

TOWN OF GILA BEND

Minutes of the November 9, 2010 regular Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to order ***The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henry at 6:00pm***
- B. Pledge of Allegiance ***Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Henry***
- C. Invocation ***Town Attorney McClure gave the Invocation***

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-arrive 6:14pm

Staff Present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Town Clerk Turner, Finance Director Young, Planning & Economic Development Director Fitzer, Social Services Director Dempsey, Public Works Director Menard, Airport Manager Drury, Records Management Clerk Eisenberger

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

Alternative Expenditure Limitation: The Mayor and Town Council shall receive public comment regarding the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule Option) related to the 2011 Town Election. ***Mayor Henry called the Public Hearing at 6:01pm. Discussion about this was part of the Home Rule Process and that election is to be held March 8, 2011. No further discussion or public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:02pm.***

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 October 26, 2010 Council meeting minutes: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the October 26, 2010 Special Council meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action (WHITE)**
- B. Budgetary Transfer; Airport: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to transfer all line items pertaining to the Airport from the Planning and Economic Development Department to the Public Works Department. **Discussion and Action (BLUE)**
- C. Budgetary Transfer; Meter Reader: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to transfer funds from the Town Manager's Contingency line item to the Water and Waste Water operational materials and supplies line item for the purchase of the meter reader. **Discussion and Action (GREEN)**
- D. Professional IT Services: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of an agreement with All-Covered for IT Services. **Discussion and Action (PINK)**

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 10-10; Alternative Expenditure Limitation: A Resolution of the Town of Gila Bend proposing an extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation. **Discussion and Action (LILAC) Councilmember J. Turner made a motion to approve Resolution 10-10. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**
- B. Civic Center: The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss financing options for a proposed Civic Center. **Discussion Only Town Manager Buss gave a presentation on the different financing options available to the Town to construct a new Civic Center. Discussion on**

how the estimated cost of \$5 Million was derived, current debt capacity, best and current financing options, Use Tax is security, Development Agreements as history/security, and comparisons of financing options. Discussion on not putting all of the Town's debt capacity into one project and that a bond rating will be needed at some point, which will cost anywhere between \$25,000 - \$50,000. No further discussion or public comment.

- C. 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 (YELLOW) Councilmember C. Turner announced that he would abstain from discussing and voting on this item due to a possible conflict of interest. Vice Mayor Hull moved to approve. Motion seconded by Councilmember Young. Town Manager Buss gave a brief history of the item. Discussion on services being a state requirement, agreement is a 90% - 10% split, quarterly reviews added in Section 4.5, Section 3.3 refers to EMT's who passed test and that Buckeye Valley has done a good job. Motion passed: 6 yea – 0 nay – 1 abstention by Council Member C Turner.
- D. Consent to Apply for Program: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend shall discuss and possibly direct staff to apply for the ADOT Safe Routed to Schools (SRTS) program.
Discussion and Action (SALMON) Councilmember C. Turner moved to approve consent to apply for the Safe Route to Schools program. Motion seconded by Councilmember F Fernandez. Community Planner Fitzer informed that this is same program applied for last year and though Town was in the top six we did not get funded and that he would like to try again this year. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0.
- E. Change Orders 7-10 Waterlines and Fire Hydrants Replacement Project: The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend shall discuss and possibly take action to approve Change Orders 7 through 10 related to the Waterlines and Fire Hydrants Replacement Project.
Discussion and Action (BLUE) Councilmember C. Turner moved to approve change orders 1-7. Motion seconded by Councilmember J. Turner. Community Planner Fitzer noted that the added items (ie: valves, etc) would get rings and other necessities that should be done now, that the Change Order amount is \$22,886.07 and that staff approves the amount. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0.

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: Thanked everyone involved in the Shrimp Fest and noted that she recovered and hoped everyone else did too.

Vice Mayor Hull: Reported that he and Councilmember Gonzalez toured a solar plant in Phoenix and that it was very interesting but the engine was very loud. He reported that he worked the recent election and voter turn-out was good and there are 201 voters that receive early ballots. He noted that the Shrimp Fest went well and thanked all involved in putting it together.

Councilmember Young: Reported that his grandmother passed away and thanked everyone for their condolences.

Councilmember J. Turner: Reported thanked everyone involved in the Shrimp Fest, that he was there both days and that he enjoyed it.

Councilmember C. Turner: Gave his condolences to Councilmember Young and his family.

Mayor Henry: Commented that he believes the same truck that hit Councilmember Gonzalez also hit him, that he is recuperating from the Shrimp Fest and thanked all involved.

Mayor Henry asked for and received reports from:

Public Works Director Menard: Reported that clean-up of the palm trees and Well #4 is under way.

Community Planner Fitzer: Reported that the Waterline & Fire Hydrant project is finished and that he will be doing a preliminary walk through with all entities. He reported that a review of design issues on the Butterfield Trail project is being done and then will be submitted to Maricopa County for review. He noted that he just received the CDBG Grant

application to complete.

Airport Manager Drury: Thanked everyone involved in the Shrimp Fest, thanked Council for their support and noted that it is a team effort and could not be done alone.

Social Services Director Dempsey: Reported that she attended a really good meeting with First Things First, which is moving along great and that the Seniors will be going to see the Rockettes. Resident Gracie Pinette commented that the Seniors are paying for it themselves.

VII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported that the bids to remodel the old sheriff sub-station building are all in the \$200,000 range and seeing whether First Things First and Care First can pay full amount. He reported that Community Planner Fitzer has been busy promoting Gila Bend to solar companies. He spoke about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, he serves on the Regional Domestic Violence Council and gave statistics and information on the problem. He further reported that talks regarding the multi-jurisdictional facility have been going very well. Town Attorney McClure noted that this facility has been on the dream sheet for more enforcement through the ability to detain and get the best maximum use of the facility and that this was the intention 20 years ago when built. He also noted that the reservation is included in the talks.

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 Clyde Kreeger commented that the Shrimp Fest went great and thanked everyone involved in it.**

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 Councilmember J. Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 7-0. Time of adjournment: 6:46pm**

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 9, 2010, and the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk