

## TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the June 1, 2016 Council Joint Work Session with the Gila Bend Unified School District Governing Board

I. CALL TO ORDER *Vice Mayor R Henry called the Joint 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. **Proposed Bond Initiative:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss the proposed Bond Initiative with the Gila Bend Unified School District Governing Board.

**Discussion Only**

*Town Manager M Celaya spoke about the need of the Council to obtain additional information regarding the Schools bond proposal and noted that the recent face book post was not intended to be negative, as the Town shares the same goal to serve the community. There was discussion about the current bonds and bond override and it was noted that the current override was passed in 2012 and is for maintenance with the bonds being passed in 2006 for capital (Media Center; the override is on a 5 year descending schedule with the bonds maturing in 2021/2022. The bonds were not rated and the total issued was 4 million. It was advised that the school is seeking a triple B rating for the proposed bond which will not be done until the bond proposal is passed. It was also noted that the debt service would be 2.2 annually assuming a 5% interest rate. Discussion followed about tax increases and who purchases the bonds; it was noted that generally insurance companies and retailers purchase these types of bonds.*

*At 7:30 pm there was a brief recess called.*

B. **Water Supply:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss the options for supplying irrigation water to the School District. **Discussion Only**

*School Finance Adviser spoke about the need for the school to obtain non-potable water for irrigation of its grounds. There was discussion about the current status and what the Town can do to assist. It was suggested that the school hook to the Town Well #4 with a 6" meter and lines. There was discussion about the agreement being short term. Town Manager M Celaya indicated that the Town Council will have an item on their next regular agenda to discuss this matter further and possible solution.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT

*Work Session adjourned at 7:57 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 Joint Work Session held June 1, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk