

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL

May 24, 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 24, 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 absent
Council Member Fernando Fernandez	Council Member Will Sipes
Council Member Jennifer Franks absent	

- III. **PRESENTATION:** Arizona Public Service Company will present 2022 Summer Preparedness *APS Public Affairs Manager Jessica Perry introduced Buckeye/Gila Bend Area Manager Javier Melendez and Construction Supervisor Kent Bushman. Ms. Perry presented APS 2022 Summer Preparedness noting the following: Recap of 2021/Record 6 consecutive days at or above 115 degrees/104 days of at or above 100 degrees: Gila Bend Area Upgrades include feeder upgrades, reliability improvements, battery storage, flood response, Gila Bend Schools and Paloma Lift Station: Demand – 1100 MW reserve margin: 2022 Resource Diversity – Retire Coal usage in 2031: Transmission and Distribution – Preventative Maintenance include employ technology to more quickly identify and restore outages/Operational Strategies include execute planned outages and implement extreme heat day procedures: Emergency Management – External Preparedness and Response – Mutual assistance with neighboring utilities, coordination of summer operating study with nearby utilities, fire and emergency management coordination/Internal Preparedness and Response – black start system restoration drill, electric load curtailment plan exercise and disaster recovery plan exercise: Customer Service – 24/7 customer care center, customer alerts by text and email for outages, improved APS .com outage center, implemented in-person customer service open houses which allow customers the opportunity to ask questions and learn about energy saving programs: APS Assistance Programs include Crisis bill assistance, Energy support program, energy support with medical program, safety net program, project share and weatherization program: Summary – APS is serving its customers with sufficient generation resources, fuel supplies and transmission capacity to meet their needs reliably through the summer.*

- 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 May 10, 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 \$59,752.20 and approve claims in the amount of \$40,019.57 all for the period of May 5, 2022 through May 18, 2022. **Discussion and possible action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented
Second by Council Member Clyde Kreeger
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously 5-0
For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, and Will Sipes
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes

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

- A. **FY 2022-2023 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Contract:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the FY 2022-2023 contract by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the amount of \$74,504.00. **Discussion and Action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the FY 2022-2023 contract by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the amount of \$74,504.00 as presented
Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez
Motion to approve the FY 2022-2023 contract by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the amount of \$74,504.00 as presented passed unanimously 5-0
For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, and Will Sipes
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes
- B. **MCSO Contract Amendment:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve Amendment 2 to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. **Discussion and Action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve Amendment 2 to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County on behalf of the Sheriff's Office as presented
Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez
It was noted that the amendment is for a one year extension
Motion to approve Amendment 2 to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Town of Gila Bend and Maricopa County on behalf of the Sheriff's Office as presented as presented passed unanimously 5-0
For: Mayor Christopher Riggs, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Council Members, Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, and Will Sipes
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes

- C. **Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Submission:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the submission of a grant application to the Tohono O'odham Nation in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for Fire Department needs for fiscal year 2022-2023. **Discussion and Action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the submission of a grant application to the Tohono O'odham Nation in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for Fire Department needs for fiscal year 2022-2023

Second by Council Member Fernando Fernandez

Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela advised that the Fire Department is in need of Wildland PPE, ladders and radios

Motion approve the submission of a grant application to the Tohono O'odham Nation in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for Fire Department needs for fiscal year 2022-2023 passed unanimously 5-0

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes

- D. **4th of July Celebration Road Closures:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to authorize the closure of St. Louis Avenue from Stout Street to Linda & Corine Way; Linda & Corine Way from just east of St. Louis to 307th Avenue on July 4, 2021 from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm. **Discussion and Action**

Council Member Will Sipes moved to authorize the closure of St. Louis Avenue from Stout Street to Linda & Corine Way; Linda & Corine Way from just east of St. Louis to 307th Avenue on July 4, 2022 from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm.

Second by Council Member Clyde Kreeger

Mayor Chris Riggs requested that advertising of this event outside of the Gila Bend community be done as not many communities will be hosting Fireworks this year.

Motion to authorize the closure of St. Louis Avenue from Stout Street to Linda & Corine Way; Linda & Corine Way from just east of St. Louis to 307th Avenue on July 4, 2022 from 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm passed unanimously 5-0

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes

- E. **Re-Location of Church/School located on Papago Street:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action regarding the re-location of the old church/school currently located at 106 W Papago. (Across from Post Office) **Discussion and possible action (BACKUP FOR THIS ITEM WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO OR AT THE MEETING)**

Council Member Will Sipes moved to table this item

Second by Council Member Clyde Kreeger

Motion to table passed unanimously 5-0

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes

VI. **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) **April Report**

*This item was taken immediately following the Consent Agenda
MCSO Lt. Neville gave the April MCSO Report noting no major incidents*

VII. **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)

Finance Director Young gave the March and April Fire Chief Report for Chief Henry noting a total of 69 calls for March and 53 calls for April

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)

No reports given

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 Katherine Valenzuela reported on the following:
CDBG application for FY 2023-2024
Memorial Day Service will be held Monday at Pioneer Cemetery
Road maintenance project in Gila Bend Estates has begun
Setting meeting with Marshal Stien of Cave Creek
FY 2022-2023 Budget preparation*

- 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 spoke about the need to budget funds for Historic Preservation and asked that \$10,000 be budgeted for the preservation of the Old Jail and \$100,000 be committed to Block 14. He also asked that an assistant Manager be hired to assist the Town Manager with grants. He spoke briefly about trains blocking the Martin Street crossing.

XI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

No future agenda items were submitted. Vice-Mayor James Turner asked that Animal Control provide a monthly activity report as stated in the contract.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Fernando Fernandez moved to adjourn

Second by Council Member Clyde Kreeger

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 6:36 pm

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

Against: 0

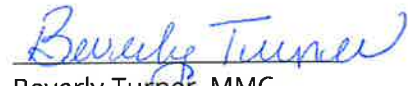
Abstain: 0

Absent: Council Members Jennifer Franks and Tommy Sikes



Chris Riggs, Mayor

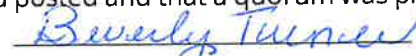
ATTEST:



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 24, 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