

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

May 10, 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 May 10, 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. As indicated in the following agenda, the Mayor and Town Council may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters. **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 Fred Hull*

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	ALL PRESENT

III. **PROCLAMATION:** "EMS WEEK" (Mayor Chris Riggs may read proclamation) *Mayor Chris Riggs read the proclamation*

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 April 26, 2022 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 \$34,279.34 and approve claims in the amount of \$84,612.45 all for the period of April 21, 2022 through May 4, 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 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. **NEW BUSINESS** - Discussion and possible action on the following items:

- A. **Community Development Advisory Committee:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to appoint a Representative and Alternate to the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC). **Discussion and Action**
Council Member Will Sipes moved to appoint Vice-Mayor Turner as representative to and Council Member Fernandez as alternate to the Community Development Advisory Committee
Second by Council Member Tommy Sikes
With no discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote
Motion to appoint Vice-Mayor Turner as representative to and Council Member Fernandez as alternate to the Community Development Advisory Committee 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. **Appointment of Historic Preservation Commission:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to appoint and/or re-appoint members to the Historic Preservation Commission. **Discussion and Action**
Council Member Will Sipes noted that his Council term is expiring with the next election and he wishes to step down as the Council liaison. It was also noted that the original Commission members all desire to be re-appointed. Mayor Chris Riggs moved to re-appoint current Commission Members whose terms are expired and to appoint Council Member Kreeger liaison. (those members with expired terms and re-appointed are Michelle Gibbons, Elisabeth Melton, Bunny Turner, Summer Wierth and Gary Faupel as the Planning Commission liaison.)
Second by Council Member Will Sipes
With no further discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote
Motion to re-appoint current Commission Members whose terms are expired and to appoint Council Member Kreeger liaison 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. **Copy Machine Lease:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to enter into a lease agreement for a Canon DX C5870I copy machine. The machine would be leased through Furth Group and a maintenance agreement with Cannon Inc. **Discussion and Action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve entering into a lease agreement with the Furth Group for a Canon DX C58701 copy machine, to include a maintenance agreement with Canon Inc.
Second by Council Member Clyde Kreeger

It was noted that the current machine is 11 years old and is in constant need of repairs. With no further discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote Motion to enter into a lease agreement with the Furth Group for a Canon DX C58701 copy machine, to include a maintenance agreement with Canon Inc. 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

VI. PALOMA SECURITY REPORT

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

George Sanchez of Paloma Security gave a brief report on the following:

Apologized for absence at recent meetings

Hard time securing persons who want to work

Removal of abandoned cars, one car is still located at the Dollar Store which he is still working on getting it removed

Keeping an eye on transient activity, those sitting at Dollar Store

He also reported that interaction with MCSO is down due to less crime and MCSO is more visible

There was a question about a tent encampment located behind the railroad tracks and underpass. Mr. Sanchez indicated that he would check it out, however Paloma Security only patrols Gila Bend town limits

VII. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

(This is the time Chamber of Commerce 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*

VIII. 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 Tommy Sikes reported on the Cinco De Mayo event noting it was well organized and fun

IX. 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:

Upcoming CDAC meeting - discussed grant scoring noting that street lighting is an eligible activity but has to score high on the public safety element.

Received TO grant application for FY 2022-2023/ requested Council provide feedback on what activity they wish to support

Old church research re-location plan. Stout property is within the floodplain and if the building were to be moved to that location it would have to be brought to code including permitting through Maricopa County

***Cave Creek Town Marshall Stein is available on Friday's to meet with Council
Cactus Asphalt street maintenance project will begin May 24th thru June 14th***

- X. **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 thanked those that attended the Block 14 Community meeting and those that contacted UP regarding the blocking of the Martin Ave. Railroad Crossing for more than 36 hours.

XI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Mayor Riggs requested an item regarding trucks parking along Butterfield Trail disturbing homes and blocking garbage pickup.

Addendum was taken at this time

Papago Street Sewer Reconstruction Project Change Order #3: The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve contract Change Order #3 related to the Papago Street Sewer Reconstruction Project.

Discussion and Action

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve Change Order #3 for the Papago Street Sewer Reconstruction Project

Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez

There was a question as to why the change order is necessary and it was advised that the contractor has provided the Geotechnical analysis and engineering design on the location and depth of new piers which resulted in their recommendation to add 3 pier supports

With no further discussion Mayor Chris Riggs called for the vote

Motion to approve Change Order #3 for the Papago Street Sewer Reconstruction Project passed unanimously (7-0)

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** *Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm*

Council Member Fernando Fernandez moved to adjourn

Second by Council Member Jennifer Franks

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 6:28 pm (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

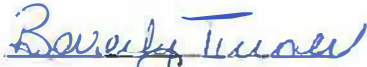
Abstain: 0

Absent: 0



Chris Riggs, Mayor

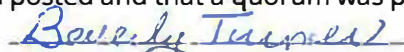
ATTEST:



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 May 10, 2022 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