

# Town of Gila Bend

Minutes of the September 15, 2014 Special Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor S Holt called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Led by Mayor S Holt**
- C. Invocation **Given by Steven McClure**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Steve Holt  
Vice-Mayor Chuck Turner  
Council Member Fernando Fernandez  
Council Member Armida Gonzalez  
**All Present**

Council Member Ron Henry  
Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes  
Council Member James "Bud" Turner

**Staff present: Town Manager E Rubi; Town Attorney S McClure; Town Clerk B Turner; Finance Director S Young; PWD B Menard**

III. PRESENTATION – Discussion only on the following items:

**Gila Bend Transmission Initiative:** Kris Mayes, Michelle Gasper and Laurie Dunham of ATC will give a power point presentation on the Gila Bend Transmission Initiative. There will be a question and answer period and discussion with the Mayor and Town Council. **Mayor Holt introduced Kris Mayes who in turn introduced Michelle Gasper and Laurie Dunham of DATC. Ms. Gasper and Ms. Dunham gave a brief power point presentation on the Transmission Initiative. The presentation highlighted the importance of the Transmission Initiative and partners which include DATC/Duke Energy/ATC/Entegra/City of Buckeye/Town of Gila Bend. DATC is a 50/50 joint venture that was formed in 2011 to pursue transmission development. It was noted that the Gila River Power Station is its own BA which is very rare. There was discussion about the benefit to the Town of Gila Bend and the State of Arizona. There was also discussion about routes which it was noted that there are 9 possible routes and possible environmental issues were discussed. Ms. Dunham spoke about public outreach and open houses that are held prior to any project. There was discussion about the proposed line to Ajo and the line from Palo Verde Nuclear Plant to Yuma. It was noted that Palo Verde Line is mainly for APS. There was discussion about future cost to the Town and it was noted that there should be no cost to the Town. Ms. Mayes spoke highly of the Town for spear heading the Initiative and stated that it was a pleasure to present an update to the Town relative to the Initiative.**

IV. **Gila Bend Transmission Initiative [GBTI] Memorandum of Understanding [MOU]**

**Second Amendment:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the Second Amendment to the Gila Bend Transmission Initiative [GBTI] Memorandum of Understanding. **Discussion and Action Vice-Mayor C Turner moved to approve the Second Amendment to the Gila Bend Transmission Initiative Memorandum of Understanding; Seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to approve carried unanimously.**

V. ADJOURNMENT

**The meeting adjourned on a motion by Council Member R Henry and a second by Vice-Mayor C Turner. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Time 6:02 pm**

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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 special Council Meeting held September 15, 2014 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk