

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the May 13, 2014 regular Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a special Council meeting on May 13, 2014 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 6:04pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Lead by Mayor S. Holt**
- C. Invocation **Provided by resident Fred Hull.**

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Town Manager F. Buss, Finance Director S. Young, Public Works Director (PWD) B. Menard, Parks & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Planning & Economic Development Director (PEDD) E. Rubi, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger

- III. PRESENTATION: Charles Buchanan, Director 56 RMO will give an update on the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR). **Town Manager F. Buss introduced Charles Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan gave an update of the current status of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, what can be expected once the F35's begin to arrive sometime next year and the F16's currently being used will be moved to New Mexico. Mr. Buchanan explained that as one F16 Squadron is moved out, one F35 Squadron will be moving in, resulting in no major changes in numbers of planes and personnel on site. He noted that the Gila Bend area is considered a national training treasure, we are the third largest training area, with only Nellis and White Sands bigger in size and thanked Gila Bend for the support we have given them. Mr. Buchanan spoke about changes in training tactics, how range is used, manned ranges, and night flying. He noted that they are in the beginning stages of land withdrawals and gave a brief summary of the 25 year process and reviewed land returned to BLM. Vice Mayor C. Turner asked about tours on the range and Mr. Buchanan spoke about the general tours that anyone can have and also noted that special tours can be arranged for town management/staff and Council. Mr. Buchanan again thanked Gila Bend for its patience and support over the years and what a "Department of Defense gem" our range is here.**

- 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). **Council Member T. Sikes motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously: 6-0**

A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the April 22, 2014 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 \$78,843.52 for the period of April 16, 2014 through April 30, 2014.
Discussion and Action

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

A. **Ordinance 14-02 Town Code Update:** An Ordinance of the Common Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona, enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action Town Manager F. Buss reviewed, noting that this is a one-time per year compulsory item. Vice Mayor C. Turner asked about the MCSO Ordinance regarding vagrancy. Town Manager F. Buss noted that it was not yet completed but it has been passed on to the Town Attorney. No further discussion. Council Member R. Henry**

motioned to approve Ordinance 14-02 Town Code Update. Second by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion to approve Ordinance 14-02 Town Code Update passed unanimously: 6-0

- B. **Community Development Advisory Committee:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to appoint a Representative and Alternate to the Community Development Advisory Committee. **Discussion and Action** *Town Manager F. Buss reviewed the committee and spoke about the excellent job Council Member T. Sikes has done as the Committee Representative. Council Member T. Sikes noted that he did not want to continue on as the Committee Representative but would rather serve as the Alternate. Discussion on Council Member F. Fernandez stepping up from Alternate to serve as the Committee Representative. Town Manager F. Buss noted that if Council Member F. Fernandez could not attend some meetings, either he or the Alternate would assist. Council Member F. Fernandez agreed to serve as the Committee Representative. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to appoint Council Member F. Fernandez as the CDAC Committee Representative and Council Member T. Sikes as the Alternate. Second by Council Member A. Gonzalez. No further discussion. Motion to appoint Council Member F. Fernandez as CDAC Committee Representative and Council Member T. Sikes as the Alternate passed unanimously: 6-0*
- C. **Town Website:** Council Member Ron Henry request that the Mayor and Town Council discuss and possibly take action on sub-contracting of the Town Website. **Discussion and Action** *Town Manager F. Buss reviewed, apologized to the Council for not having a Staff Report on this item and noted that a Staff Report would be prepared and ready for the next Council Meeting. Council Member R. Henry spoke about the amount of time it has taken and that he has spoken to several people in companies that do websites and they have told him that they can have the website up in two (2) months. Council Member R. Henry comment that the Town of Gila Bend needs to have a working website and we have \$27,000.⁰⁰ into it. Town Manager F. Buss spoke about the three-step process required for each item needed for populating it. Council Member R. Henry noted that the website needs to up and running and it could be populated at a later time. Mayor S. Holt spoke about how he feels the current up and running website is a good one that is pretty nice and requested that the Town Manager come back with information and numbers for the next Council Meeting. Council Member R. Henry motioned for Town Manager F. Buss to get for next Council Meeting the information and numbers from Civic Plus on what it will take to get updated and running. Second by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion passed unanimously: 6-0*
- D. **Donation Request – Gila Bend High School Softball Team:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on a request for donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Gila Bend High School Softball Team for an end of season celebration outing. **Discussion and Action** *Town Manager F. Buss reviewed the donation request from the Gila Bend High School Softball Team. Discussion on amount donated last year, amount currently in the budget for Council donations and funds available. Vice Mayor C. Turner motioned to donate \$500.⁰⁰ to the Gila Bend High School Softball Team. Second by Council Member R. Henry. No further discussion. Motion to donate \$500.⁰⁰ passed unanimously: 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)
Council Member F. Fernandez thanked everyone who went to Rocky Point for his special day.

Council Member R. Henry reported that he had been in Mexico.

Council Member A. Gonzalez reported that she attended the wedding and it was beautiful and so was the weather.

Vice Mayor C. Turner: No report

Council Member T. Sikes: No report

Council Member J. Turner: No report - absent

Mayor S. Holt reported that he attended the wedding and that both the wedding and weather were beautiful and he congratulated Council Member F. Fernandez.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager F. Buss reported he is currently working on 8 potential locates, 6 of which would be considered large locates and he has been working on the Draft Budget and been meeting with Council Members. On May 1st and 2nd, he was a panelist at the VerdeXchange conference here in Phoenix, and Gila Bend was featured relative to its success in solar development and sustainability initiatives. This included a lunchtime video presentation that was very well received and he also picked up several economic development leads that could lead to locates here in Gila Bend. He is continuing to work with CAISO; they have notified us that they are working to set the next meeting, scope, and NDA. A member from CAISO, who we met with, was also a panelist at VerdeXchange. Town Manager Buss toured a large potential locate today, which included ASU, State of Arizona, GPEC, Wayzata, the CEO and COO of the potential locate, Mayor Holt, Ernie and myself.

Town Manager F. Buss reported for the following departments:

Planning and Economic Development: Working on General Plan Update authority to proceed,

Cemetery Road resolution with Maricopa County and working on Economic Development potential locates.

Parks and Recreation: Call for Bids on Basketball Lighting project, preparing for Youth Baseball and T-ball recruitment and doing Lifeguard Training in readiness of public pool opening.

Public Works: Main Street completed, change orders will be on next agenda. There are no NET cost increases, on the Papago Waterline both Town and CDBG portions are complete. In the process of completing the last of the paper work. Martin Street Quiet Zone started with a projected 30 day construction period and waiting for pump and motor before completing pipe from Well #8 to the RO plant.

Finance: No report; working on the upcoming budget.

Town Clerk: Beverly is on vacation and will be returning on Tuesday, May 20th and in the process of putting together a Records Management Manual. We are using a manual template recommended by the Records Management Division of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Department. Assisting with the Memorial Day Observance to be held on May 26th at 8:00am at the Pioneer Cemetery and we continue to work on upcoming Election. A Home Rule FAQ sheet is available and new Campaign Finance forms were approved by the Legislature and are now required for certain candidates.

Fire Department: No report

Social Services: St. Mary's Food Bank will be doing monitoring on Tuesday, worked with Gray Faupel with the Buckeye Outreach and working on Billing/Reports.

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 commented that he misses the Staff Report done by Department Directors. Resident Heather Goebel commented that she agreed with Terry Basu. Council Member R. Henry replied that maybe this will be done. Town Manager F. Buss noted that he currently provides the departmental reports as part of his report and mentioned the issue with listing each report item on the agenda. He noted that this issue was brought up and addressed in previous Council Meetings and was commented on by Town Attorney S. McClure.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **Council Member R. Henry motioned to put forming a Budget Committee on the next agenda. Second by Council Member T. Sikes. Motion to place item on agenda passed unanimously: 6-0**

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 relative to a Non Disclosure Agreement and/or for any of the above agenda items. **No Executive Session called.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor C. Turner moved to adjourn. Second by Council Member R. Henry. Motion to adjourn passed: 6-0 Time of adjournment: 6:57pm

Steven Holt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of regular Council Meeting held May 13, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk