

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the November 7, 2011 regular Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner
Council Member Fernando Fernandez
absent

Council Member Armida Gonzalez
Council Member Steve Holt
Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Donny Young

III. 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 Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the October 25, 2011 meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$84,955.68 for the period of October 16, 2011 through October 31, 2011. **Discussion and Action**
- C. **Resolution 11-21 ADOT Grant Agreement:** A Resolution of the Common Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, hereby entering into that certain Airport Development Reimbursable Grant Agreement by and between the State of Arizona, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, said agreement as attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth. **Discussion and Action**
- D. **Resolution No. 11-22 – APS Franchise:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a certain franchise beneficial for the Town of Gila Bend; ordering a special election to be held on March 13, 2012 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Gila Bend the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Arizona Public Service. **Discussion and Action**
- E. **Resolution No. 11-23 –SWG Franchise:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a certain franchise beneficial for the Town of Gila Bend; ordering a special election to be held on March 13, 2012 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Gila Bend the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Southwest Gas Corporation. **Discussion and Action**
Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0)

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

Mayor R Henry moved to item G.

- G. **Resolution No. 11-24 – Cable Television License:** Consent Resolution of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona authorizing the transfer of a cable television license. **Discussion and Action**
Town Manager Buss advised that this is a transfer of the Cable License from Cox Communications to Cable America. Chris Dyrek, President of Cable America spoke briefly about his company, their future in Gila Bend and about future upgrades. Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve Resolution No 11-24. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- A. **Resolution No. 11-19:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend,

Arizona, approving a Redevelopment Plan for the Bend Redevelopment District Area.

Discussion and Action

Planning and Economic Development Director advised that this item has been before the Planning Commission for recommendation however due to the lack of a quorum at their last meeting no recommendation was given. He noted that once a Redevelopment Plan has been introduced it must be acted on, by Statute, within 30 days. He also noted that establishing a District and Plan would create funding opportunities within the redevelopment area. There was a question as to whether or not the boundaries could be changed in the future and it was noted boundaries could be changed following the same process. Council Member T Sikes moved to approve Resolution 11-19, approving a Redevelopment plan for the Bend Redevelopment District Area. Seconded by Council Member S Holt. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- B. **Resolution No. 11-20:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, designating an area as the single Central Business District of the Town of Gila Bend.

Discussion and Action

Council Member S Holt moved to approve Resolution 11-20, designating an area as the single Central Business District of the Town of Gila Bend. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- C. **Ordinance No. 11-13:** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, hereby amending the Gila Bend Town Code as currently enacted in Chapter 30, Town Council, by adding Section 30.25 *(I) Future Agenda Items*, as hereinafter set forth; and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action**

Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 11-13, amending the Town Code and declaring an emergency. Motion seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- D. **Sanitation RFP:** Request by Mayor Henry to authorize staff to issue request for proposals (RFP) for the provision of sanitation services to the Town of Gila Bend in lieu of the Town's current service. **Discussion and Action**

Town Manager Buss advised that if this item is approved it will allow staff to see what services are available; this is in no way binding the Town to a contract. Public Works Director Menard advised that he has spoken to staff about the possibility of contracting sanitation services; he also spoke about revenues vs expenditures; noting that costly repairs are needed for the trucks and the service that the Town is currently providing is inefficient for our commercial customers and tipping fees have been increased. Council Member S Holt moved to approve the request to authorize staff to issue request for proposals for the provision of sanitation services. Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Mayor Henry advised that he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda noting the need for the Town to compare itself with other companies. He spoke about the need for recycling and that staff is in agreement. Motion to approve carried unanimously. (6-0)

- E. **ACMA Andrews Internship Program:** Mayor Henry and Staff request approval for the Town of Gila Bend to participate in the ACMA Andrews Internship Program, a matching program, in which a public administration graduate student enrolled at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, or the University of Arizona, serves a summer internship with the Town of Gila Bend. Total internship budget is \$6,000 of which ACMA will cover one-half or \$3,000.00 of the budget. **Discussion and Action**

Town Manager Buss briefly about the Internship Program noting it is a summer program; will allow interns to assist staff and the AMCA will fund one half of the cost. Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- F. **Part-time Custodian:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on adding the position of Part-time Custodian to the Town Staff. **Discussion and Action**

Town Manager Buss spoke about the need for an additional custodian in order to comply with the County Contract. He advised that this person would be a back-up for our current custodian and will be partially funded by First Things First. Council Member S Holt moved to approve adding the position of Part-time Custodian to Town Staff. Seconded by Council Member A Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- G. **Resolution No. 11-24 – Cable Television License:** Consent Resolution of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona authorizing the transfer of a cable television license. **Discussion and Action Item taken before Item IV. A.**
- V. 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 S Holt thanked everyone involved with the Shrimp Fest. He reported that it was outstanding and that the Town should be proud.
Council Member D Young also thanked everyone involved with the Shrimp Fest and reported that his son is accepting a Division 1 scholarship with the University of Utah a Pac 12 University.
Vice-Mayor C Turner thanked everyone involved with the Shrimp Fest.
Finance Director S Young reported that Journal entries are being made in preparation for the annual audit; utility billing audit is being conducting; AAA audit next week; prepared for Shrimp Fest; thank you to Border Patrol; working on financial report.
Parks & Recreation Director C Turner reported he is working with APS to finish the Southside Park lighting project; BLM suggestions on trails are due November 25th; working on restoring parks.
Public Works Director Menard reported on the following:
Wheels up landing at Airport causing minor damage to runway; several planes are tied down at Airport; spraying weeds at Airport; Airport will be shut down for two weeks beginning November 23rd; Security lighting at Town complex underway; Butterfield Trail Water Line Project is underway; working on a desert dumping issue with T.O and San Lucy; fixed AC at Town Hall and there is a case of arrant dumping of concrete in the Gila River Power Station wash.
Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer reported that there are issues with line location with the Butterfield Trail Waterline; bids have been received for the 911 Memorial Site and Fire Station surveys; expecting scopes of work related to the Airport and Cemetery Road; working on code compliance issues.
Town Clerk Turner – no report
Mayor Henry reported that the Shrimp Fest was a big success and thanked the Town Crew for all of their hard work.
- VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT
Town Manager Buss reported on the following:
Profiles with Terry Bradshaw – final edit; air in possibly two weeks.
Press release – issued press release regarding Prince Harry.
Met with Vice President of Sundt Construction who indicated that they are interested in assisting with the Resource Center and 911 Memorial.
Department of Energy – meetings successful; now on website. Media blitz from DOE; continue to work on transmission lines.
Paloma Ribbon Cutting was a nice event; tiff legislation is back; expressed condolences for the passing of Councilwoman Elaine Mae; thanked Fred Hull and Steve McClure for their Faith Based Project.
- VII. 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.)
Loren Brown, resident, advised that he would donate 50 yards of concrete to the 911 Memorial. He also spoke about the dumping of concrete in the Power Plant was noting that he is not the one dumping.
Fred Hull, resident, spoke about the Shrimp Fest noting that 100 patrons came by the 911 Memorial thinking that it was a traveling Memorial and were surprised that it was not and as he passed out flyers he met people who worked near the Twin Towers and that a couple had found the name of friend on the Flag.
Roxanne Brinker, resident spoke about code compliance and noted that she does not

receive feedback and would like to know if she should make the call; she doesn't want the ball to drop. Town Manager Buss reported that bids have been received with costs ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 due to the necessity for remediation.

Don Clark, seasonal resident, spoke that he is impressed with the direction the Town is going and about his desire to make Gila Bend his home for at least 6 months out of the year. He commended the Town for the hard work.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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)

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member T Sikes. Motion to adjourn carried (6-0) at 6:45 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 Council Meeting held November 7, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk