

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the November 23, 2010 regular Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order **Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Henry**
- C. Invocation **Invocation by Vice Mayor Hull**

II. ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Chuck Turner
Council Member James "Bud" Turner
Council Member Donny Young-**absent**

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer, Public Works Director Menard, Records Management Clerk Eisenberger

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

Community Development Block Grant Program. The Mayor and Town Council shall receive public comment on the submission of a project to the Community Development Block Grant Program for FY2011/2012. The proposed project must be chosen from the Town's Consolidated Plan that is on file with Maricopa County Community Development. **Public Comment Only Mayor Henry opened the Public Hearing at 6:01pm. Planning & E.D. Director Fitzer gave a short presentation and spoke on receiving \$75,000 last year for the Scott Avenue Waterline and Fire Hydrants and would like to finish original project by submitting the Capitol Avenue Waterline and Fire Hydrant project. The Butterfield line is under design and then will go for review with a projected start date of February 2011 to be under construction. The San Lucy District's optional project will create another loop, is now in the design phase with a projected start date for construction set as March 2012. Mayor Henry asked if they are coordinating the construction with the roadway work on the Butterfield Line Project. Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer noted that both the road construction and Butterfield Line work will be done at the same time but the line should be out of the way as the line was moved so far back that there should be no infringement. Councilmember C. Turner asked whether the line would go straight to the village from Indian Rd with Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer commenting that it will tie-in. Councilmember C. Turner voiced his concern about the west side being San Lucy land and the possibility of no available tie-ins in the future. Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer commented that San Lucy moved the line to the east side so that the Town can tie-in, that the Town is being offered a good deal and will do some inspection services and San Lucy will pay the environmental and other fees. Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer commented that he has been talking with Indian Health Services. No further discussion. Mayor Henry closed the Public Hearing at 6:09pm.**

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 November 12, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the November 12, 2010 Council meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)**

Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.

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

- A. Resolution 10-12 Community Development Block Grant Application: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on Resolution 10-12 to submit an application to Maricopa County in the amount of \$315,475.25 for the proposed Gila Bend Water System Improvements (Capitol Ave. Waterline and Fire Hydrant Project). **Discussion and Action (PINK) Councilmember C. Turner motioned to approve Resolution 10-12 Community Development Block Grant Application. Councilmember J. Turner seconded. Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer noted this includes the scaled back version of only Capitol Avenue and some fire hydrants. Discussion on availability of fire hydrants and reasons for replacing the line include better pressure, asbestos and creating a loop. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**
- B. Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services Agreement: The Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and the Buckeye Valley Rural Fire District for Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services. **Discussion and Action (BLUE) Councilmember C. Turner stated that he is abstaining from discussion and voting due to a possible conflict of interest. Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve the Emergency Ambulance Transportation Services Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. Discussion about this agreement is the same as the previous agreement except for a few minor word changes. Motion passed: 5 yea – 0 nay – Councilmember C. Turner abstaining.**
- C. Sister Cities International: Request by Mayor Henry to join Sister Cities International, in an effort to increase the Town of Gila Bend's international presence, to promote economic development, and foster international relationships. **Discussion and Action (YELLOW) Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve joining Sister Cities International. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. Town Manager Buss noted that this is a common application to promote international exposure, it is a good thing and that it makes sense to join. Discussion on how this augments economic development internationally, the push for a port south of the border, the possibility of Chinese money making it happen and the cost is \$150.⁰⁰ to join for towns with a population under 5,000. Motion passed unanimously; 6 – 0.**
- D. As Needed Engineering Services: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with PBS&J for as needed engineering services. **Discussion and Action (GREEN) Councilmember J. Turner moved to approve a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with PBS&J. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer noted that this would allow submission of smaller projects under \$5,000.⁰⁰ per month to PBS&J for review. Discussion on this making the reviewing process easier while maintaining the checks and balances of the invoicing, purchase order and internal process currently in place, that it would take three signatures to do; the signatures required would be those of the Town Manager, Finance Director and Planning & Economic Development Director. Motion passed unanimously; 6 – 0.**
- E. December 28, 2010 Regular Council Meeting: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to cancel the regular Council meeting of December 28, 2010, due to the Holiday Season. **Discussion and Action (SALMON) Motion to approve cancelling the December 28, 2010 Regular Council Meeting by Councilmember C. Turner. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6 – 0.**
- F. I-Pads/Laptops. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss use of I-Pads vs Laptops in relation to moving towards paperless agendas. **Discussion Only Town Manager Buss gave a demonstration on the ease of accessing information, spoke about the Granicis program used by the City of Maricopa and demonstrated the type of information users can access on the City of Maricopa website using iPad or laptops. He noted that for the next 30 days an iPad would be available for council members use, encouraged them to**

check it out and requested feedback after trying it. Discussion on the accessibility of agendas, minutes, and packets using the program, good points and problems experienced with both iPads and laptops, and applications available for iPads.

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: Wished everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving and noted that it is also a time to reflect on the positive changes already done in Gila Bend and those to still be done.

Vice Mayor Hull: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and that he will give free pie to those who stop by his home on Thursday.

Councilmember C. Turner congratulated Planning & Economic Director Fitzer on becoming a certified Flood Plain Administrator.

Mayor Henry: Wished everyone a Happy Turkey Day and to stay safe if travelling on the holiday.

Councilmember J. Turner: No report

Councilmember Young: Absent, no report

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss congratulated Planning & Economic Director Fitzer and noted that he will be able to assist with Flood Plain issues. He noted that he, Planning & Economic Director Fitzer and Mayor Henry had a conference call with Solana who informed them that financing will close in December, dirt work will begin any day now, and they are waiting on the Dust Control Permit from Maricopa County. Town Manager Buss noted that Librarian, Heather Goebel notified him of issues when trying to apply for available jobs online and that Solana is working on these issues. Town Manager Buss reported that the Tree Lighting will be on December at Community Center Park at 7:00pm, Winter Wonderland event will be held on December and questions on upcoming events should be addressed to Parks & Recreation Director Turner or Parks & Recreation Assistant Dishman. Town Manager Buss warned everyone that his daughter just got her drivers permit and that fair warning will be given when she is on the road.

Mayor Henry asked for the following reports:

Town Clerk Turner: Reported that she has been working on the upcoming election.

Public Works Director Menard: Reported that the T-Shades are going up at the airport, the aviation museum is moving forward, working with ADEQ on tire removal at the pit, and that inoperable equipment is being relocated to Well #4 to be auctioned.

Finance Director Young: Reported that the auditors will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and that the meter reader has been ordered and should be here by next week.

Planning & Economic Director Fitzer: Reported that on December the Anniversary Celebration for the Sonoran Desert National Monument event will be held at the GBFAF. That a major haul of engines from Gila River Power will go through town to be shipped to China.

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.*) **Resident Gracie Pinette commented that she brought in papers on flag etiquette some time back and provided them to the Council and Town Manager and the Town is not abiding by it and is breaking the law. She stated there is no light at night and the flag should be taken down if not lit and that people today are not as respectful as they should be. She asked that flag etiquette please be done correctly. Finance Director Young noted that the light was damaged in the storm and not positioned correctly. Public Works Menard noted that the flag is lit enough so that the stars on the flag are visible, which is the**

requirement.

- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Town Council may go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4) for purpose of obtaining legal advice from Bill Sims, Attorney regarding possible litigation pursuant to the Helm/Sabre Aircraft v. Town of Gila Bend and update on possible litigation pursuant to Black Hawk Homes, Inc. as well as the Town Attorney on any of the above agenda items **Councilmember J. Turner moved to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Motion approved unanimously; 6-0. Time: 6:46pm.**

Regular Council meeting reconvened at 6:56pm.

- X. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Councilmember C. Turner. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Motion approved unanimously; 6-0. Time of adjournment: 6:56pm.

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 November 23, 2010, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk