

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the July 8, 2014 Work Session.

I. CALL TO ORDER *Mayor S. Holt called the Work Session to order at 5:00pm*

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve Holt

Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner

Council Member Fernando Fernandez-  
*absent*

Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Ron Henry

Council Member Tommy Sikes

Council Member James Turner

*Staff present: Town Manager F. Buss, Town Clerk B. Turner, Fire Chief F. Baldrige, Planning and Economic Development Director E. Rubi, Finance Director S. Young, Parks and Recreation Director C. Turner, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger*

III. WORK SESSION (the Council cannot take action on any of these subjects because they are on the agenda for discussion only) **FOR ONE HOUR ONLY 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

A. **Work Session:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss revenue and expenditure trends relative to the Fire and EMS Departments, recommendations for addressing past and future expenditures and revenues, with particular emphasis on mitigating losses and free ridership. Town Manager Buss will present a power point presentation. **Discussion Only** *Town Manager F. Buss gave a PowerPoint presentation on issues related to Fire/EMS revenues and expenditures. Mr. Buss reviewed the issues, shortfalls in Public Safety, Causes of shortfalls and strategies to mitigate future shortfalls. Discussion on benefits of using contact cards, percent paid by AHCCCS and Medicare, and question and discussion on how much has it helped with changes to AHCCCS is unknown due to reporting issues. Discussion on differences in billing with Fry's versus previous billing method, importance of useful reporting and property tax issues. Town Manager F. Buss reviewed Fire Department Fee Schedules, compared Gila Bend's Fee Schedule with other Arizona cities/towns and provided a Draft of recommended adjustments. Discussion on charges to residents within town limits and those outside of the town limits, Farm Bureau Insurance practices for fire claims, and subscription for commercial. Discussion on billing and Accounts Receivable, outsourcing billing and BVRFD is on board with changes needed for useful reporting. Mayor S. Holt spoke about historically Gila Bend has had issues with receiving payment for services and it has been better since going with Buckeye Valley RFD until the issues with AHCCCS arose. No further discussion.*

III.ADJOURNMENT *Council Member R. Henry motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor C. Turner. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously: 6-0 Time of adjournment: 6:00pm*

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Steven Holt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Work Session held July 8, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk