

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

October 26, 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 October 26, 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 to order at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **was led by Mayor**
- C. Invocation **was given by Steve McClure**

**Mayor Riggs welcomed Council Member Fernandez back to the meetings**

II. **ROLL CALL**

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 members present</b>	

**Staff present: Town Attorney Steve McClure, Town Manger Katherine Valenzuela, Town Clerk Beverly Turner, Finance Director Stacey Young, Fire Chief Arelia Henry, Parks and Recreation Manager Pat Riggs**

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 October 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes.  
**Discussion and possible action**
- B. **Payment of Claims:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify claims in the amount of \$75,617.76 and approve claims in the amount of \$23,334.01 all for the period of October 8, 2021 through October 20, 2021. **Discussion and possible action**  
**Consent Agenda APPROVED as presented**

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

- A. **Call for Bid:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to release a Call for Bid for the repair/upgrades to the Town Sewer Line located on Papago Street at Sand Tank and Bender washes. **Discussion and Action**  
**Call for Bid APPROVED as presented**

- B. **Area Agency on Aging Grant Submission:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the submission of a grant application to the Area Agency on Aging in an amount of \$95,823.00 for COVID related expenses. **Discussion and Action**  
**Area Agency on Aging Grant Submission APPROVED as presented**

V. **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) **September Report**  
**MCSO Capt. Dietrich gave the September report**

**VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

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

**Fire Chief Henry reported 76 calls for the month of September and reported on a grant award from the Tohono O’Odham Nation**

**VII. 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 Fernando Fernandez t hanked everyone for prayers during his time dealing with COVID and he hopes to be off oxygen soon**

**Council Member Clyde Kreeger reported on Fright Night Event**

**Mayor Riggs reported on Fright Night event noting the estimated attendance was around 500 persons**

**VIII. 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:**

**Fright Night Event noting it ’s success and thanked Council for their support**

**Shrimp Fest November 6<sup>th</sup> hope to see**

**There has been an uptick in Economic Development inquiries**

**CDBG application is due in December, propose replacing waterlines, the Public Hearing on possible projects is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanked Tohono O’Odham Nation for grant award**

**Working with Ajo and the Sonoran Desert Alliance to create regional opportunities**

**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.)

**Resident Jose Federico spoke about an issue with a neighbor**

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**None**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm**

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Beverly Turner, MMC  
Town Clerk

10/21/2021  
Date

Before 3:00 pm  
Time

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Town Manager Approval

Initial

Date

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