

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

October 12, 2021; 6:00pm

Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center
308 North Martin Avenue
Agenda

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on October 12, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center located at 308 N Martin 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 Chris Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance *was led by Mayor Chris Riggs*
- C. Invocation *was given by Steve McClure*

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

Staff present: Town Attorney Steve McClure, Town Manager Kathrine Valenzuela, Town Clerk Beverly Turner, Finance Director Stacey Young, Airport Manager Corey Drury

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 September 28, 2021 regular 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 \$100,579.78 and approve claims in the amount of \$77,579.55 all for the period of September 24, 2021 through October 7, 2021. **Discussion and Action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented
Second by Council Member Jennifer Franks
Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously (6-0)
For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Jennifer Franks, Tommy Sikes, Will Sipes and Clyde Kreeger
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Council Members Fernando Fernandez

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

- A. **Omega Motor Sports Facilities Use Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a facilities use agreement with Omega Motor Sports for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on October 23, 2021.
Discussion and Action

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the facilities use agreement with Omega Motor Sports for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on October 23, 2021

Second by Council Member Jennifer Franks

Motion to approve the facilities use agreement with Omega Motor Sports for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on October 23, 2021 passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Jennifer Franks, Tommy Sikes, Will Sipes and Clyde Kreeger

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Fernando Fernandez

- B. **USRA Race of Champions Facilities Use Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a facilities use agreement with USRA Race of Champions for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport October 13 through October 17, 2021. **Discussion and Action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the facilities use agreement with USRA Race of Champions for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport October 13 through October 17, 2021

Second by Council Member Jennifer Franks

Council Member Clyde Kreeger asked about not charging for the use of the airport and it was advised that the Town will receive 50% of the gate fee, donations will be made to local organizations that participate and the group was invited to host the event in Gila Bend.

Council Member Kreeger also asked about the cost to attend and it was noted \$5.00 per day per person or \$7.00 for the weekend per person. Council Member Clyde Kreeger asked that a count be kept of how many persons attend and participate in the event, he suggested that area Hotels be contacted. Vice-Mayor James Turner noted that this event is a great promotion for the Town

With no further discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote

Motion to approve the facilities use agreement with USRA Race of Champions for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport October 13 through October 17, 2021 passed 5-1 with Council Member Clyde Kreeger voting nay

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Jennifer Franks, Tommy Sikes, Will Sipes and Clyde Kreeger

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Fernando Fernandez

V. **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 except that an individual Council Member may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda)

NO REPORTS PRESENTED

VI. **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 except that an individual Council Member may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda)

Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela reported on the following:

Loss of Jesus Baldenegro and what an asset he was to the Town

DEMA reconciling all losses which are under 2 million dollars

*Inquiries for economic development/ Gila Bend location is ideal for service industry
CDBG projects moving forward
Fright Night and Veterans Day event*

VII. PALOMA SECURITY REPORT

(This is the time Paloma Security may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented)

George Sanchez and Mike Valdivia of Paloma Security reported on issues with MCSO. Mr. Valdivia advised that the tagger was caught in the act and all evidence was presented to MCSO, he reported the tagger has still not been picked up. He spoke about the turnover in Deputies noting his frustration when assistance is needed and MCSO is not available. Mr. Valdivia also noted the need for more patrol on the southside with homes being vacant due to the flood.

Mayor Chris Riggs asked for work session with Council, MCSO and Paloma Security

VIII. 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)

Chamber President Sabra Thornberg gave a brief report on the following:

Assistance with the flood incident

Thanked all volunteers

Donations and fundraisers for flood victims

Shrimp Fest - Chamber will be in charge of the Beer Garden

Donation acceptance for flood victims at upcoming Air Races

Working with Lions Club on materials for flood victims

American Legion would like to present she and the Mayor with a donation

Halloween Scariest business competition will be held again this year

- IX. 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.)* **None presented**

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

None presented

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to adjourn

Second by Council Member Jennifer Franks

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously (6-0) at 6:22 pm

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Jennifer Franks, Tommy Sikes, Will Sipes and Clyde Kreeger


Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Fernando Fernandez



Chris Riggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special Council Meeting held on October 12, 2021 and that the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.


Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

This agenda posted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting at the following locations:

Town Website: www.gilabendaz.org

Gila Bend Post Office bulletin board: 109 W Papago

Gila Bend Town Hall lobby: 644 W Pima

Community Center lobby: 202 N Euclid