

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

February 28, 2023; 6:00pm

Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center
308 North Martin Avenue

MINUTES

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Council meeting on February 28, 2023 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 *led by Mayor Tommy Sikes*
- C. Invocation *given by Steve McClure*

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tommy L Sikes	Council Member Chris Riggs <i>via phone</i>
Vice Mayor James Turner	Council Member Scott Swanson
Council Member Fernando Fernandez <i>absent</i>	Council Member Donny Young
Council Member Clyde Kreeger	

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 February 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes and February 16, special 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 \$43,265.21 and approve claims in the amount of \$36,507.28 all for the period of February 9, 2023 through February 22, 2023. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice- Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson, and Donny Young

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

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

- A. **Community Center Expansion Project Change Order #1:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve change order #1 related to the Community Center Expansion Project which would increase the contract amount by \$1,895.07. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Community Center Expansion Project

*Change Order #1 increasing the contract amount by \$1,895.07 as presented
Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger*

*Councilmember Donny Young asked about the increase in cost as the original plans call for electric HVAC and the door thickness, material, and color.
Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela confirmed that the increase is due to the material recommended by the architect not being available and necessary changes to the color and thickness of the door being made.
Councilmember Donny Young- the gas unit is already in the plans.
Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela will follow up with these questions.*

*With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote
Motion to approve the Community Center Expansion Project Change Order #1 as presented passed unanimously (6-0)
For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson, and Donny Young
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Councilmember Fernando Fernandez*

- B. **Loan Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the renewal of a loan agreement by and between the National Museum of the United States Air Force and the Town of Gila Bend regarding the loan of the F-101 Aircraft located at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. **Discussion and Action**

*Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Loan Agreement between the Town of Gila Bend and the United States Air Force regarding the loan of the f-101 Aircraft located at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport as presented
Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger*

*Vice-Mayor James Turner asked if the aircraft needed to be painted?
Airport Manager Corey Drury informed Council that they are not required to be painted at this time
Councilmember Clyde Kreeger asked about getting the aircraft up off the ground
Mr. Drury spoke about the significant cost of painting the aircraft and getting them up off of the ground. At this time the requirement is to keep the area free from debris. Mr. Drury is working on funding for the electrical system at the airport as a main focus right now.*

*With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote
Motion to approve the Loan Agreement as presented passed unanimously (6-0)
For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson, and Donny Young
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Councilmember Fernando Fernandez*

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)

January Report

Captain Hilliker gave the report for the month of January

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)

No Report

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)

No current events reported

Addendum items were taken at this time

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 March 11, 2023. **Discussion and Action**
Vice- Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Omega Motor Sports Facilities Use Agreement for the use of the Gila Bend Municipal Airport on March 11, 2023 as presented Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger

Vice-Mayor James Turner asked if the contract is the same as always of which Airport Manager Corey Drury confirmed that it is.

Councilmember Chris Riggs asked if the drivers would be anywhere near the shooting range and Mr. Drury confirmed that the drivers would not be anywhere near the shooting range or in that direction.

Councilmember Scott Swanson asked if spectators were allowed due to the section of the contract regarding Covid. Mr. Drury explained that spectators are allowed and that the Covid language has been left in due to the possibility of changes made to State laws regarding Covid.

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote Motion to approve the Omega Motor Sports Facilities Use Agreement as presented passed unanimously (6-0)

For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson, and Donny Young

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

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 water rate analysis which will not be completed for about 6 months and water rates have to be determined by an outside entity and not by the Town. The CDBG board awarded \$500,000 for Papago Street Sewer system which is completed and there is currently a sewer study being conducted. Some of the funds will be used to replace manholes around town upon Council approval. Bill Doelle along with San Lucy were awarded \$500,000 for the Gatlin site and future goals will be brought to Council for approval.

- 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 Joey Federico addressed Council regarding people driving four wheeler on the streets and he will be talking to MCSO about this. Mr. Federico also spoke about another resident changing his oil and dumping the oil in the desert down the road of which he will also be speaking to MCSO about.

X. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

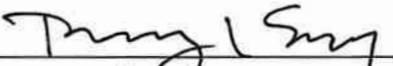
Councilmember Scott Swanson would like to have a work session once a month to go over the Town Code one section at a time.

Councilmember Donny Young would like to have a 2% sales tax increase to go to the Fire Department for extra costs and without a vote from the public. Councilmember Young also requested a discussion on Jesus living out at the airport of which he requested weeks ago, Jesus would like to stay and would like to see if there is something he can do.

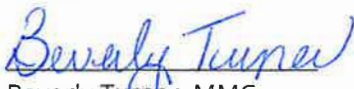
Town Attorney Steve McClure- not going to comment on that and can't discuss this. Requesting this topic on the agenda is only a suggestion.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tommy Sikes adjourned the meeting at 6:19 pm

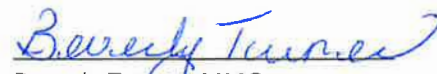

Tommy Sikes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Council Meeting held on February 28, 2023 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