

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

April 28, 2020; 6:00pm

**Gila Bend Community Center 202 N Euclid Avenue**

**MINUTES**

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on April 28, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Gila Bend School District Media Center located at 202 N Euclid Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona. **Council Members of the Town of Gila Bend Town Council will attend either in person or by telephone or video communication.** A copy of the final agenda will be available twenty-four hours prior to the meeting in the Town Clerk's Office, 644 West Pima, Gila Bend, AZ 85337.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Call to order – *Mayor Tommy Sikes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance *was led by Mayor Tommy Sikes*
- C. Invocation *was given by Steven McClure*

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tommy Sikes	Council Member Chris Riggs <i>via telephonic</i>
Vice Mayor Clyde Kreeger	Council Member Will Sipes
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member James Turner
<i>absent</i>	
Council Member Jennifer Franks <i>absent</i>	

III. **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 April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes and the April 21, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action.**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$72,224.77 and approve claims in the amount of \$50,025.14 for the period of April 10, 2020 through April 22, 2020. **Discussion and Action**

*Council Member James Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda  
Second by Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger*

*Council Member James Turner asked about the payment to Stryker and how soon it would be paid off. Finance Director Young advised that within four years.*

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed (6-0)*

*For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger, Council Members  
Fernando Fernandez, Chris Riggs, Will Sipes and James Turner*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Council Member Jennifer Franks*

IV. **NEW BUSINESS** – Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. **2018-2019 Independent Audit Report and Financial Report:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the FY 2018-2019 Annual Financial Statement and Independent Audit Report prepared by Colby & Powell. **Discussion and Action**

*Council Member James Turner moved to approve the FY 2018-2019 Annual*

*Financial Statement and Independent Audit Report prepared by Colby & Powell  
Second by Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger*

*Council Member James Turner commented that the reconciliation looks good  
and Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela advised that she had a conversation  
with the Auditors and they indicated that Gila Bend is headed in the right  
direction.*

*Motion to approve the FY 2018-2019 Annual Financial Statement and  
Independent Audit Report prepared by Colby & Powell passed (6-0)*

*For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger, Council Members  
Fernando Fernandez, Chris Riggs, Will Sipes and James Turner*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Council Member Jennifer Franks*

- B. **Resolution 20-04:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt Resolution 20-04, a Resolution of the Town Council approving that certain Cooperation Agreement with Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2023. **Discussion and Action**

*Council Member James Turner moved to adopt Resolution 20-04  
Second by Council Member Wil Sipes*

*Motion to adopt Resolution 20-04, a Resolution of the Town Council approving  
that certain Cooperation Agreement with Community Development Block Grant  
Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2023 passed (6-0)*

*For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger, Council Members  
Fernando Fernandez, Chris Riggs, Will Sipes and James Turner*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Council Member Jennifer Franks*

- C. **Application to FAA for CARES funding:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify the submission of an application to the FAA for CARES funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **Discussion and Action**

*Council Member James Turner moved to approve the submission of an  
application to the FAA for CARES funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000  
Second by Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger*

*Council Member James Turner asked about the plans for the funds and it was  
advised that the funds would be to purchase new lighting, a drag for weed  
control and signage*

*Motion to approve the submission of an application to the FAA for CARES  
funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 passed (6-0)*

*For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger, Council Members  
Fernando Fernandez, Chris Riggs, Will Sipes and James Turner*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

*Absent: Council Member Jennifer Franks*

- D. **Search Grant Application:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the submission of a Search Grant Application on behalf of the Municipal Property Corporation to the USDA – Rural Development for a Preliminary Engineering Report for improvements to the Town's water facilities in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. **Discussion and Action**

**Council Member James Turner moved to approve the submission of a Search Grant Application on behalf of the Municipal Property Corporation to the USDA – Rural Development for a Preliminary Engineering Report for improvements to the Town’s water facilities in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00**

**Second by Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger**

**Motion to approve the submission of a Search Grant Application on behalf of the Municipal Property Corporation to the USDA – Rural Development for a Preliminary Engineering Report for improvements to the Town’s water facilities in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 passed (6-0)**

**For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger, Council Members  
Fernando Fernandez, Chris Riggs, Will Sipes and James Turner**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: Council Member Jennifer Franks**

**V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**No future agenda items presented – Council Member James Turner thanked Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela and staff for their efforts regarding weed control and sweeping of the streets.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member James Turner moved to adjourn**

**Second by Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger**

**Motion to adjourn passed (6-0) at 6:08 pm**

**For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor Clyde Kreeger, Council Members  
Fernando Fernandez, Chris Riggs, Will Sipes and James Turner**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: Council Member Jennifer Franks**

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Tommy L. Sikes, 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 on April 28, 2020 and that the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk