

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the October 27, 2009 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henry at 6:02 pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at the beginning of the work session.
- C. Invocation was given by Steve McClure.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull
Council Member Fernando Fernandez
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Chuck Turner
Council Member James "Bud" Turner
Council Member Donny Young

Staff present: Town Attorney McClure, Town Manager Buss, Town Clerk Turner, Fire Chief Birchfield, Finance Director Young, Public Works Director/Engineer Parsi, Parks & Recreation Director Hoffman, Recreation Assistant Dishman, Records Clerk Eisenberger

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.*)

No public comment given

IV. PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development Block Grant Program. The Mayor and Town Council shall receive public comment on the submission of a project to the Community Development Block Grant Program for FY 2010/2011. The proposed project must be chosen from the Town's Consolidated Plan that is on file with Maricopa County Community Development.

Vice-Mayor Hull moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. Seconded by Council Member D Young. Motion to open public hearing passed unanimously. (7-0). Discussion on the following: 1) need to set priority for projects to be funded; 2) the five projects chosen are three water projects, public pool, and youth center; 3) decision of priority funding to be submitted by December 14, 2009; and 4) combining the location of pool and youth center to keep centralized even though they are separate projects. Discussion on availability of alternative funding for 24" Line and Fire Hydrant projects. Discussion on lack of alternative funding for public pool projects. Parks & Recreation Director Hoffman informed that Heritage Funds are not available for pools and suggested refurbishing existing pool in stages and also informed that there were leaks all over the pool that increases the possibility of a wash-out and that it has become a liability and can not be used next year as is. P&R Assistant Dishman mentioned that by keeping pool in same location the existing buildings could be remodeled and expanded. Resident Gracie Pinette questioned the youth center and pool locations and suggested the community center area would centralize the amenities. Discussion on obtaining the remaining funds needed if pool is listed as the number one priority. Finance Director Young mentioned that Greg Schwarz informed her of possibility of available GADA funds for the pool. There was general agreement that the pool should be listed as the number one priority. Resident James Hancock questioned whether the fire hydrants are of more importance and how many were not working or still needed. Discussion on fire hydrants included the number of hydrants not working, 12, and areas still requiring hydrants to be installed. Public Works Director Parsi informed that the installation of 27 fire hydrants is currently in progress. Discussion on the 5 Year Plan

having been approved by Council and that two projects can be submitted this year (2010) and that the most feasible plan will be implemented. Funding for the project chosen will be available at the beginning of the 2010 fiscal year; July 1, 2010. Vice Mayor Hull moved to close the Public Hearing. Council Member C. Turner seconded. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0. Time: 6:21pm

V. 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 Meeting Minutes. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the October 13, 2009 meeting minutes.
- B. Street Closures. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request by the Town Recreation Department to close the southbound lane of Euclid Street, northbound lane of Scott Street, the Westbound lane of Papago Street and the Eastbound lane of Hunt Street, leaving the lane closest to the residences open for travel, on November 21, 2009 for the First Annual Car Show.
- C. Shrimp Festival Permit. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action for the approval of a permit application to allow the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce to sell alcoholic beverages at the Annual Shrimp Festival pursuant to own Ordinance 09-12.
Council Member J Turner moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Hull. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (7-0)

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

- A. Pima Street and Martin Street Pedestrian and Landscape Improvement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a design recommendation by E-Group, Inc. relative to proposed Pima Street and Martin Street Pedestrian and Landscape Improvements. The Pima Street improvements are being funded via American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Martin Street improvements are being funded via HURF transfer completed roughly eight (8) years ago.
Vice-Mayor Hull moved to allow E-Group to update the Pedestrian Walkway Plan spreading out at Martin and Pima. Seconded by Council Member C Turner. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)
- B. Safe Route To School Grant. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a grant application for the Safe Routes to School Program. The program allows for grants of up to \$250,000 per school to enhance pedestrian and biking facilities to and from school. This is a 100% federally funded program therefore there is no match required by the Town of Gila Bend.
Council Member C Turner moved to approve the grant application for the Safe Routes to School Program. Seconded by Council Member D Young. Motion to approve passed unanimously. (7-0)
- C. EECBG Grant. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on accepting an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the amount of \$57,127.19 via Arizona Department of Commerce. There is no cash or in-kind match for this grant.
Vice-Mayor Hull moved to accept the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant in the amount of \$57,127.19. Seconded by Council Member C Turner. Motion to accept passed unanimously. (7-0)
- D. EECBG Grant Funds Usage. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on directing the use of \$57,127.19, received as a result of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), towards the purchase of two (2) Solar Bee Aerators. The purchase of two (2) Solar Be Aerators is expected to save the Town of Gila Bend at least \$20,000 per year in energy cost.
Town Manager R Buss spoke about the need to replace the aerator's at the sewer

ponds. He noted that by replacing the aerators with 2 Solar Bees the Town would realize an energy cost savings of about \$40,000 a year. The Solar Bees would pay for themselves within the first year. The Solar Bees have a 25 year warranty. It was also noted that hundreds of other facilities use Solar Bees and they have been featured in the EPA Circular. It was advised that there would be one Solar Bee placed in each pond and they would take the place of all the other aerators and that SolarBee Inc. is a sole source provider for these Solar Bees. There was a brief discussion about adding additional collector's and whether or not the system would still be hooked up to APS and it was advised that additional collector's could be purchased in the future and that the system would continue to be hooked up to APS. Council Member C Turner moved to approve the purchase of two Solar Bees utilizing the EECBG funds for the purchase. Seconded by Council Member D Young. Motion passed unanimously. (7-0)

VII. 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)

Vice-Mayor F Hull reported that Representative Pat Fleming was at the local grocery store greeting citizens. He also reported that he attended the Social Services meeting at which a presentation was given on Urban Style Organic Growing. He also thanked Recreation Director S Hoffman for the hard work on the Annual Halloween Fright Night.

Mayor Henry asked staff to give a brief report.

Public Works Director/Engineer Parsi reported that there is approximately \$160,000 left to repair more streets and that he and Town Clerk Turner attended a technical assistance training session related to the CDBG application.

Recreation Director S Hoffman reported that his department has been working on roofing and graffiti projects. He also thanked Council for allowing him to hire Mr. Andrew Dishman who is his new Assistant.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported that the Town currently has 15 different infrastructure projects and that there is an increased interest in Solar Development within the Town of Gila Bend.

Council Member C Turner thanked the Public Works Crew and Lewis Fire Crew for installing additional water lines at Pioneer Cemetery.

IX. 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.**

X. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member C Turner moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice-Mayor Hull. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0. Time of adjournment: 6:35pm.

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 October 27, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk