

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

## Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Special Council Meeting

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on March 29, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center located at 308 N Martin Ave., Gila Bend, Arizona. 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 Steve McClure**

### 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 Lee Sikes  
Council Member James "Bud" Turner

**Staff present: Interim Town Manager T Weter; Town Clerk B Turner; Town Attorney S McClure**

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Airebeam Presentation:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss a proposal presented by Airebeam to provide Broadband Services in Gila Bend. **Discussion only**  
**Greg Friedman, Owner/Managing Member of Airebeam gave a brief presentation noting the ability to provide wireless high speed internet services. There was discussion about the acquisition of Cable America assets. Mr. Friedman spoke about introducing video to the system around May 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the current Cable America employee would be hired to work for AireBeam and that their intent is to not have a break in service. He is looking for a commitment from the Town to acquire Cable America's asset. There was discussion regarding rates and the ability to provide service to the RV Parks; Hotels/Motels and apartment complexes. Mr. Friedman advised that AireBeam would need at least 200 customers in order for this to be viable. Vice-Mayor R Henry noted that Cable America has changed their intent to give the assets to the Town, they are now requesting \$10,000 for the purchase of the assets. Mr. Friedman indicated that he will prepare a letter of intent to present to Cable America including the purchase of the assets by the Town.**
- B. **Utility Easement Robert Morton:** Robert Morton will address the Mayor and Council regarding a requested utility easement by the Town for the redundant waterline. **Discussion and Action**  
**There was no discussion or action taken on this item as Mr. Morton was not present.**

**Mayor C Turner called a 15 minute recess**

- C. **Executive Session:** The Mayor and Town Council may enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1); personnel matters regarding Town Manager position. **Discussion and Action**  
**Council entered into Executive Session at 6:09 pm**

**Mayor C Turner called the special meeting back to order at 7:43 pm**

- D. **Town Manager Position:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take

action regarding the Town Manager position. **Discussion and Action**  
***Vice-Mayor R Henry moved to offer the Town Manager Position to Mr. Michael Celaya. Motion seconded by Council Member F Fernandez. Motion to approve passed unanimously (6-0)***

IV. ADJOURNMENT

***Vice-Mayor R Henry moved to adjourn; Seconded by Council Member C Kreeger. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously (6-0) Time 7:55 pm***

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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 special Council Meeting held March 29, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk