

# TOWN OF GILA BEND

## Minutes of the August 22, 2016 Town Council Meeting

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **at 5:00pm by Mayor C. Turner**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **was led by Mayor C. Turner**
- C. Invocation **provided by Fred Hull**

### II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Chuck Turner	Council Member Jesus Rubalcava-
Vice-Mayor Ron Henry	<b>absent</b>
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Tommy Lee Sikes
Council Member Clyde Kreeger - <b>absent</b>	Council Member James Turner

**Staff present: Town Manager M. Celaya; Town Clerk B. Turner; Finance Director S. Young; Public Works Manager D. Morris; Gray Faupel; Fred Baldrige.**

**Mayor C. Turner noted that Item VIII. MCSO REPORT would be addressed first.**

### III. MCSO 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)

**The MCSO Captain reviewed the July report noting that commercial alarm calls increased in July from prior months. Pima Street and Martin Avenue also received much attention from the MCSO. Particularly on Pima St, an increase in traffic calls spiked, along with some physical altercations. The Captain attributed this to the summer vacation season. The officer finished by mentioning they are working on strategies for increased public safety and look forward to working together with the Town of Gila Bend. No discussion. No action taken – report only.**

### IV. 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)

- A. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the August 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action.**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve claims in the amount of \$181,235.24 for the period of August 1, 2016 through August 15, 2016. **Discussion and Action.**

**Council Member T. Sikes motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vice-Mayor R. Henry asked about payment to AMRRP and Council Member J. Turner asked about the payment to Ajo. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Henry. Motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

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

- A. **Resolution 16-08 Amending Fee Schedule:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Resolution 16-08; A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, hereby amending the fee schedule as previously adopted as hereinafter provided for various Town services, materials and programs; and declaring an emergency. **Discussion and Action**

**Council Member J. Turner motioned to adopt Resolution 16-08; A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, hereby amending the fee schedule as previously adopted as hereinafter provided for various Town**

*services, materials and programs; and declaring an emergency. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.*

- B. **Modifications to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Revenue:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the modifications to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and the Arizona Department of Revenue. **Discussion and Action**

*Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the modifications to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and the Arizona Department of Revenue. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. With no discussion Mayor C Turner called for the vote and the motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 0.*

- C. **Quit Claim Deed:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to accept the donation of property through Quit Claim Deed. The property being located at 401 E Papago more specifically the Episcopal Church. **Discussion and Action**

*Council Member J. Turner motioned to accept the donation of property through Quit Claim Deed. The property being located at 401 E Papago more specifically the Episcopal Church. Motion seconded by Council Member T. Sikes. A question arose regarding plans for the building. Town Manager M. Celaya replied that Town staff is currently strategizing and gathering information to solidify the best action plan. With no further discussion Mayor C Turner called for the vote and the motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 0.*

- D. **Pima Street Streetscape Program:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a proposed policy for the Pima Street Streetscape Program. **Discussion and Action**

*Town Manager M. Celaya spoke about the policy delineating its outline. The Pima Street Streetscape Program is a reimbursable program with a \$5,000 application cap. The Town will match receipts and be held accountable for auditing. It is hoped that it will grow in the future. A question was raised if this was a match. Town Manager M. Celaya replied that it is not a match, rather a process to submit an application to be filed once. Mayor C. Turner recommended a clause to include hardship. Another question arose if all requirements are being met in current applications - it was noted yes. Town Manager M. Celaya dialogued that this is a work in progress. Mayor C. Turner emphasized visual marketable progress. Vice Mayor R. Henry motioned to approve the proposed policy for the Pima Street Streetscape Program. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. With no further discussion Mayor C Turner called for the vote and the motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 0.*

- E. **Pima Streetscape Application:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the following Pima Streetscape Applications:

Sofia's Mexican Restaurant 530 W Pima; Stucco and paint outside of building; requesting \$5,000

Miccia Family Trust 203 W Pima; removal of canopy, remove debris, tree removal in back of property, resurface front of building; requesting \$5,000

Yucca Motel 836 E Pima; Rebuild front and side block walls, add decorative ornamental fencing, stucco and paint; requesting \$5,000

Lideka Properties 1110 E Pima; demolition of dilapidated building (J Bar K Motel); requesting \$5,000 **Discussion and Action on each request separately**

**Council Member J. Turner motioned to approve the four Pima Streetscape Applications that have been submitted. Motion seconded by Vice-Mayor R. Henry. With no discussion Mayor C Turner called for the vote. Motion to approve carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

VI. 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) **No report.**

VII. 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)

**Town Manager M. Celaya reported that the past four (4) months have been dedicated toward opening Gila Bend up for business; Looking forward to working with the Town Council in the next few months on upcoming issues; The League Conference kick off is tomorrow, August 23, 2016.**

VIII. 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) **No report.**

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) **MCSO REPORT given after Item III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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)

**Chris Hubbard, Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, which they are working on. She indicated they are receiving hits and comments on their open to the public site. The public is able to post pictures, e.g. enjoying pizza at Little Italy restaurant. They are working on a "We are Gila Bend" theme where the Town is shown having lots to offer. In addition, the Chamber would like to revamp their tourism brochure. To accomplish this, they have a goal of creating a committee. The Chamber has been active in reaching out to Ajo, Arizona, meeting with their Chamber of Commerce President.**

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.)

**Fred Hull, Resident spoke of the upcoming election and encouraged the residents of Gila Bend to “go out and vote!” He asked the Town Council if it was necessary to turn off residents’ water for non-payment on a Friday noting any other weekday would allow residents to come and take care of their water bill. Mayor C. Turner stated he does not disagree. Town Manager M. Celaya assured Mr. Hull that plenty of notification was provided to those that were shut off including hosting extended hours to further accommodate customers. He added that each shut off is dealt on a case-by-case situation. Many of those shut offs were not just in arrears for one or two months, but more. Inclusive, there were instances where residents would turn their water back on illicitly.**

**Michelle Gibbons spoke about a mobile home on Logan Avenue that burned down and asked if the Town would be taking action. Mayor C. Turner responded that they are aware of the situation.**

**Diane Henry spoke about the upcoming blood drive and reported that the Zika virus is not an issue any longer as there is a test .**

**Mike Hubbard spoke regarding security for the Town. To help augment MCSO, he recommended hiring a Marshall. He suggested that the Town look into this and noted that although a Town Marshall would be able to respond to misdemeanor calls and enforce Town code, MCSO would still have to respond to felonies.**

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

**Council Member J. Turner motioned to add a discussion on streets. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor R. Henry. Mayor C. Turner motioned to add a discussion regarding Well 4. Motion seconded by Council Member F. Fernandez. Motion carried unanimously: 5 – 0.**

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. **Discussion and Action**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm on a motion by Vice-Mayor R. Henry and a second by Council Member F. Fernandez. Motion to adjourn passed (5 – 0)**

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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 Council Meeting held August 22, 2016 and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk