

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Work Session

I. CALL TO ORDER –*Mayor C. Turner called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM*

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner

Vice-Mayor Ron Henry

Council Member Fernando Fernandez

Council Member Clyde Kreeger

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, Parks and Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Town Planner T. Smith, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, 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

TM E. Rubi reviewed changes made to reduce budget. Finance Director S. Young reviewed changes made to budget line items. Question and discussion on Code Enforcement line item including demolitions. Question and discussion on demolition costs per building were low at \$20,000.00 each and discussion on property liens. Resident Fred Hull asked about inclusion of inspections in Code Enforcement with a response from TM E. Rubi that it includes everything up to the inspection. Question and discussion on reduction on electric when Wells #5 and #8 are added to the solar array. Question and discussion on Solar Bee purchase. Question and discussion on the Community Pool having a leak but there are no structural cracks in the pool. Resident Fred Hull commented that the Town is about 60 bricks short at the 9/11 Memorial Park and that he figures it will cost \$10,000.⁰⁰ for signs and that he would like to see money budgeted for them, including one in front of Town Hall. Discussion on Town Hall sign. Question and discussion on capital improvements and that contingent expenditures still depend on the Town portion of received grants. Question and discussion on TPT including a request to see a month-to-month breakdown along with the year-to-year breakdown. Finance Director S. Young to provide TPT breakdown to Council. Question and discussion on over-all budget. Discussion on upcoming cuts to Social Services and Social Service Director K. Valenzuela believes she can round up funds to cover cuts as she has done this successfully for several years in previous employment. Discussion on the cost of chassis replacement on Fire Department equipment #R-382. Question and discussion on personnel pay changes do not include COLA and merit increases. Discussion on personnel job descriptions for all employees to be provided for the June 2nd Work Session. Question and discussion on the Counter Services Coordinator position is an empty position that is not to be filled at this time. Reviewed employee health insurance. Discussion on more equitable merit increases to be determined. Discussion on caps and pay ranges. Discussion on whether certifications required for the automatic raises in pay shown on Draft Budget. Town Manager E. Rubi reviewed the pie chart showing expenditures per department. Question and discussion on where we stand on ambulance 'bad debt'. Mayor C. Turner commented that the next Work Session to include job descriptions that include the average pay and any certifications belonging to or required for the job position.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member F. Fernandez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 6-0. Time: 6:02 PM

Chuck Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Work Session Meeting held May 19, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk