

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

March 23, 2021; 6:00pm

Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center

308 North Martin Avenue

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

**\*\*\*A message regarding Covid-19\*\*\***

The Town of Gila Bend is currently following Covid-19 protocols in respect to gatherings and social distancing. Council meetings are live streamed on the Town's Facebook page. You may watch the meeting even if you do not have a Facebook account at the following address - <https://www.facebook.com/GilaBendAZ/live/> . Comments for any item listed on the agenda may be submitted prior to the meeting by e-mail: [bturner@gilabendaz.org](mailto:bturner@gilabendaz.org) , Contact the Town Clerk's Office by phone: 928-683-2255, drop off at 644 West Pima or mail your comment to: Town of Gila Bend PO Box A, Gila Bend, 85337. All comments received will be read into the record.

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on March 23, 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 called at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor**
- C. Invocation Steve McClure **given by Steve McClure**

II. **ROLL CALL**

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| Mayor Chris Riggs                 | Council Member Clyde Kreeger           |
| Vice Mayor James Turner           | Council Member Tommy Sikes             |
| Council Member Fernando Fernandez | Council Member Will Sipes <b>phone</b> |
| Council Member Jennifer Franks    | <b>ALL PRESENT</b>                     |

Staff present **TM Valenzuela; TC Tur ner; FD Young; TA McClure; PC Sanchez**

**Addendum 1. MCSO Report:** (This is the time MCSO may present a brief summary on current events. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented) **REPORT ONLY MCSO Captain Bratton gave the February report including response times**

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 March 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes. **Discussion and Action . Minutes APPROVED as presented**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$6,469.86 and approve claims in the amount of \$60,016.03 all for the period of March 4, 2021 through March 18, 2021. **Discussion and Action Payment of Claims APPROVED as presented**

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

- A. **Letter of Intent:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the submission of a Letter of Intent to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for Section 595 Arizona Environmental Infrastructure Program Funding in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. **Discussion and Action Submission of Letter of Intent APPROVED as presented**
- B. **Employee Health Insurance Renewal:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve annual renewal of employee insurance benefits with Kairos Health Arizona, Inc. beginning July 1, 2021. **Discussion and Action Employee Health Insurance Renewal APPROVED as presented with 6 yea's 0 nay's and 1**

**abstention**

- C. **Donation Request:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on a request for donation submitted by the Gila Bend High School Junior Class. The donation will purchase supplies for a Lock-in Event. **Discussion and Action**  
**Donation request APPROVED in the amount of \$500**

**Addendum 2. State of Emergency:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the Border Crisis as it relates to the Town of Gila Bend **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION A State of Emergency was declared unanimously**

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)

**Council Member Franks - thanked staff for covid vaccination event at which she was a volunteer**

**Mayor - thanked Town Manager for her dedication and work that she has done working to mitigate as much of the problem as possible and commended staff .**

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 reported on the following:**

**Vaccination event - Thanked Council for Dedication - 299 vaccinations were given and thanks to MCHD**

**Stout Hotel roof repair begin on April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Cactus Asphalt on street projects**

**AZ Commerce Authority grant opportunity for non-residential streets**

**Spoke about migrant issue - help of elected officials**

VII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**No future agenda items presented**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm**

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

Town Website: [www.gilabendaz.org](http://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

Family Resource Center: 308 E Pima