

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the July 9, 2013 regularly scheduled meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a special Council meeting on July 9, 2013 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 S. Holt called the meeting to order at 6:01pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **lead by Mayor S. Holt**
- C. Invocation **provided by resident Fred Hull**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve Holt	
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Ron Henry
Council Member Fernando Fernandez- absent	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	Council Member James Turner

Staff present: Town Manager F. Buss, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Planning & Economic Development Director (PEDD) E. Fitzer, Parks & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Deputy Clerk C. Eisenberger

- III. PRESENTATION:** Representatives of the National Trust for Historic Preservation will give a presentation on Historic Preservation "The Great Bend in the Gila" **Discussion Only** **Rebecca Knuffke of National Trust for Historic Preservation, Denise Ryan the Director of Public Lands and Andy Laurenzi of Archaeology did a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about the proposed Great Bend of the Gila National Monument. Discussion on whether motorized vehicle access would still be permitted with Ms. Knuffke responding yes, that National Monuments do not restrict motorized vehicle access. Ms. Knuffke noted that this was not to be a Wilderness designation, off-roading will be permitted and there were no Wilderness designations proposed. Deputy Clerk C. Eisenberger asked why there has been no motorized vehicle access to the Sonoran Desert National Monument since 2008 with the temporary access restriction supposed to be lifted in 2011, but was still in place, and it was explained that this is done until there are designated 'route markers' showing marked trails for travel. PEDD E. Fitzer asked if there were funds set aside for route markers on the proposed area so that access would remain open with Ms. Knuffke replying no funds were set aside specific to route markers and that the lack of funding continued to restrict access to the SDNM. PEDD E. Fitzer noted that access restriction has a negative impact on tourism in the Gila Bend area. Resident J. B. Getzwiller asked if the Gatlin Site was included in this proposal with the answer being no but the possibility of working with them could always be discussed. Discussion on the Gatlin Site not being on federal land, ownership belongs to the Town of Gila Bend, and already has National Historic Landmark designation. Mr. Getzwiller thanked them for coming and asked about availability of a similar presentation for the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce. No further discussion.**

- 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. **Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member R. Henry. No discussion. Motion to approve passed: 6-0**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the June 27, 2013 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 \$86,657.39 for the period of June 15, 2013 through June 30, 2013. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Resolution 13-06 Elections:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, providing for compliance with A.R.S. 16-204 as amended by the Arizona State Legislature in 2012. **Discussion and Action** *Town Clerk B. Turner reviewed options and new statutes and noted that not shortening terms would affect our Home Rule with possibility of fines for Home Rule violations. Discussion on election years and terms affected. Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to approve Resolution 13-06. Second by Council Member R. Henry. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed: 6-0*
- B. **IGA Maricopa County:** The Mayor and Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Maricopa County and the Town of Gila Bend for the Use of Real Property more particularly parking spaces located at 205 E Pima (Gila Bend 9-11 Memorial Park). The County desires the use of 6 parking spaces to include the installation of a shade structure and pathway to the Ironwood Justice Court Building. **Discussion and Action** *Town Manager F. Buss reviewed the IGA. Joe Getzwiller, Court Magistrate, spoke on six covered parking spaces for court employees with spaces to be available for the Gila Bend 9/11 Memorial Park when not in use by court personnel. Town Manager F. Buss noted that the County would be providing surveillance of the park as one of the benefits. Discussion on availability of other parking area with PEDD E. Fitzer noting that there are some Right-of-Way issues and possibility of more covered parking at the expense of the Town. No further discussion. Council Member R. Henry moved to approve the IGA with Maricopa County. Second by Council Member A. Gonzalez. Motion to approve passed: 6-0*
- C. **Cancellation of July 23, 2013 or August 13, 2013 regular Council Meeting:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for July 23, 2013 or August 13, 2013, to allow for a summer break. **Discussion and Action** *Council Member R. Henry moved to cancel all Council meetings in August. Second by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Discussion on other councils taking a summer hiatus. Motion to cancel all August meetings approved passed: 6-0*

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)

Vice Mayor C. Turner thanked Elks Lodge for the Food Drive to assist families affected by the Yarnell fire and spoke about the amount of clothing the Fire Department has received for their Clothing Drive for victims of the fire and noted that they will deliver items Thursday morning. He noted that two firefighters attended the services in Yarnell as representatives for the Gila Bend Fire Department and thanked all who participated in the Car Wash. Vice Mayor C. Turner thanked the Parks & Recreation Department and Town Staff for the fireworks on July 4th.

Mayor S. Holt thanked staff for a great job on the 4th of July.

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VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager F. Buss thanked Vice Mayor C. Turner for his involvement in the successful Car Wash held in Buckeye, AZ for the Yarnell Fire victims, noting one person donated \$100 for each deceased firefighter. Working with PEDD E. Fitzer on several economic development initiatives, meeting with Council Members on budget clarification questions, APS video on utility scale solar and Gila Bend's success, League spotlight section to include Mayor S. Holt, meetings on revenue enhancement and cost containment for the fire department and reviewed issue with service outside of the town limits.

Mr. Buss reported on the following for:

Planning and Economic Development: DoubleTree Papermill expansion project has started, a 230KV line project between Gila Bend and Ajo by Freeport-McMoRan; ASU committed to funding the Power Market Analysis Study for the GBTI.

Reported for Parks & Recreation Department: status of summer programs, successful 4th

of July celebration and AZSTA Grant submitted and working with the Finance Department on additional grant for the Wellness Center.

Reported for Finance Department: Schedules created for FY 2013-2014 Budget; completed the AZSTA Grant for three projects; auditors scheduled to be here in August, and began the input of the FY2013-2014 Budget into the Clarity program.

Reported for Town Clerk's Office: millings have been removed from the cemetery. Thank you to Jesus Baldenegro, Martin Vega and Stacy Perry. He reported on the status of the annual business license renewals and both the Town Clerk and Deputy clerk will be attending annual elections training next week.

Reported for Social Services Department: working with PEDD E. Fitzer on the Solar Express, completing MCHSD Audit and AAA monitoring and Director D. Dempsey will be attending the AZ Senior Center Association meeting.

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.)

Terry Basu, resident, suggested that a bigger sign be made for the donation box for items for the Yarnell fire victims. J.B. Getzwiller, Court Magistrate, noted that 111 persons went through the court entrance today. Fred Hull, resident, noted that the fireworks were great, that there were several people watching fireworks from the 9/11 Memorial Park and that the First Baptist Church is not closing. No further public comments.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **No future agenda items added.**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice for any of the above agenda items. **No executive session called.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT **Council Member R. Henry moved to adjourn. Second Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion passed: 6-0 Time of adjournment: 7:02pm**

Steven Holt, 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 July 9, 2013 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk