

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the September 8, 2009, Council meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Henry.
 - C. Invocation was given by Corey Drury.

- II. ROLL CALL
 - A. Mayor Ron Henry
 - B. Vice-Mayor Fred Hull
 - C. Council Member Armida Gonzalez
 - D. Council Member Fernando Fernandez
 - E. Council Member Chuck Turner
 - F. Council Member James "Bud" Turner
 - G. Council Member Donny Young - arrived at 6:05 pm

Staff Present

Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Public Works Director Parsi, Records Clerk Eisenberger, Airport Manager Drury

- III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
 - A. ***No public comment was given.***
- 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 the August 25, 2009 Meeting Minutes. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the August 25, 2009 minutes. **Discussion and Action.(WHITE)**
 - B. Engagement Letter. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to accept Engagement Letter from Moyes Sellers & Sims Law Firm as legal Counsel in connection with the Sabre Aircraft claim. **Discussion and Action (BLUE)**
 - C. Mutual Aid Fire Agreement. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and the Barry M Goldwater Range for fire protection services. **Discussion and Action (GREEN)**
 - D. Base Hospital Agreement. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and West Valley Hospital for providing Base Hospital Services relative to Gila Bend Fire/Rescue. **Discussion and Action (PINK)**
 - E. Memorandum of Understanding. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Arizona Department of Public Safety for Interagency Radio System Plan. The MOU establishes permission and guidelines for use of mutual aid radio channels. **Discussion and Action (YELLOW)**
Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0.

V. BUSINESS

- A. E-Group Agreement. The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving E-Group as the landscape/streetscape designer for the Martin Avenue and Pima Street pedestrian and landscape improvements. E-Group is on the state cooperative agreement which the Town of Gila Bend is signatory to. **Discussion and Action. (Item tabled from August 25th Council meeting.) Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the E-Group Agreement. Vice Mayor Hull seconded. Discussion on the three changes by ADOT to separate Pima and Martin due to different funding sources. E-Group will be used on all pedestrian and landscape improvements on this project. Discussion on having a cap in place and once this is approved they will return with the Scope of Work to be performed. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0.**

The Mayor shall recess the regular Council meeting and call the Merrill Paloma Ranch Community Facilities District Board to order. The regularly scheduled Council meeting was recessed by Mayor Henry and the Merrill Paloma Ranch Community Facilities District Board Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

VI. MERRILL PALOMA RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

- A. PUBLIC HEARING. The District Board shall hear public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Merrill Paloma Ranch Community Facilities District. **No public comment.**
- B. RESOLUTION MPR CFD 09-01. The MPR District Board shall discuss and possibly take action to approved Resolution 09-01, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Merrill Paloma Ranch Community Facilities District, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. **Discussion and action. Council Member C. Turner moved to approve Resolution MPR CFD 09-01. Council Member J. Turner seconded. Discussion on the nature of the CFD, that Council is the Board, a budget must be adopted each fiscal year, and that it does not affect the Town of Gila Bend Budget. The Merrill Paloma Ranch Community budget is \$50,000. A portion of the budget could be used for staff expenditures, but the approved budget usually stays with the CFD. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0.**
- C. ADJOURNMENT. **Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Fernandez. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0. Time: 6:09pm**

The Mayor shall call the Sonoran Trails Community Facilities District Board to order. Mayor Henry called the Sonoran Trails Community Facilities District Board Meeting to order at 6:10pm.

VII. SONORAN TRAILS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

- A. PUBLIC HEARING. The District Board shall hear public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Sonoran Trails Community Facilities District Budget . **No public comment.**
- B. RESOLUTION ST CFD 09-01. The ST District Board shall discuss and possibly take action to approve Resolution ST CFD 09-01, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sonoran Trails Community Facilities District, adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 **Discussion and Action (GREEN) Vice Mayor Hull motioned to approve Resolution ST CFD 09-01. Seconded by Council Member Fernandez. Discussion on the requirement to adopt a budget each year and that it does not affect the Town's budget. Motion to**

approve passed unanimously; 7 - 0.

- C. Adjournment. *Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Henry. Motion passed unanimously; 7 - 0. Time: 6:11pm.*

The Mayor shall reconvene Town Council Meeting. Mayor Henry reconvened the Town Council Meeting. Time: 6:11pm.

VIII. 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 Fernandez - no report

Council Member Gonzalez spoke about attending the League of Cities & Towns conference. Council Member Gonzalez attended a session on youth and another session on media. She was impressed by how the youth from different communities have responded to the program. The program goal is to foster interest in public service, focus on youth needs, and to become better public speakers. A youth group in Casa Grande started a Teen Center using money made through fund raisers and local businesses donated needed items. This has been going well and teaching younger kids to have an interest in community pride. The session on Media centered on computers and websites which was interesting but she did not feel that it was really relevant for Gila Bend because the number of residents that interact with the Town on computers is minimal.

Vice Mayor Hull also spoke on his attendance at the Arizona League of Cities and Town conference. He took the flag representing Gila Bend along with 90 other Arizona cities and towns and on the speaker, Danny Fitch, who spoke about teamwork. Vice Mayor Hull reported that he met with the Mayor and Town Manager of Buckeye regarding Hwy. 85 and ADOT update. He reported that water issues are common everywhere and that one community has a 25% use of recycled water.

Council Member C. Turner - no report

Council Member J. Turner - no report

Council Member Young - no report

Mayor Henry asked Airport Manager Drury if he had anything to report, and he reported that the final engineering plans for the shade hangars are being done, core samples are done, and that they are ready to start on the hangars. He reported that the preliminary sketches for incoming the airplane museum are completed and that there will be 23 aircraft from WWII. He also reported that a defense company that builds remote control cars for bombs for Luke Air Force Base is considering moving to the airport. The start date for the airport slurry is in 2011.

Mayor Henry asked Border Patrol Community Liaison Reno if he had any report. Border Patrol Community Liaison Reno reported that SBI Net is a series of towers along the southwestern border. The first set of towers is now going up.

Mayor Henry - no report.

- IX. TOWN MANAGER REPORT **Town Manager Buss reported on the Growers Meeting to take place at the Gila Bend High School Media Center on September 24th at 4:30pm. Yulex is looking for growers in this area with 4,000 acres to grow a hypo-**

allergenic latex. It will be the only domestic source in the US. The processing of the crop would employ approximately 150 people, is a non-pollutant, and is "totally green", meaning all of the plant is used.

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Bill Sims, Attorney regarding Sabre Aircraft, as well as any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(3) **Council Member J. Turner moved to go into executive session. Vice Mayor Hull seconded. Motion to go into executive session passed unanimously; 7-0. Time: 6:22pm.**

Mayor Henry called the regular session back to order at 7:00 pm.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT
Vice-Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Armida Gonzalez. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time 7:00 pm

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 September 8, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk