22pm.

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 July 13, 2010, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk