

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Council Work Session

I. CALL TO ORDER **Mayor C. Turner called the Work Session to order at 5:00pm.**

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner

Vice-Mayor Ron Henry

Council Member Fernando Fernandez

Council Member Clyde Kreeger

Council Member Jesus Rubalcava

Council Member Tommy Sikes

Council Member James Turner

Staff present: Town Manager M Celaya, Town Attorney S. McClure, Town Clerk B. Turner, Finance Director S Young, , Town Planner T Smith, Social Services Director K Valenzuela, Accounts Payable Clerk S Villegas, Parks & Recreation Director C Turner, Fire Chief F Baldrige

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 2016/2017 Tentative Budget. Town Manager Mike Celaya will present the FY 2016/2017 Tentative Budget.
Discussion Only

Town Manager M Celaya presented the 2016/2017 tentative budget, he spoke about the assistance with the preparation of the budget and how it is financially transparent; there is no contingency other than that which is grant funded and state statute regulates how budgets are adopted. Accounts Payable Clerk S Villegas reviewed the sources of funding and the use of funds. Finance Director S Young reviewed the enterprise funds and the Town's debt service which includes USDA and WIFA loans. Town Manager M Celaya spoke about the need for the creation of a Strategic Plan. Town Manager noted the decreases made to each departmental budget which included bringing the contingency line item down to \$200,000. There was discussion about Public Safety including EMS, Fire Department and Police. It was noted that staff is working on options for police protection and there was discussion about the decrease of \$5,000 in the maintenance of vehicles for the Fire Department and it was noted that it is workable. Discussion about the impact of the Power Plant bankruptcy and the current ARCR has been reduced by \$87,000. Town Manager M Celaya spoke about the Public Works department budget noting decreases and the morale issue, he noting a meeting with a consultant regarding Town streets the outcome was \$100,000 per mile if contracted vs \$30,000 per mile if done in house. Discussion about Hwy 238, de-annexation is out of the question at this point. He noted his optimism with receiving funding through MAG and SEMAC. It was suggested that the Airport Entitlement Funds be given to Buckeye as the Town is not ready to move forward Town Manager Celaya noted a change in that Economic Development will change to Community Development. Parks and Recreation decreases were reviewed and it was noted that programs will be scaled back until revenue is created. Community Service Department will experience a decrease in CAP funding thereby cuts to staff were warranted. .

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor C. Turned moved to adjourn with a second by Vice-Mayor R Henry. Motion carried unanimously (7 – 0) Time of adjournment 6:34 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 held May 17, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk