

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the May 10, 2011 regular Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order ***The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Mayor Henry***
- B. Pledge of Allegiance ***was lead by Mayor Henry***
- C. Invocation ***given by Vice Mayor Hull.***

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull
Council Member Fernando Fernandez-
absent
Council Member Armida Gonzalez

Council Member Chuck Turner
Council Member James "Bud" Turner ***–arrive
6:06pm***
Council Member Donny Young ***absent***

Staff: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer, Public Works Director Menard, Parks and Recreation Director Turner, Fire Chief Birchfield, and Records Clerk Eisenberger

- III. PUBLIC HEARING: The Mayor and Town Council shall receive public comment related to a proposed annexation of 8,960 acres of property generally east and southeast of the Town of Gila Bend incorporated limits. ***PUBLIC COMMENT ONLY Planning and Economic Development Director Fitzer commented that there was one property owner that had not been notified and requested the Public Hearing be continued. Mayor Henry noted that the Public Hearing is to be continued.***

- 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 ***Councilmember C. Turner noted that the April 24, 2011 minutes should be revised as follows: Item E. World Trade Center the 9/11 artifact was not designated to be displayed at the park and that a display area for the artifact has not yet been determined and Item F. Donation the amount should be changed to \$250.⁰⁰ (minutes show \$50.⁰⁰). Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to IV. A. Items E. and F. Vice Mayor Hull seconded the motion to approve with corrections. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0***

- A. Approval of April 24, 2011 Council meeting minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the April 24, 2011 Council meeting minutes. ***Discussion and Action (WHITE)***

- B. Payment of Claims: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$88,906.47 for the period of April 15, 2011 to April 30, 2011. ***Discussion and Action (PINK)***

V. BUSINESS - Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. Ordinance 11-02: An Ordinance of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona, relating to the privilege license tax; amending the Town Tax Code by increasing the tax rate on Transient Lodging; providing penalties for the violation thereof; providing for severability, making provision for existing contracts and designating an effective date. ***Discussion and Action (BLUE) Vice Mayor Hull made a motion to remove Item A. from the agenda pending further information from Staff. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded. Town Manager Buss requested clarification on what type of information was needed. Discussion on information to be provided by Staff should include a more detailed plan and include a plan that is more equitable throughout the business community. Motion to remove Item A. Ordinance 11-02 from the agenda pending further information from staff passed unanimously; 5-0***

- B. GPEC Agreement F/Y2012: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving an agreement between the Greater Phoenix Economic Development Council (GPEC) and the Town of Gila Bend for membership from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. **Discussion and Action (GREEN)** *Director Fitzer noted that this is for another years membership in GPEC, last year the amount was \$639.⁰⁰ which was an excellent deal and this year the membership is \$65.⁰⁰ more for a total of \$704.⁰⁰. Director Fitzer noted that Buckeye pays \$25,000.⁰⁰ for membership and that the amount is based on population. Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve the payment of \$704.⁰⁰ to GPEC. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0*
- C. Waterline and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to accept the Waterline and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project. **Discussion and Action (YELLOW)** *Director Fitzer commented that acceptance of the project is required to make final payment to the contractor. Councilmember C. Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0*
- D. 4th of July Fireworks: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on designating FPA, Ltd., DBA Fireworks Productions of Arizona, as a sole source provider for the fireworks show on July 4, 2010, and thereby waiving the quotation or bid requirements for this vendor pursuant to Section 3.12.060 of the Town of Gila Bend Municipal Code. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)** *Councilmember C. Turner made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0*
- E. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Maricopa County: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa County, through its Human Services Department, Workforce Connection and the Town of Gila Bend for a One Stop Career Center. **Discussion and Action (PINK)** *Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez. Town Manager Buss noted that Social Services Director Dempsey had a family matter and could not be here. He added that this is an ongoing program to set-up computers to assist people in getting jobs and that there is no cost to the Town. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 5-0*
- F. Agreement World Trade Center: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of an agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for an artifact from the World Trade Center. **Discussion and Action (BLUE)** *Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. Discussion on the size of artifact is unknown, transportation of artifact to Gila Bend being worked out and that the transport of the artifact should be done as quickly as possible. No further discussion. Motion to approve passed 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)

Councilmember Fernandez: No report

Councilmember Gonzalez reported that she attended an emergency CDBG meeting to shift funds to purchase property for the homeless. She commented that it was an excellent meeting that addresses an important issue.

Vice Mayor Hull reported that he attended a meeting with the railroad and that this is still moving along, he is working with Director Turner on the Memorial Day Program and that he is having trouble getting speakers for the program. The Vice Mayor requested Mr. Glen Birchfield, Owner and Editor of the Gila Bend Sun, to please place a request in the paper for the names of the deceased to be read on Memorial Day.

Councilmember C. Turner sat in on a meeting with a race organizer that will be beneficial to Gila Bend.

Councilmember J. Turner: No report

Councilmember Young: No report

Mayor Henry asked for reports from:

Town Clerk Turner reported that business license renewals are coming in and reminded everyone of the election next week.

Director Fitzer reported that he attended a meeting with a race organizer and will continue to look into doing something with them.

Director Turner thanked the sponsors of the Li'l DBacks program

Director Young reported on the budget meetings with the department heads.

Director Menard reported that all of the new vehicles are in, the Butterfield Trail water tank is gone, preparing for the auction, purchased backflow preventers for the First Things First facility, attended a conference last week with FAA and thanked staff for working until midnight to make sure residents had water when the compressor went down.

Fire Chief Birchfield had no report.

Mayor Henry commended Director Menard for the clean-up of the yard and tanks.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported that he attended a leadership conference of all West Valley managers and private businesses and that Gila Bend was mentioned often very favorably. Reported that a meeting today with First Things First and Care 1st resulted in two checks with First Things First increasing their funding \$70,000 and Care 1st provide operating funding of \$227,000 and that a resource coordinator has been hired. Manager Buss spoke on Work Force Development, a forthcoming agreement and that Becky Turner with Entegra has gone above and beyond what was expected. There will be two programs run out of the Resource Center, Entegra will pay for the teacher and this is a great opportunity for high school kids.

VIII. 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.) **Art Dishman, resident, commented that the fire hydrants behind his house have never been opened and questioned whether others have been opened. Fire Chief Birchfield responded that the hydrants are worked every six months. Mr. Dishman spoke against raising the cost of a business license and bed tax commenting that at some point somebody other than the business owners should have to pay and requested that Council rethink raising the costs.**

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session for purpose of obtaining legal advice for any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(3) **No Executive Session called.**

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember C. Turner moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Time of adjournment: 6:34pm

Ron Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held May 10, 2011, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk