

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the May 7, 2015 Work Session

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner

Vice-Mayor Ron Henry

Council Member Fernando Fernandez

Council Member Clyde Kreeger-**absent**

Council Member Jesus Rubalcava-

**absent**

Council Member Tommy Sikes

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 & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Town Planner T. Smith, 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)

A. **Work Session:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss the FY 2015/2016 DRAFT

Budget. **Discussion Only** *Finance Director S. Young provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed FY 2015/2016 Draft Budget. TM E. Rubi noted that the presentation will be by department, he is very pleased with it and that it is almost balanced. Question and discussion on whether the 9/11 Memorial Park is on the Council side was answered with a yes response. Question and discussion on whether budget will contain enough funds for permanent solar lighting and sidewalks was answered with a yes response. It was noted that Courts and Legal is a new line item. A question and discussion on why there are prosecutor fees being paid with Town Attorney S. McClure noting that even though he oversees prosecutions in the Ironwood Justice Court, a prosecutor is brought in to try cases in front of Judge Getzwiller. He noted that this was done years ago to avoid any possibility of a conflict of interest between himself and Judge Getzwiller. Finance Director S. Young noted that in the Town Clerk's Department there were quite a few reductions, funding for a Special Election was added and the costs associated with a Primary/General Election were removed. A question and discussion on whether these costs included COLA and Merit raises, with the response of "no". TM E. Rubi commented that there some upgrades on IT services. Question and discussion on grant funds kept at \$250,000.<sup>00</sup> to cover the cost of unexpected and unplanned for grant opportunities that come up that we want to apply for. A question and discussion on the Hydrology Study being completed but not satisfactory as it is information taken from past studies instead of an updated, current study. Question and discussion on partnering with or participating in an actual current study planned by John Utz. Question and discussion on why funds for Code Enforcement are remaining the same despite no funds expended from this year's budget. Question and discussion on Cemetery Road and more funds have been budgeted in the event of having to purchase the ROW. Question and discussion on the Economic Development position to be filled with TM E. Rubi noting he has taken on those duties when Teresa Smith was moved up to the Town Planner position. Question and discussion on how busy the Planning & Zoning side of things are with property variances, etc. Under the Parks and Recreation Department, there was a question and discussion on what improvements will be done with AZSTA Grant funds. Question and discussion on whether a one-third ( 1/3 ) match will be required from the Town on the \$250,000.<sup>00</sup>. Question and discussion on grant funds for a new pool. Question and discussion on pool replacement either this year or next and currently handicap access to the pool is by installed lift put in last year. Question and discussion on more portable bleachers could be used. Resident Fred Hull commented that he would like to see more funding put aside for signage for each park with the park name and in the same design as the 9/11 Memorial Park sign and sign at the Fire Station.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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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 Work Session held May 7, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk