

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the February 23, 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 23, 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 **by Mayor C. Turner at 5:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **provided by resident Fred Hull**

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: Interim Town Manager (ITM) T. Weter; Town Attorney S. McClure; Town Clerk B. Turner; Deputy Town Clerk C. Eisenberger; Finance Director S. Young; Town Planner T. Smith; Parks and Recreation Director (PRD) C. Turner; Airport Manager (AM) 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 motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Turner. No discussion. Motion to approve 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 February 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the February 17, 2016 special 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 \$18,183.98 for the period of February 1, 2016 through February 15, 2016. **Discussion and Action.**

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

- A. **Monthly Financial Report:** Finance Director Stacey Young will give the monthly financial report. **(Report only) Finance Director S. Young reviewed the monthly Financial Report, clarified revenue items and spoke about development fees and wastewater fees. Finance Director S. Young reviewed expenditure items, spoke on law enforcement/court, parks and recreation, social services and streets and noted the need to watch the expenditures as there is a loss of revenues. Reviewed the power plant issue and the loss of revenue in the General Fund monies. Report only; no vote taken.**
- B. **Ordinance 16-01 NFIP:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Ordinance 16-01; The Mayor may read Ordinance 16-01 by title; An Ordinance of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Maricopa County, Arizona, pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program, adopting by reference revised flood insurance study and flood insurance rate maps, and floodplain

management regulations; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for penalties and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action.** *Mayor C. Turner read Ordinance 16-01 NFIP by title. ITM T. Weter noted that the last ordinance was outdated and this ordinance replaces it. Council Member J. Turner moved to adopt Ordinance 16-01 NFIP with a second made by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to adopt Ordinance 16-01 NFIP carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*

- C. **Race Wars Facilities Use Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a facilities use agreement with Race Wars for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on February 27, 2016. **Discussion and Action.** *AM C. Drury noted that the event coordinators could not attend tonight's Council Meeting as they are both recovering from the flu so he reviewed the status of the Race Wars event taking place this weekend, noted that ADOT and DPS will be taking care of the traffic issues, needed signs, etc. A question on the insurance needs was asked and Town Clerk B. Turner noted that required insurance needs are all in place. Council Member J. Turner made the motion to approve the Race Wars Facilities Use Agreement with a second from Council Member F. Fernandez. No further discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- D. **Loan Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the renewal of a loan agreement by and between the National Museum of the United States Air Force and the Town of Gila Bend regarding the loan of the F-101 Voodoo's located at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. **Discussion and Action.** *Council Member J. Turner moved to approve the Loan Agreement with a second from Council Member F. Fernandez. Discussion on maintenance of planes and cost to the Town if we no longer want to have them on display at the airport entrance. Discussion on painting versus a wrapping and AM C. Drury noting that wrapping costs approximately \$5,000.⁰⁰ each, one-half the cost of painting, and striping, replacing and maintaining a wrap. Discussion on doing fundraisers to cover the cost of painting/wrapping. No further discussion. Motion to approve the Loan Agreement carried unanimously: 7 – 0.*
- E. **AAA Contract:** The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on a request to submit a proposal to Area Agency on Aging to provide Senior Center Services to the elderly population of the Town of Gila Bend for F/Y 2016-2017. **Discussion and Action.** *Finance Director S. Young that she and SSD K. Valenzuela have been working on this together and she will answer any questions on SSD K. Valenzuela's behalf. She noted that there has been a big increase in the number of seniors being provided services through the AAA Contract. It was noted that this item is for the submission of the application. Vice Mayor R. Henry moved to approve the request to submit a proposal to AAA. Motion seconded by Council Member C. Kreeger. No discussion. Motion to approve 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 J. Rubalcava reported that the GBUSD School Board is having their retreat on Saturday at Riverside Elementary School in Phoenix. He noted that they chose this school to showcase how a school in a low income, high poverty area can turn itself around. Reported that Vicki Reese passed away and there will be a service on Saturday at 10:30am at the Faith Assembly of God church followed by a gathering at the Elks Lodge afterwards.

Council Member J. Turner reported on the fundraiser that the Senior Class just held. He noted that the food was excellent, there is another fundraiser planned and encouraged everyone to go eat and support the school.

Mayor C. Turner reported that there is a lot going on.

End of reports.

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). ***ITM T. Weter reported that staff is working hard on finding ways to cut expenses and will continue to do so. Reported on the meeting with Town Attorney S. McClure regarding Solon and reported on the status of the Cemetery Road easements. He noted that crews have been working out at the airport getting ready for the Race Wars event this weekend, a number of water meters have been changed out and that the inmates have been working around town.***

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 there have been approximately 300 visitors since January to the Museum and Visitor Center, that two tours to the Gatlin Site were provided to two (2) groups and a \$20.⁰⁰ donation to the site was given. Reported on the schedule in place for the upcoming interviews for the Town Manager position. Mayor C. Turner spoke about former employee Shane Dille and requested that a sign be placed at the Visitor Center referencing the 9/11 Memorial Park.

Finance Director S. Young reported that water and wastewater consumption reports for calendar years 2013, 2014 and 2015 were established, has been working on the AAA 2017 Application with SSD K. Valenzuela and provided calendar year bed tax revenue numbers for a potential economic development client.

Town Planner T. Smith reported that she is working on code compliance issues, eight (8) Notices of Violation have gone out with three (3) responding to the notices so far; reported on status of the inspection on RV park; reported there are some minor open permits; and reported on the meeting with a potential locate of a small hotel geared towards smaller municipalities of 2,000 to 5,000 residents; waiting on the KOA submittal and Lakeside is moving forward. Town Planner T. Smith thanked Finance Director S. Young for her assistance with the bed tax information.

PRD C. Turner reported that he has been talking with the crew on ways to save money and reported on vandalism at Well #4.

Airport Manager C. Drury spoke about having a portable 'hot spot'; reported that he spoke with a solar company regarding doing solar at the airport for a cost savings; getting ready for the Race Wars event this Saturday.

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)

No MCSO report provided.

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). ***Dianne Henry reported that the parade turned out very nice and that Steve Rhinehart with Ethos Energy is the new President of the Gila Bend Chamber of Commerce.***

Mayor C. Turner asked if Librarian Esperanza Stewart had anything to report. She reported that the pre-school story time has been moved to Monday and that she is trying to get the library numbers up.

- 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.) **Resident Fred Hull spoke about the need for Waste Management to apologize for their billing error that affected all Gila Bend residents and for blaming the Town of Gila Bend for it. Mr. Hull noted that the RR crossing is really rough and needs to be repaired by the railroad and that he has a number that people can call to report that it is too rough and request it be repaired. Mr. Hull suggested that instead of hiring a new Town Manager we hire a good Economic Development Director. He noted that we have a good staff that is taking care of what needs to be done and that what we really need are jobs where people can earn a decent wage. No further public comment.**

- XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(This is the time Council Member's may request items be placed on future agenda's). **Vice Mayor R. Henry requested a discussion only item for an update on the status of Cemetery Road. A discussion only item was suggested to discuss getting a grocery store to locate in Gila Bend. It was noted that the current building is owned by Vi'Doag Industries who would lease the property but not sell it. It was noted that Olsen's showed interest but only if they are able to own the property.**

- 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.**

Mayor C. Turner called for a ten (10) minute break before going into the Work Session. Time: 5:51pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00pm.

- XIII. WORK SESSION (the Council cannot take action on any of these subjects because they are on the agenda for discussion only)

Town Manager Recruitment: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss interview questions relative to the upcoming Town Manager interviews. Discussion Only. Mayor C. Turner reviewed the interview questions noting that they are not yet set. The Council discussed each of the suggested interview questions and whether they should keep, discard or change them. Interview questions 1 – 5 should keep as is; use the word 'vision' instead of priority on question 6; discard question 7; add the word budget to question 8 and discard question 9; keep questions 10; question 11 should be combined with question 12 and discard question 12; keep questions 13 through 17 as is; tweak question 18 to read, what will they do to increase their visibility within the town; keep question 19 as is; add 'economic development' to question 20; keep questions 21 through 23 as is. Discussion on what credentials, education and experience is wanted in the financial accounting aspects of the job. Town Attorney S. McClure suggested that each member of the Council answer the

questions themselves and note where they stand and what they expect from interviewees. Discussion on whether moving to Gila Bend should be considered. Discussion on setting a time limit for answering each question. It was noted that the interviews will take place at the Media Center and held as Executive Sessions.

- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT Vice Mayor R. Henry made the motion to adjourn with a second from Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously: 7 – 0. Time of adjournment: 6:21pm.**

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 23, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk