

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the February 9, 2016 regularly scheduled Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a regular Council meeting on February 9, 2016 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 5:00pm.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **was led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **was given by Town Attorney S. McClure.**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Jesus Rubalcava
Vice-Mayor Ron Henry	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member James Turner
Council Member Clyde Kreeger	

Staff present: Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger, Finance Director S. Young, Social Services Director (SSD) K. Valenzuela, Public Works Director (PWD) T. Weter, Parks and Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner, Airport Manager C. Drury

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. Rubalcava moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member J. Turner seconded the motion and requested that item B. Payment of Claims be pulled as he has questions on a few of the payments made and would like clarification on them. Council Member J. Turner had a question on the Christmas lights and this was addressed by Finance Director S. Young and PRD C. Turner. The next question Council Member J. Turner asked was how long have we been having a third party put up the banners and couldn't town employees do this to save money? PRD C. Turner addressed this and it was noted that cost to the Town included replacement of banners as they did not last more than a year or two and are expensive to replace. Council Member J. Turner's next question was on the 'special T's' with Finance Director S. Young noting that this was for the Fire Department and were for the sweatshirts and hats given out to the fireman at the annual Fireman's Ball. The last question was on what was the Tanner Gomez Band with PRD C. Turner noting that this is the band that would be playing on Saturday at the Butterfield Stage Days event and that he had gotten sponsorship funds to pay them. Mayor C. Turner called for the vote. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously: 7 – 0.**

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the January 26, 2016 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 \$188,913.12 for the period of January 16, 2016 through January 31, 2016. **Discussion and Action.**

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

- A. **Appointment of Interim Town Manager:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to appoint an Interim Town Manager. **Discussion and Action. Mayor C. Turner spoke on appointing PWD T. Weter as Interim Town Manager. Discussion on estimated time frame for hiring a new Town Manager, with it being noted to expect it to be about 45 days out, and on whether an interim is needed. Discussion on complications arising from appointing someone as an interim that may not be the same person eventually hired into the position. Staff was asked for input and it was noted that an interim is recommended. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to appoint PWD T. Weter as Interim Town Manager. Motion seconded by Mayor C. Turner. No further**

discussion. Motion failed: 3 yea – 4 nay with Council Members J. Turner, T. Sikes, C. Kreeger and J. Rubalcava voting nay.

- B. **Contractor Services Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Contractor Services Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Corey Drury for the express purpose of Event Coordinator for activities involving the Gila Bend Municipal Airport property and functions associated with the workings and promotion of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. **Discussion and Action. Corey Drury spoke on his own behalf in favor extending his current contract until June 30, 2016, willing to accept a cut in pay and that it came as a surprise that his contract had expired. Mr. Drury noted that the revenue received from the events more than cover his contract. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to continue the contract 'as is'. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Rubalcava. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously: 7-0.**
- C. **Speed Bump Program:** Public Works Director Terry Weter will give a report on his findings relative to traffic calming devices to reduce speeders in residential neighborhoods. **Discussion Only (Requested by Mayor Turner on 1/26/16). PWD T. Weter spoke about the different types of speed bumps available, associated costs and construction materials used. Discussion on town constructing speed bumps versus purchasing them, with it being noted that it would cost a lot more to do ourselves whereas a 6 foot pre-fab section can be purchased for \$149.⁰⁰. Discussion on purchasing two (2) pre-fab speed bumps and doing a 'trial run'. Council Member C. Kreeger suggested that each council member give up one month's stipend to purchase the speed bumps. PWD T. Weter will bring this item back to the Council with costs. Town Attorney S. McClure noted that the council time to address insurance issues. No further discussion. Discussion only item, no vote taken.**
- 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 F. Fernandez reported that the Town received 100% of the CDAC funds that were applied for.
Mayor C. Turner reported on meeting he attended with MCSO regarding finances. MCSO will provide the Town with the new figures by the end of February.
No other 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) **No Town Manager report.**
- 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 the collection of the new sales tax amount of 3.5% will not start until July 1, 2016 as Council cannot do the Ordinance until April 1st and that Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.
Finance Director S. Young reported that the final check and a letter detailing how the amounts were figured are done for past Town Manager E. Rubi. Finance Director S. Young went over the figures in the letter. Also reported on was the Letter of Valuation for the donated Martin property and that an internal audit was performed on the MCPA.
SSD K. Valenzuela reported that they are having a Family Reading Night at the Resource Center tonight; spoke on programs currently going on and reported on the meeting she had regarding funding and that the Town will not receive less than the usual \$35,000.⁰⁰ and may receive a little more depending on figures and funds available. She will know if more will be received after next meeting.
PWD T. Weter reported that they are doing maintenance work at the airport to get ready for the upcoming races, he will be attending a meeting on the water line tomorrow, still getting the needed easements, the PER is still being revised and will be completed by mid March, will be attending a meeting with ADOT and there will be an inspection at the lagoon on February 16th.**

***PRD C. Turner spoke about his meeting with the new County Librarian and that they are making sure all is ready for the Butterfield Stage Days event this weekend and noted that the kids events start at 1:00pm and the main rodeo events begin at 2:00pm on both Saturday and Sunday.
End of staff reports.***

Mayor C. Turner asked the new County Librarian if she would like to introduce herself, which she did. Ms. Esperanza Stewart, County Librarian-Gila Bend Branch, introduced herself, provided a brief bio and noted that she is looking forward to working here in Gila Bend and getting to know everyone here.

Mayor C. Turner asked Dianne Henry if she had anything to report for the Chamber. Mrs. D. Henry noted that they are getting ready for the annual Butterfield Stage Days parade and they are working on the Chamber of Commerce float that will be entered in it.

Mayor C. Turner asked Airport Manager C. Drury if he had anything to report. Airport Manager C. Drury reported the races will be at the airport on February 27th and he is working with them and that two (2) weeks after that on March 12th and 13th the Omega Motor Sports will have their race event. He then reported that the Luke AFB event will be a couple of weeks after that. Mr. C. Drury spoke about stepping in to be a liaison for the school so that the Town and school can be more together on any events going on.

Mayor C. Turner asked Judge J.B. Getzwiller if he had anything to report on with Mr. Getzwiller noting that everything is going good at the Justice Court.

Mayor C. Turner asked Town Attorney S. McClure if he had anything to report and Mr. McClure responded that there were no legal matters to report on.

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.) ***Mayor C. Turner wished Mr. Gary Sly, resident and long-time town employee, a Happy Birthday and asked if Mr. Sly had anything he wanted to say or report on. Mr. Sly thanked him and did not have anything to report on. No other public comments.***

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's)

Council Member C. Kreeger requested that a Discussion Only item be placed on a future agenda regarding what the plan is for the Community Garden.

Vice Mayor R. Henry requested that a Discussion Only item addressing Cemetery Road issues be placed on a future agenda.

No other 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. WORK SESSION (the Council cannot take action on any of these subjects because they are on the agenda for discussion only). ***Mayor C. Turner called for a 10 minute recess before going in to the Work Session. Time: 5:50pm.***

Meeting reconvened at 6:00pm.

A. **Town Manager Recruitment:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and review Reference responses relative to the Town Manager Position and discuss dates and times for interviews. ***Mayor C. Turner noted that Town Clerk B. Turner had checked***

references for the candidates that would be moving forward to the interview process and provided a typed sheet of the responses and that more Resumes' for this position had been received. A question on whether council members can call the candidates for a one-on-one talk with Town Clerk B. Turner advising no. The new Resumes' were discussed with those with a majority of yes votes to move forward to a check of their references and the Interview phase.

*Nick G: Will not move forward: 0 – yes votes with all seven council members voting no
Ronald Murtock: Will not move forward: 0 – yes votes with all seven council members voting no*

John Bonnanj: Will move forward: 4 – yes votes and 3 council members voting no

Kelli Sertich: Will move forward: all seven council members voting yes

Michael Long: Will not move forward: 0 – yes votes with all seven council members voting no

Shawn Brooks: Will not move forward: 0 – yes votes with all seven council members voting no

Joshua White: Will move forward: 6 – yes votes and 1 – no vote

Mayor C. Turner noted that so far all of the candidates contacted said that they had no problem with paying their own travel expenses when coming to Gila Bend for a face-to-face interview if provided at least one week notice of their interview date. Town Clerk B. Turner is to set up interviews for February 29th, March 1st and March 2nd and a Work Session should be included for the next Council Meeting on February 23rd.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT *Vice Mayor R. Henry made a motion to adjourn with a second from Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 7-0. Time of adjournment: 6:15pm.*

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 February 9, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk