

Town of Gila Bend

Minutes of the March 9, 2010 regular Council Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Henry at 6:01pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Henry
- C. Invocation given by Town Attorney McClure

Staff present: Town Manager Buss, Town Attorney McClure, Public Works Director Parsi, Community Development Director Fitzer, Fire Chief Birchfield, Airport Manager Drury, Records Management Clerk Eisenberger, Counter Operations Smith

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Henry	
Vice-Mayor Fred Hull	Council Member Chuck Turner
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member James "Bud" Turner
Council Member Armida Gonzalez	Council Member Donny Young-absent

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 **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member C. Turner. Motion seconded by Council Member Fernandez. Vice Mayor Hull requested that Item B be removed for discussion in Executive Session. Discussion on a new motion must be made to pull Item B after voting on motion to approve. Motion to approve Consent Agenda failed 0-6. Vice Mayor Hull moved to remove Item B for further discussion in this meetings Executive Session and approve Items A, C. and D of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member C. Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**

- A. Approval of February 23, 2010 meeting minutes The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the February 23, 2010 meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action (WHITE) - approved**
- B. Contractor Services Agreement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a Contractor Services Agreement with Mr. Corey Drury for Airport Management Services. **Discussion and Action (GREEN) –removed for discussion in Executive Session**
- C. Loan Agreement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the annual loan agreement with the National Museum of the United States Air Force for the F101 Aircraft located at the Gila Bend Airport. **Discussion and Action (PINK)- approved**
- D. License Agreement. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a license agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County Department of Transportation to occupy property located at the Town's Well 4 site, located on Stout Street. MCDOT is requesting to occupy the space for the purpose of storing highway and street sign equipment and related items. **Discussion and Action (YELLOW)-approved**

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

- A. Call for Bids – Water Resource Management Chemicals. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a Call for Bids for the procurement of chemicals used by the Water Resource Management Department. **Discussion and Action. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve Call for Bid for the procurement of chemicals used by the Water Resource Management Department. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Discussion on the benefits of having more control over chemicals and chemical**

inventory. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.

- B. ARRA Funded Monument Signage: Staff is requesting **Approval** by the Town Council to move forward with the recommendation by the Town Council to submit site number four (#4) and site number one (#1) to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as a change order to the contract. Such change order, due to ARRA funds allocated to ADOT by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) shall require the Town to fund an upfront cost of a not to exceed amount of \$4,000 for such change order, which may or may not be reimbursed through the allocated ARRA funds. **Discussion and Action.(LILAC) Council Member J. Turner moved to approve with the motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Town Manager Buss noted that an approval by the Council will include leaving current signs where they are, as they are, put new signs without the double suns design in designated areas, and include an environmental assessment cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Community Development Director Fitzer explained that the environmental and cultural assessments are required as it is Federal funding and AMEC would clear all signs, including all exceptions, for \$4,000.00 or less. Discussion on having one sign at airport that incorporates Welcome to Gila Bend and Gila Bend Municipal Airport. Discussion on the Park & Ride having been put out to bid by ADOT and looking at breaking ground on May 1, 2010 with completion in 90 days. It was noted by Town Manager Buss that he encourages both Council and the public to look at plans and provide input. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**
- C. Bid Award. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to award bid for the Gila Bend Water Line and Fire Hydrant Project (CDBG 0604) to Sellers and Sons in the amount of \$650,545.00. This project is being funded via CDBG, WIFA and Rural Development. **Discussion and Action (SALMON) Council Member C. Turner moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member J. Turner. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**
- D. Airport Improvement Project. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve submittal of a grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for runway rehabilitation. **Discussion and Action (GOLDENROD) Council Member J. Turner moved to approve. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hull. Airport Manager Drury noted this is the design phase for a new runway, not band-aid for runway, and that this is the first part of the process. Discussion on cost to Town not more than \$9,500.00 and hopeful possibility of State picking up their 2 ½ percent as they should. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.**
- E. Donation. The Mayor and Town Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving a request from the Gila Bend Parent Teacher Organization for funding support for the upcoming "Family Fun Night". **Discussion and Action. Council Member C. Turner moved to approve donating the same amount donated to the Gila Bend Parent Teacher Organization last year. Council Member J. Turner seconded. PTO President, Liz Smith, noted that the amount donated last year was \$500.00 and that some of the donation is used to provide prizes for the annual Family Fund dinner and games fund-raising event. Motion to approve passed unanimously; 6-0**
- 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)

Council Member F. Fernandez – no report

Council Member A. Gonzalez – no report

Vice Mayor Hull reported on a meeting he attended in Safford on the closure of Roper Lake by the Arizona State Parks. He reported that nearly 200 people attended and that a package was put together by the Town and Council to keep the park open which they have been aggressively acting upon with the result that the State will work with them through an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA).

**Council Member C. Turner wished Finance Director, Stacey Young, a speedy recovery.
Council Member J. Turner – no report
Mayor Henry thanked the Town and Staff for the nice parade for Butterfield Stage Days.**

Mayor Henry asked for reports from:

Public Works Director Parsi - reported that road improvement designing phase will be coming next.

Community Development Director Fitzer – nothing more to report

Airport Manager Drury – nothing further to report

VI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Buss reported on the meeting he and Council Member Gonzalez attended on the 24th of February with CDAC. The Town will receive \$347,000 for the Waterline and Fire Hydrants Project which will fund 3,000 ft of water line and 27 fire hydrants. Town Manager Buss also reported that the Town is very close to receiving the award for the Solar Bees, that he saw the Solar Bees in action, and spoke with a person using them for 9 years who gave a very positive report about them. Town Manager Buss informed that a budget for funding more CAP programs was submitted.

VII. 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.*)

Heather Goebel spoke about a book in the making on the history of Gila Bend. She requested that anyone having old photos to please contact her at the Library. She noted that the author would like about 160 photos and that he will scan them for use and photos can be of the town of Gila Bend and also people.

Clyde Kreeger commented on looking at the finances of the Town of Gila Bend. He expressed concern that Gila Bend is a small town with a small tax base and wondered why other towns are decreasing the size of staff and Gila Bend is increasing. He noted that he does not want Gila Bend to go broke.

Bill Norman, retired Engineer and active Surveyor, spoke about the survey he did for the Apostolic Church approximately nine months ago. He noted that the building encroaches into the alley and an abandonment of the alley is required. Mr. Norman asked if there is a fee that has to be paid or what needs to be done by him to get this abandonment. Community Development Director responded to the criticism, commenting that the property Mr. Norman is speaking of backs up to Arizona State Land property, that he has been working with Susan of the State Land Department, there is an issue if there is an alley or if the property is owned by the State, and that a formal Abandonment Application would be needed, which he is working on.

VIII. 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 notice of claim as well as the Town Attorney on any of the above agenda items. **Council Member C. Turner moved to close the regular Council meeting and go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0. Time: 7:20pm.**

Regular council meeting reconvened at 7:21pm. Council Member J. Turner moved to approve Item B. Contractor Services Agreement of the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Hull seconded. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Hull moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member J. Turner. Motion passed unanimously; 6-0. Time of adjournment: 7:22pm.

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

Beverly Turner, CMC
Town Clerk