

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the October 13, 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 October 13, 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 **by Mayor C. Turner at 5:00 pm**
- 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 - <i>absent</i>
Vice-Mayor Ron Henry	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Fernando Fernandez - <i>absent</i>	Council Member James Turner
Council Member Clyde Kreeger - <i>absent</i>	

Staff present: Town Manager (TM) E. Rubi; Town Attorney S. McClure; Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger; Finance Director S. Young; Town Planner T. Smith; Social Services Director (SSD) K. Valenzuela; Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter; Parks & Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner

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 motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 4 – 0.**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the September 22, 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 \$221,927.03 for the period of September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015. **Discussion and Action**

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

- A. **Employee Health Insurance Renewal:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve annual renewal of employee insurance benefits with Aetna beginning December 1, 2015. **Discussion and Action. Question and discussion on whether action needed to be taken on this item tonight. TM E. Rubi noted the renewal date is December and open enrollment begins November 1st. TM E. Rubi reviewed the work and research done on alternative options and spoke about the different choices that may be available with the affordable care act in the upcoming year. The Town Manager noted that other companies have had 6 – 7% increases and Aetna had a 1% increase. Question and discussion on having a two (2) council member committee get insurance information and report back to entire Council. Mayor C. Turner and Vice Mayor R. Henry will be the two-member committee. Council Member J. Turner asked and discussion followed on whether he would need to abstain on this item as he is covered under this insurance. Mayor C. Turner motioned to postpone this item until the next Council Meeting with the committee to meet on this coming Monday. Council Member J. Turner seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously: 4-0.**
- B. **Experiential Education Partnership Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to enter into an Experiential Education Partnership Agreement with Maricopa County Community College District. **Discussion and Action. TM E. Rubi reviewed the Partnership Agreement and the benefits to all parties involved. Question and discussion on the cost to the Town, with TM E. Rubi responding there is no cost to the Town. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the Experiential Education**

Partnership Agreement. Council Member T. Sikes provided a second. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 4 – 0.

- C. **Season for Sharing Grant Application:** 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 Season for Sharing via the Arizona Community Foundation for fiscal year 2015-2016. **Discussion and Action. SSD K. Valenzuela reviewed what the grant funds would be used for and that there would be no cost to the town. Question and discussion on whether budgeted with SSD K. Valenzuela responding that funds are budgeted for if the grant is awarded to the Town. Discussion on funds for senior ‘away’ activities are usually from the Granny’s Closet sales but these grant funds will allow more seniors to participate by defraying the cost. Council Member J. Turner made a motion to approve the submittal of the grant application. Vice Mayor R. Henry provided the second. No further discussion. Motion to approve submittal of the grant application carried unanimously: 4 – 0.**
- D. **Gila Bend Grand Prix Closures:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the closing of Murphy Street and Main Street at Sand Tank Wash on November 21 from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. **Discussion and Action. PRD C. Turner spoke about past well-attended Gila Bend Grand Prix’s, the historic route through town and the road closures he is asking for. He noted that no town staff will be used to man the closures but will use some town cones and signs. Discussion on route. Discussion on town equipment and labor planned to be used has already been budgeted for. Discussion on insurance coverage is provided by AZ Off-Road with the Town named as additionally insured, whether the Town needs to provide an extra \$1 – 2 million insurance coverage of our own. Discussion on hold harmless waivers being the responsibility of AZ Off-Road. TM E. Rubi noted that he will have Town Clerk B. Turner check with our insurance regarding coverage. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the road closures. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 4 – 0.**
- E. **Holiday Lights Starry Nights:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the hiring of Christmas Light Decorators for the 4th Annual Holiday Lights StarryNights in Community Park from December 1 through January 3. **Discussion and Action. PRD C. Turner reviewed and discussion followed on cost of lighting contract this year which is the same as last year. Discussion on adding the lighting of the saguaro in the 9/11 Memorial Park at an additional cost of \$400.⁰⁰. PRD C. Turner noted that the \$400.⁰⁰ has already been budgeted for. Discussion on adding lights to the saguaro and remove some of the community park lights in exchange so there would be no additional cost. TM E. Ruby noted that he will meet with them and work it out so that the saguaro is lit at no additional cost to the Town. Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the hiring of Christmas Light Decorators with a second from Vice Mayor R. Henry. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously: 4 – 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).

Mayor C. Turner reported that two (2) males from Buckeye were arrested for the recent armed robberies in town and other admitted criminal acts. The Mayor reported that he will be meeting with Supervisor Gallegos and that he noticed that this year there were a lot more people staying in local motels during the No Fly Zone – Arizona event.

No further reports given.

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 on the status of the Highway 85 resurfacing, there will be acreage along Highway 80 reverting back to Agricultural zoning, working on a couple of possible locates with GPEC and he reviewed status of Hickman’s which is moving forward.

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)

Finance Director S. Young reported that the CAP reimbursement for September is complete, completed two (2) USDA-RD reimbursement requests, received an estimate of \$80,000 – 90,000.⁰⁰ for the replacement of an old box and a new chassis for the ambulance and is waiting on an estimate from another.

Town Planner T. Smith reported on Planning & Zoning Commission, Love's plan submittals, and reviewed recent conference she attended.

SSD K. Valenzuela reported that the Salvation Army donated \$10,000.⁰⁰ for utility assistance to residents, another hiring event is being planned and that the Pitch-In for Gila Bend will be October 24th.

PWD T. Weter that palm tree trimming will begin within the next two weeks, reviewed a Fall Control class, and that the ban on fishing/eating fish from the Gila River and Painted Rock has been lifted.

PRD C. Turner reported that a make-up soccer game is being played tonight and that Fright Night is October 29th from 6:00 – 9:00pm at Community Center Park.

Mayor C. Turner asked in the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce had a report. Chamber Coordinator Christina Hubbard thanked the Council for the check the Chamber received and reminded everyone that the Military Historic Convoy will be coming through Gila Bend and spending tomorrow night at the Elk's Lodge.

Mayor C. Turner asked Town Attorney S. McClure if he had anything to report. Attorney McClure commented that he did not and thanked the Mayor for asking.

End of reports.

VIII. 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 Fred Hull noted that the Fire Department calls included one (1) loss of life, one (1) hot baby in a car, and a three (3) car accident in front of McDonalds. He noted that on a personal level he was waiting on the therapy pool to be filled. Resident Terry Basu spoke about missing street lights on Williams Street that were not replaced when the poles were repaired. No further public comments made.**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's) **No future agenda items requested.**

X. 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.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member T. Sikes. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 4 – 0. Time: 5:38pm.

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 regular Council Meeting held October 13, 2015 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk