

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the January 27, 2015 regular Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a special Council meeting on January 27, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Gila Bend School District Media Center located at 308 N Martin Avenue, 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 C. Turner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **given by resident Fred Hull**

## II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Jesus Rubalcava - <b>arrive</b>
Vice-Mayor Ron Henry	<b>5:22pm</b>
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Clyde Kreeger	Council Member James Turner

**Staff Present: Town Manager (TM) E. Rubi, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S. Young, Parks & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger**

## 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 **Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried 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 January 13, 2015 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 \$148,572.43 for the period of January 1, 2015 through January 15, 2015. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Donation-Gila Bend Lions Club:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a request for donation from the Gila Bend Lions Club for the Gila Bend Lion's Club 32nd annual Journey for Sight. **Discussion and Action Council Member J. Turner moved to approve a donation to the Gila Bend Lions Club. Question and discussion on the amount donated last year being \$500.<sup>00</sup> and to donate the same this year. Council Member J. Turner amended his motion from approve a donation to the Gila Bend Lions Club to approve a donation of \$500.<sup>00</sup> to the Gila Bend Lions Club. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve a donation of \$500.<sup>00</sup> to the Gila Bend Lions Club carried unanimously: 6-0.**
- B. **Butterfield Stage Days Special Event Permit:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve submittal of a special event alcohol permit to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control to allow for the sale of alcohol (beer only) at the Annual Butterfield Stage Days February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Discussion and Action Council Member J. Turner made a motion to approve the Butterfield Stage Days Special Event Permit. Council Member F. Fernandez seconded the motion. Question and discussion on whether the food and beer sales are separate concessions with PRD C. Turner commenting that they are two separate vendors. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Butterfield Stage Days Special Event Permit carried unanimously: 6-0**
- C. **Race Wars Arizona Facilities Use Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a facilities use agreement with Race Wars Arizona for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on April 18, 2015. **Discussion and Action Rob Barkley of Race Wars Arizona gave a summary of the planned event. Spoke about their company's involvement with the Fast & Furious movies and with Craig Lieberman, who provided cars for all three Fast & Furious movies, and will be attending the event. Mr.**

**Barkley, Josh Nepa and Manpreet Singh, all with Race Wars Arizona, spoke about this being their first event and would like to have another one here in October or November, good response from people wanting to participate and attend, local and nation-wide sponsors, and event will bring revenue to local businesses. Question and discussion about insurance with Mr. Rob Barkley responding that insurance is already in place. A question from Fred Hull, resident, on whether this is a drag race with the response that it is a roll race, not a drag race. A question from Fred Hull on whether business licenses are needed with Town Clerk B. Turner responding that business licenses are not needed for special events. Question and discussion on whether local food vendors can set up at the event, with the response being, yes. Question and discussion the Gila Bend Fire Department attending with a yes response. Question and discussion on approximate number of cars at the car show and if they are new or classic cars. A question from resident Fred Hull on whether or not the event was in compliance with FAA with a yes response made by TM E. Rubi. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the Race Wars Arizona Facilities Use Agreement. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Race Wars Arizona Facilities Use Agreement carried unanimously: 6-0**

**D. General Plan Economic Development Element: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve utilizing ESI Corp to assist with the Economic Development Element of the Gila Bend General Plan Update. Discussion and Action TM E. Rubi reviewed, spoke on the need to infuse more Economic Development elements into the plan rather than focusing totally on sustainability and this could be done by substituting the services of ESI Corp instead of using the services of ASU. TM E. Rubi noted that there would also be a cost savings of approximately \$2,900.<sup>00</sup>. TM E. Rubi noted that a full day retreat focused on Economic Development is in the planning stages. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve using ESI Corp to assist with the economic development element of the Gila Bend General Plan Update. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 6-0**

**E. Status Update on Solar Project at RO Facility: Finance Director Stacey Young will give an update on the status of the Solar project at the Reverse Osmosis Plant. Discussion Only Finance Director S. Young provided a status update on the solar project at the R.O. Facility. Ms. Young noted that WIFA gave the ok to release the funding amount of \$294,000, which should be in the bank tomorrow and that TM E. Rubi met with Steve Chase of APS about over-billing and that the end result should show some big savings to the town. Question and discussion on how did the schools solar array work out and what caused the end result to not be very good. Question and discussion on cost of the new program. PWD T. Weter summarized how the program works and spoke about working with APS and meeting their requirements to reach the highest savings (86%). Question and discussion on current savings of 40% being increased to 86% with the tie-in of other wells to the solar project. Question and discussion on the 'payback' time for the R.O. facility being two (2) years. Town Manager E. Rubi noted that the town has a great system that is 'over-built' for what is attached to it and that with the new addition there will money saved and overhead costs reduced. No further discussion. No vote taken for this Discussion Only item.**

**F. Mid-Year Financial Report: Finance Director Stacey Young will present the Mid-Year Financial report for fiscal year 2014-2015. Discussion Only Finance Director S. Young gave a PowerPoint presentation for the Mid-Year Financial Report, summarized the different types of accounts: Grants, Enterprise, and Non-Enterprise, and how they worked. Question and discussion on department expenditures being spread out over the fiscal year. It was noted that the departments are doing a good job of keeping their costs down. No further discussion. No vote taken for this Discussion Only item.**

**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 J. Rubalcava reported that he has received several complaints from residents in his neighborhood about someone ringing their doorbells in the early morning hours (2:30 – 3:30am) and running off and that the 'tagger' is now hitting homes.**

**Mayor C. Turner reported that a former Town employee, Audrey Johnson, recently passed**

**away and he gave condolences to the Johnson family. Mayor C. Turner then presented Council Member J. Turner with an award from the Gila Bend Volunteer Fire Department for his 25 years of service. No further reports provided.**

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

(This is the time the Town Manager may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented) **TM E. Rubi reported that Town employee Gray Faupel will be filling the Social Services Director position, noting that he is the natural successor to fill Social Services Director D. Dempsey's position when she retires. Reported on other open positions at the Town to be filled: Resource Center Coordinator, Social Services Case Manager and a Water/Wastewater position. TM E. Rubi reported on a military historic convoy will be coming through Gila Bend, the Economic Development Retreat is being planned for a Saturday and will be an all-day retreat on either February 21st or 28th. Reported on the parachute jumpers locate is looking a build-to-suit property. Reported on the Algenol locate is being affected by the price of gas, they are still waiting on federal start-up funds and believe the locate will now take place in 2016. TM E. Rubi will be working on putting together a couple of Work Sessions to address the 5-year projects. He then asked for reports from staff.**

VII. STAFF REPORTS

(This is the time Staff 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)

**Town Clerk B. Turner reported that so far this year there have been 19 new business licenses. Reported that she and Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger are working diligently on populating the website and with the new website planned to go live on February 6th.**

**Finance Director S. Young reported on the Master Fire Agreement she received, W-2's sent out and 1099's almost done and that auditors will be here next week.**

**Parks and Recreation Director C. Turner reported on Butterfield Stage Days.**

**Public Works Director T. Weter reported that both pumps and meters replaced at the lift station; R.O. pumps installed and he is looking at reducing costs by working with other entities for purchasing street and other related signs.**

**Town Manager E. Rubi asked Dianne Henry if she had a report from the Chamber of Commerce with the response that the next Chamber meeting would be on Wednesday, February 4th.**

VIII. MCSO REPORT **Lieutenant Todd Hogan of MCSO reported for Captain Whelan, who could not attend. His report was for December 2014 and reported that some notable items included: One (1) burglary, down from five (5) in December 2013; three (3) shoplifting, up one (1); and 22 traffic citations, down from 38 last December. Lt. Hogan also reported that two (2) thefts occurred and several drug arrests associated with the recent undercover operation. Resident Heather Goebel spoke about cars racing on Harrington and Airport Manager C. Drury noted that he had some information on persons involved that he would speak with Lt. Hogan about after the meeting. End of MCSO report.**

IX. 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 Heather Goebel noted that McCarthy is looking to fill 150 solar related jobs. Mayor C. Turner thanked Heather Goebel for the work she does to provide open job opportunities for Gila Bend residents,. Resident Fred Hull thanked the town crew**

*for the great job on the southside drainage some time ago and that with the rain it is still working well. He spoke about the Murk graffiti, noting that Murk is now on Facebook, the house located on Papago and Martin is hit consistently and that people talk about knowing who Murk is as the person has a "Murk" tattoo on his arm. Resident Terry Basu questioned if this tagger, Murk, is not arrested because he is an informant. No further public comments.*

- X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **No future agenda items requested.**
- XI. 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.**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT **Vice Mayor R. Henry made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously; 7-0. Time of adjournment: 6:15pm.**

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Chuck Turner, 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 regular Council Meeting held January 27, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk