

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the December 21, 2009 Special Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mayor Henry.
- B. Mayor Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Hull

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Public Works Director Parci, Finance Director Young, Records Clerk Eisenberger, Counter Services Smith

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This is a special meeting. There is no Call to the Public.

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).

There are no items to present.

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

- A.. Pima Street Pedestrian and Landscape Improvement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to rescind approval of an Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and the State of Arizona relative to the proposed Pima Street Pedestrian and Landscape Improvements. The Pima Street improvements are being funded via American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Council approved this agreement at special meeting held December 15, 2009. **Discussion and Action Vice Mayor Hull moved to rescind the Town Council's December 15, 2009 approval of the Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and State of Arizona. Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. Town Manager Buss noted that any discussion on Item A is relevant and should be considered as pertaining to both Items A and B. Discussion on Items A and B approved on December 15, 2009 and need to be rescinded and be replaced with Items C and D which, if adopted, will add \$300,000 (approximate) to the project budget. Discussion on ADOT's concern with Town's estimate of project, believing it is to low. Discussion on the requirement of a 5.7% match by the Town, approximately \$17,000, to receive the extra funds and that by rescinding A and B and adopting C and D the Town will have approximately \$600,000 for this project. Discussion regarding that the worst case scenario from ADOT's belief that their estimates are more accurate is that even if the bids are sky high, the cost will be covered. Discussion on how ADOT costs were estimated. Discussion on funding is partially stimulus funds and partially Transportation Enhancement Funds and because stimulus funds are included in the project funding, the rules and regulations connected with stimulus funds must be adhered to. Motion passed unanimously; 4-0**

- B. Gila Bend Airport Park and Ride. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to rescind approval of an Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and the State of Arizona relative to the proposed Gila Bend Airport Park and Ride Project. The project is being funded via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Council approved this agreement at a special meeting held December 15, 2009. **Discussion and Action. Vice Mayor Hull moved to rescind the Town Council's December 15, 2009 approval of the Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and State of Arizona. Motion seconded by Council Member Young. It was noted that all questions on this Item were discussed during Item A discussions. Motion passed unanimously; 4-0.**
- C. Pima Street Pedestrian and Landscape Improvement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an Agreement by and between the State of Arizona and the Town of Gila Bend relative to the Pima Street Pedestrian and Landscape Improvement Project. This agreement reflects an increase in the award amount totaling \$559,597.00 which includes a match in the amount of \$17,100.00. The project is being funded via ARRA/TEA/Town of Gila Bend. **Discussion and Action. Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. . Town Manager Buss noted that any discussion on Item C is relevant and should be considered as pertaining to both Items C and D. Discussion on whether there would be a possibility of the Town having to match more than \$17,000 and whether there will be an opportunity for public input. Discussion on staff waiting for information on whether public hearings will be planned and held by ADOT or the Town and the decision will depend on the cost estimate from ADOT to plan and hold hearings. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 4-0.**
- D. Gila Bend Park and Ride. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve an Agreement by and between the State of Arizona and the Town of Gila Bend relative to the Gila Bend Airport Park and Ride Project. This agreement reflects an increase in the award amount from \$170,000.00 to \$300,000. The project is being funded via ARRA/Recovery Act Funds. **Discussion and Action (YELLOW) Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. It was noted that questions on this Item were also discussed during Item C discussions. Discussion followed on whether the balance of unused funds can be used on other projects has not yet been answered by ADOT or MAG. Vice Mayor Hull requested that a phrase clarifying that this motion is to approve an increase of funds from \$170,000 to \$300,00 should be added to his motion to approve. It was noted that this wording is already stated, clarified and included in the action item. Vice Mayor Hull requested that this wording be added to Item C also. Motion to approve an Agreement by and between the State of Arizona and the Town of Gila Bend for the Gila Bend Airport Park and Ride Project that increases the award amount from \$170,000 to \$300,000. Motion passed unanimously; 4-0**

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

This is a special meeting. There is no Mayor and Council Members Report on Current Events

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

This is a special meeting. There is no Town Manager Report.

- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Town Attorney on 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 the December 21, 2009 Special Meeting of the Gila Bend Town Council. Seconded by Council Member Young. Motion passed unanimously; 4-0. Time of Adjournment: 5:15pm.

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 Special Meeting held December 21, 2009, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk