

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

## Minutes of the April 28, 2015 regular Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a regular Council meeting on April 28, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Gila Bend School District Media Center located at 308 N Martin Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona. **Council Members of the Town of Gila Bend Town Council will attend either in person or by telephone or video communication.** 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 4:57pm**
- 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>4:59pm</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, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Parks and Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Social Services Director (SSD) K. Valenzuela, 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 requested that Item C. Donation of Playground Equipment and Item D. Donation of Property be pulled for discussion.**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the April 14, 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 \$168,128.98 for the period of April 1, 2015 through April 15, 2015.  
**Discussion and Action**
- C. **Donation of Playground Equipment:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to accept a donation of playground equipment donated by Paloma School District.  
**Discussion and Action. Question and discussion on the quality of playground equipment being donated. PRD C. Turner noted that equipment is an upgrade and meets all requirements for playground equipment. No further discussion.**
- D. **Donation of Property:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to accept a donation of property and all improvements located at 401 E Papago (the Episcopal Church) from the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. **Discussion and Action. Question and discussion on whether there are any conditions that would be costly if donation accepted. TM E. Rubi noted that the residential house is in bad shape and would probably need to be demolished. Discussion on rile or shingle roofing. No further discussion.**

**Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously: 7 – 0.**

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

- A. **Request for Donation from Paloma Elementary 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a request for donation from the Paloma Elementary 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class to help cover expenses of the 1<sup>st</sup> Family Fun Night scheduled for May 1, 2015. All proceeds will benefit the end of year trip for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class. **Discussion and Action. TM E. Rubi reviewed. Resident Liz Smith spoke**

*about the hard work of the 8th Graders to raise money for their class trip and that instead of class trip fundraisers, they did several fundraisers to raise money to assist a fellow student that has been diagnosed with leukemia so they are looking to the community for a little assistance. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve a \$500.<sup>00</sup> donation to the Paloma Elementary 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. Second made by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve the \$500.<sup>00</sup> donation carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*

- B. Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Buckeye:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Buckeye and the Town of Gila Bend for the express purpose of providing traffic control devices and customized street signage. **Discussion and Action.** *PWD T. Weter reviewed noting that this expired one and one-half (1 ½ ) years ago and that it will go to the Buckeye City Council once it is approved. Question and discussion on this being for signage only, previous signs purchased from them and they are not a sole source provider. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Buckeye. Motion seconded by Council Member C. Kreeger. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- C. Fisrt Things First Annual Grant Renewal F/Y 2015-2016:** The Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the Annual Grant Renewal with First Things First. The amount of the Grant award to the Town of Gila Bend is \$204,589.00 and there is no cash match requirement by the Town. **Discussion and Action.** *TM E. Rubi reviewed with Finance Director S. Young noting there is no cash match required from the Town. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the First Things First Grant Renewal for FY2015-2016. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Rubalcava. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- D. Maricopa County Community Action Program Services IGA Renewal for FY 2015 – 2016:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the renewal of the Maricopa County Community Action Program Services (CAP) program for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. **Discussion and Action.** *Finance Director S. Young reviewed the CAP renewal noting that the County will bring back their seniors coordinator which will be very helpful. Question and discussion on the loss of some of the funding. SSD K. Valenzuela noted that she is researching grant money to help replace at least a portion of funding loss. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the IGA Renewal for FY 2015 – 2016. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- E. St. Mary’s Food Bank Partner Agency Agreement for FY 2015-2016:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Partner Agency Agreement with St. Mary’s Food Bank for FY 2015-2016 for the express purposed of providing Food Bank Services to the Town of Gila Bend. **Discussion and Action.** *SSD K. Valenzuela reviewed. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve St. Mary’s Food Bank Partner Agency Agreement for FY 2015 - 2016. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve the agreement carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- F. Grant Application to the Association of Arizona Food Banks:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$5,000 to the Association of Arizona Food Banks. If awarded the funds would be used to purchase food storage and distribution equipment. **Discussion and Action.** *SSD K. Valenzuela reviewed noting this was an opportunity to get some new shelving and kitchen equipment with no cash outlay required by from the Town. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the Grant Application to the Association of Arizona Food Banks. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to approve the Grant Application carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- G Bid Award of the McMahon Field Safety Netting Project:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award the bid for the McMahon Field Safety Netting Project to Aguirre & Kin Construction in an amount not to exceed \$17,310.00. **Discussion and Action.** *PRD C. Turner reviewed noting two (2) bids were received, one from Sellers & Sons and*

**one from Aguirre & Kin. PRD C. Turner reviewed the Scope of the Project. Question on whether the poles are new, with the response that these poles are the used ones that the Town had saved for future use. Question on whether the netting is included in cost with a response that it is not. Question on what is the budgeted amount with the response of \$20,000.<sup>00</sup> is budgeted. Question on whether there are change orders expected with the response of only if the Town decides to add something to this project. Motion to award the bid to Aguirre & Kin Construction made by Council Member F. Fernandez. Vice Mayor R. Henry seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion to award the bid to Aguirre & Kin Construction carried unanimously: 7 – 0.**

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 C. Kreeger spoke about the Race Wars event noting that it was a great success but the next one will need better traffic control. Mr. Kreeger noted that crosswalk signs or children walking signs are needed on several blocks before reaching the school.**

**Council Member J. Rubalcava: no report**

**Council Member Council Member J. Turner commended PRD C. Turner for the good job on the fishing pond and added that he would like to see it made bigger and using canal water.**

**Council Member T. Sikes: No report.**

**Council Member F. Fernandez: No report**

**Vice Mayor R. Henry: No report.**

**Mayor C. Turner reported on the MAG meeting he attended and a really good meeting he had with the Mayor of Goodyear.**

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 he will be speaking with the promoters of Race Wars Arizona as they would like to do another event. He will bring up the issue with parking and has another bill to present to them for some over-time done by Town employees due to the parking issue. He spoke on the success of the event, that it was a good event and that the Town would welcome them back for other events. Mr. Rubi reported on the SR85 improvements ADOT will soon start and lobbying MAG and the County about considering turning the two (2) lanes into four (4) lanes as you come into town. Reported that he spoke with Captain Whelan who could not attend tonight as he had been on duty all night and day due to the shooting incident between Gila Bend and Ajo. The TM reported that we are doing an upgrade to link in the Resource Center, looking at Windows-based laptops for the Council that will be more compatible than the ones they have now and commended the Fire Department and especially FD Chaplain, Fred Hull for the assistance provided to accident victims, noting that they had sent a \$100.<sup>00</sup> donation to the Fire Department in gratitude.**

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 four (4) Council Members have said they will be attending the upcoming League Conference. She reported there will be a funeral service this Saturday for former Town employee, David Valdez. She then noted that her laptop had just given up after five (5) years and did not record audio of the meeting.**

**Finance Director S. Young reviewed the status of the Express Bill Payment program giving the Town the capability of accepting online and credit card payments. Ms. Young thanked Mary Rubi for her valuable assistance.**

**PWD T. Weter reported that the County inspection of the RO Plant today was very good with only three (3) minor improvements needed and that the County was very impressed.**

**Mr. Weter reported that Hickman Farms donated ½ ton of fertilizer to the Community Garden and that the FAA requested that the Town sign off on unused entitlements, that we will be able to apply for more funding with a submittal of paperwork deadline by December.**

**PRD C. Turner reported on his budget meeting with TM E. Rubi, got approval to apply chemicals where needed and generally a very busy week.**

**SSD K. Valenzuela reported that she is working with staff on making the best use of resources and available space.**

- VIII. MSCO REPORT  
(This is the time MCSO may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented). **Captain Whelan could not attend due to shooting incident.**
- IX. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT  
(This is the time Chamber of Commerce may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented). **Heather Goebel, resident, reported for the Chamber noting that the monthly meeting will be tomorrow at noon at the Resource Center and that the speaker is from Abengoa.**
- X. 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.) **Fred Hull, resident, spoke on the accident where the people donated \$100.<sup>00</sup> commenting that he ran them around to find them the services they needed, motel and other help. Mr. Hull commented that a crosswalk sign is needed on Martin and a sign on Johnny Street indicating the Fire Department. Dianne Henry, resident, commended Rotary on the Scholarship Banquet and commented that \$19,500.<sup>00</sup> in scholarship money was given to 11 students. Council Member J. Turner thanked the Clerk's Department for the help with the laptops. TM E. Rubi noted that a preliminary budget hearing is set for May 7th at 5:00pm.**
- XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's)  
**No future agenda items requested.**
- XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) for purpose of obtaining legal advice relative for any of the above agenda items. **No Executive Session called.**
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT **Council Member F. Fernandez made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 7 – 0. Time of adjournment: 5:36pm**

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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 April 28, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk

