

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

April 26, 2022; 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 April 26, 2022 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 Chris Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance **was led by Mayor Chris Riggs**
- C. Invocation **was 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	Council Member Will Sipes
Council Member Jennifer Franks	<b>ALL PRESENT</b>

**Staff present: Town Attorney Steve McClure, Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela, Town Clerk Beverly Turner**

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 April 12, 2022 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 \$142,354.05 and approve claims in the amount of \$24,191.02 all for the period of April 6, 2022 through April 20, 2022. **Discussion and possible action**

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

**Second by Council Member Clyde Kreeger**

**With no discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote**

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously (7-0)**

**For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Clyde Kreeger, Jennifer Franks, Fernando Fernandez, Tommy Sikes and Will Sipes**

**Against: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 0**

**MSCO REPORT was taken at this time**

**Captain Dietrich introduced Lt. Scott and Lt. Neville and gave the March report, highlighting the criminal and traffic activity along with response times for the month of March**

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

- A. **2021 Flood Damage Street Repair Project Bid Award:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award the bid for the 2021 Flood Damage Street Repair Project to Lincoln Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$202,566.00. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to award the bid for the 2021 Flood Damage Street Repair Project to Lincoln Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$202,566.00

Second by Council Member Tommy Sikes

With no discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote

Motion to award the bid for the 2021 Flood Damage Street Repair Project to Lincoln Constructors Inc. in the amount of \$202,566.00 passed unanimously (7-0)

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Clyde Kreeger, Jennifer Franks, Fernando Fernandez, Tommy Sikes and Will Sipes

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

B. **Main Street Booster Pump Station Upgrade Project:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to award the bid for the Main Street Booster Pump Station Upgrade Project to ASR Construction in the amount of \$140,827.96. This is a federally funded project (#CDBG21GB) **Discussion and possibly action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to award the bid for the Main Street Booster Pump Station Upgrade Project to ASR Construction in the amount of \$140,827.96

Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez

With no discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote

Motion to award the bid for the Main Street Booster Pump Station Upgrade Project to ASR Construction in the amount of \$140,827.96 passed unanimously (7-0)

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Clyde Kreeger, Jennifer Franks, Fernando Fernandez, Tommy Sikes and Will Sipes

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

C. **Grant Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to enter into a Grant Agreement by and between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Town of Gila Bend for pavement preservation at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport. Grant. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve entering into a Grant Agreement by and between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Town of Gila Bend for pavement preservation at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport

Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez

Council Member Clyde Kreeger asked about the thickness on the runway and it was advised that the preservation is for the taxiway only, there was brief discussion about repairing the culverts and the project will not begin immediately.

With no further discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote

Motion on approval to enter into a Grant Agreement by and between the State of Arizona through the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Town of Gila Bend for pavement preservation at the Gila Bend Municipal Airport passed unanimously (7-0)

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Clyde Kreeger, Jennifer Franks, Fernando Fernandez, Tommy Sikes and Will Sipes

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

D. **Arizona Commerce Authority Economic Strengths Projects Grant Program:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Arizona Commerce Authority Economic Strengths Projects Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. **Discussion and Action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the submittal of a grant application to the Arizona Commerce Authority Economic Strengths Projects Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000

Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez

With no discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote

Motion to approve the submittal of a grant application to the Arizona Commerce

Authority Economic Strengths Projects Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 passed unanimously (7-0)

For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Clyde Kreeger, Jennifer Franks, Fernando Fernandez, Tommy Sikes and Will Sipes

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

V. **MSCO 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) **March Report Item was taken immediately following Consent Agenda**

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) **Council Member Will Sipes gave his condolences to the family of Bishop Evans who lost his life on the Boarder**

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:**

**Maricopa County has issued the Notice to Proceed for the Main Street Booster Pump Station Project**

**The environmental review has been completed for the Johnny and Norma Street project Gatlin Site - Awarded \$10,000 grant from National Park Service / the path moving forward on the Gatlin Site will start with small achievable steps/attending webinars connected to funding sources and other entities that are interested in the Gatlin Site**

**ARPA funding report has been submitted/thanked the League of Arizona Cities and Towns staff member for his assistance**

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 Fred Hull spoke about the upcoming community meeting on the Block 14 project (Stout Hotel) inviting Council and the public to attend**

X. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**No future agenda items presented**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm**

**Council Member Fernando Fernandez moved to adjourn**

**Second by Vice-Mayor James Turner**

**Motion to adjourn passed unanimously (7-0) at 6:19 pm**

**For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members,**

Clyde Kreeger, Jennifer Franks, Fernando Fernandez, Tommy Sikes and Will Sipes

Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

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Chris Riggs, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 April 26, 2022 and that the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.

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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](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