

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

September 14, 2021; 6:00pm

Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center

308 North Martin Avenue

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on September 14, 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 **meeting called at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **led by Mayor Riggs**
- C. Invocation **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 absent	Council Member Will Sipes via phone
Council Member Jennifer Franks	

Staff present: Town Attorney Steve McClure, Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela, Town Clerk Beverly Turner, Parks and Recreation Manager Pat Riggs

III. **Public Hearings:**

- A. **Site Plan Amendment (SPA 21.01):** Arizona Public Service is requesting approval of a site plan amendment to add battery storage to the existing solar field located at 46701 S Old Hwy 80. **Public Comment Only**
Public Hearing opened at 6:01 pm
Two comments submitted by Danny Vandergriff were read into the record
No further comment
Public Hearing closed 6:02 pm
- B. **Site Plan Amendment (SPA 21.02):** Arizona Public Service is requesting approval of a site plan amendment to add battery storage to the existing solar field located at 32700 W Powerline Road. **Public Comment Only**
Public Hearing opened at 6:02 pm
No Public comment received
Public Hearing closed at 6:03 pm

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 Council Meeting Minutes:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action on the approval of the July 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes and August 19, 2021 special meeting minutes. **Discussion and possible 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 \$421,116.66 and approve claims in the amount of \$53,534.53 all for the period of July 22, 2021 through September 9, 2021. **Discussion and possible action**
Payment of Claims APPROVED as presented

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

- A. **Site Plan Amendment (SPA 21.01):** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take on a request Arizona Public Service for a Site Plan Amendment to add battery storage to the existing solar field located at 46701 S Old Hwy 80. **Discussion and Action**
Site Plan Amendment (SPA 21-01) APPROVED as presented (Jessica Perry of APS gave

a brief presentation)

- B. **Site Plan Amendment (SPA 21.02):** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take on a request from Arizona Public Service for a Site Plan Amendment to add battery storage to the existing solar field located at 32700 W Powerline Rd. **Discussion and Action Site Plan Amendment (SPA 21.02) APPROVED as presented**

- C. **Resolution 21-06:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve Resolution 21-06, A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona designating an Emergency Management Filing Agent **Discussion and possible action Resolution 21-06 APPROVED as presented**

- D. **Call for Bid: Booster Station Upgrades:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the release of a Call for Bid for Booster Station Upgrades. (This is a CDBG project) **Discussion and Action Authorization to release a Call for Bid for Booster Station Upgrades APPROVED as presented**

- E. **Call for Bid: Norma and Johnny Streets Re-Construction Project:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the release of a Call for Bid for Norma and Johnny Streets Re-Construction Project. (This is a CDBG project) **Discussion and Action Authorization to release a Call for Bid for the Norma and Johnny Streets Re-Construction Project APPROVED as presented**

- F. **Homecoming Parade Road Closures:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the closure of certain roads as shown in the attached map for one (1) hour beginning at 1:30 pm for the Annual Gila Bend High School Homecoming Parade to be held September 24, 2021. The parade will begin at 2:00 pm **Discussion and Action Homecoming Parade Road Closures APPROVED as presented**

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 except that an individual Council Member may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda) **Mayor Riggs reported that the Federal funding announced by the Biden Administration for flood does not include Maricopa County Council Member Sipes reported his support for Senator Krysten Sinema**

VII. **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: Flood event, CDAC meeting with Vice-Mayor and Shrimp Fest**

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 and local business owner Scott Swanson spoke about his opposition to the proposed egg laying factory as per the sign posted on Historic Route 80 "Hickman's Family Farms Future Site: Gila Bend (Cage Free) Complex Gila Bend Baptist Church Pastor Don spoke about his experience living within 5 miles of

Hickman's Farm in Tonopah

Gila Bend Resident Fred Hull spoke about his experience while traveling to visit friends in Tonopah as he can no longer travel the back road or Salome Highway due to the smell being emitted from the chicken farm

Dan Blackson shared information about Tonopah's experience with a concentrated animal feeding operation

Michael Kahuna acting CFO for Royal Caridea and Arizona Desert Shrimp spoke about his belief that an egg producing farm would have a detrimental impact on the Shrimp Farms ability to produce the quantity and quality of shrimp that is the business of the shrimp farm.

Resident Fred Hull thanked Parks and Recreation Manager Pat Riggs for 9-11 Event; he spoke about the school crossing at Martin and Pima and the need for Sheriff Deputies to be present when the school crossing signs are up to stop speeders; he also spoke about the amount of graffiti around Town and suggested that the Town car be taken from Paloma Security and replaced with bicycles so they can sneak up on the perpetrator

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

No Future Agenda Items presented

ADDENDUM:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to enter into an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding a potential Intergovernmental Agreement

Council moved into executive session 6:53 pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:32 pm

X. ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

09/09/2021
Date

Before 4:00 pm
Time

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Town Manager Approval
Initial Date

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