

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the October 9, 2012 regular council meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on October 9, 2012 beginning at **6:00** p.m., in the Gila Bend Town Council Chambers located at 644 W Pima, Gila Bend, Arizona. A copy of the final agenda will be available twenty-four hours prior to the meeting in the Town Clerk's Office, 644 West Pima, Gila Bend, AZ 85337.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor R. Henry called to order at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor R. Henry**
- C. Invocation **by resident Fred Hull**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner
Council Member Fernando Fernandez
Council Member Armida Gonzalez
Council Member Steve Holt
Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Donny Young **arrive 6:05**

Staff present: Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Planning and Economic Development Director (PEDD) E. Fitzer, Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard, Parks and Recreation Director (P&RD) C. Turner, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger

Mayor R. Henry noted that Town Manager R. Buss has a family emergency and will not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development Block Grant Program. The Mayor and Town Council shall receive public comment on the submission of an amendment to the Towns Consolidated Plan that is on file with Maricopa County Community Development. **Public Comment Only Public Hearing opened at 6:03pm by Mayor R. Henry. PEDD E. Fitzer reviewed CDBG five year plan and proposed changes. Summarized issues with pool funding, a luxury item, and youth facility, multi-gen facility at old CAP office, and that proposed waterline projects have a much better chance of being funded. Mr. Fitzer noted that when proposed waterline projects are completed almost all of the Town's waterlines will be upgraded. No public comment. Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilmember F. Fernandez. Motion passed: 7-0 Time: 6:08**

Mayor R. Henry reconvened the regular meeting.

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 **Motion to approve: Councilmember S. Holt Second by: Councilmember A. Gonzalez No discussion Motion passed: 7-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the September 25, 2012 regular meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$207,157.08 for the period of September 16, 2012 through September 30, 2012. **Discussion and Action**

V. BUSINESS – Discussion and possibly action on the following items:

- A. **Resolution 12-08 Consolidated Plan:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Resolution 12-08 amending the Town of Gila Bend Consolidated Plan on file with Maricopa County Community Development. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer noted that he and Council Member F. Fernandez will be attending the meeting with Council Member T. Sikes. Motion to approve: Vice Mayor C. Turner Second by: Councilmember T. Sikes No further discussion. Motion passed: 7-0**

- B. **Resolution 12-09 Cities and Towns Week:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Resolution 12-09 declaring October 22 through October 26, 2012 as Cities and Towns Week. **Discussion and Action Motion to approve: Vice Mayor C. Turner Second by: Councilmember A. Gonzalez No discussion. Motion passed: 7-0**
- C. **Legal Services:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the Town Manager to secure outside Legal Services as needed. **Discussion and Action Motion to table: Councilmember S. Holt Second by: Vice Mayor C. Turner No discussion. Motion to table approved: 7-0**
- D. **Revised MCSO IGA:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on a slightly revised Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. **Discussion and Action Town Attorney S. McClure noted that he went over the IGA and it looks good. Mr. McClure commented there were some minor changes and it would be a good idea to have Town Manager R. Buss here to explain the changes. Motion to table: Councilmember A. Gonzalez Second by: Councilmember F. Fernandez No further discussion. Motion to table passed: 7-0**
- E. **Budgetary Transfer:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to transfer funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 from the Town Manager's Contingency Line item 10-46-700 to the Mayor and Council line item 10-41-714 for Phase 1 of the 9-11 Memorial Project. **Discussion and Action Motion to approve: Vice Mayor C. Turner Second by: Councilmember F. Fernandez No discussion. Motion passed: 7-0**
- F. **Gila Bend 9-11 Memorial Contract:** the Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with Rounds Construction for construction of the Gila Bend 9-11 Memorial Project Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer reviewed the project status and requested that Town Manager R. Buss be able to approve future contracts for this project. Motion to approve: Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to approve and authorize Town Manager R. Buss to approved future projects. Second by: Councilmember A. Gonzalez No further discussion. Motion passed: 7-0**
- G. **Street Sign Numbers:** Request by Vice-Mayor C Turner to discuss and possibly take action to tape over numbers of certain street signs. **Discussion and Action PEDD E. Fitzer requested that this item be tabled. Motion to table: Vice Mayor C. Turner Second by: Councilmember F. Fernandez No further discussion. Motion passed: 7-0**
- H. **Security Camera Placement:** The mayor and Council may discuss the placement of Security Cameras at Town Facilities. **Discussion Only Vice Mayor C. Turner noted that he requested this item be put on the agenda as he understood the cameras were being disconnected and disagreed with reasoning for disconnecting them. Town Clerk B. Turner noted that the cameras have not been disconnected. Vice Mayor Turner spoke about needed security measures, more cameras needed for museum, Council Chambers, hallways, building exterior and perimeter. Vice Mayor C. Turner noted that he would like to encourage the other Council Members to voice their support to Town Manager R. Buss that the cameras be kept in place and to add more. No further discussion.**

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 F. Fernandez: No report

Council Member A. Gonzalez: No report

Council Member S. Holt: No report

Council Member D. Young: No report

Council Member T. Sikes: No report

Vice Mayor C. Turner noted that while on stand-by at the youth football program he was very pleased by the involvement of community and families enjoying the park . He commended the Parks & Recreation department for doing a great job with this and other

programs.

Mayor R. Henry had no report but asked available staff to provide departmental reports.

Town Clerk B. Turner reported that the liquor license permit for the November festival is completed and permit received; working on the event insurance; 45 Sierra Club members toured the museum and gave a \$100.⁰⁰ donation to the museum; and early voting. Town Clerk B. Turner reported that she will be attending the Fire Department annual audit report meeting and next week and gave her condolences to the family of Anita Mendoza who passed away today and noted that the funeral will be on Friday.

Finance Director S. Young reported she created a procedure for internal audits, working on the TPT Contracting Revenue report, reviewed First Things First funding, working with Director D. Dempsey on the \$50,000 check received for the CAP program, working on financial report for September, completed the CAPER for the County and working with Mark Alexander, Asst. Fire Chief, on the 2011-2012 expenses.

PEDD E. Fitzer reported that the Notice to Proceed on the Capitol Ave Waterline was just received, had 40 people with the Solar Summit in Gila Bend today and received a lot of encouraging comments, Calgon Carbon expects to up and operational by the end of March or beginning of April, RO solar project close to getting Notice to Proceed and they have 60 days to construct.

PWD B. Menard reported that the crew is working on Pima St. landscaping, maintenance on equipment continues, working with ADOT regarding Elks Lodge, working on sanitation options, can now do our own Freon, the lift truck is no longer certifiable and a new one is needed. He reviewed the lift truck problems and noted that it would probably cost \$20,000 - \$24,000 to fix. Discussion on sidewalks.

P&RD C. Turner reported on the upcoming Fright Night, working with the Chamber of Commerce on festival with the possibility of BLM getting involved with tours, the Christmas Lights in the park will begin December 1st, and he is considering options for a group interested in hosting barrel races at the rodeo grounds.

Vice Mayor C. Turner congratulated Town Attorney S. McClure and his wife on the successful adoption.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

No report.

- VIII. 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 Terry Basu gave his thanks to the Gila Bend Fire Department and EMS crews for prompt and professional response to his 9-1-1 call and expressed that residents should feel very safe with our very competent Fire Department and EMS personnel on call. Resident Fred Hull passed around an artifact that went on to the wreck of the Titanic and he noted the artifact has a connection to Gila Bend through its donor, Bill Casiato, who in his previous life was William Barnes, builder of the Titanic.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's)

Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned have the Fire Agreement with AZ State Land Department put on agenda. Seconded by: Councilmember S. Holt Motion passed: 7-0

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to adjourn Seconded by Councilmember F. Fernandez Motion passed: 7-0 Time of adjournment: 6:38pm

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held October 9, 2012 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk