

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
GILA BEND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday June 27, 2023; 6:00pm
Gila Bend Unified School District Media Center
308 North Martin Avenue
MINUTES

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	Council Member Donny Young <i>arrived 6:07</i>
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 June 13, 2023 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 \$48,572.36 and approve claims in the amount of \$41461.80 all for the period of May 1, 2023 through June 14, 2023. **Discussion and possible action**

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

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

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
Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs and Scott Swanson**

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Councilmember Donny Young

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

- A. **Adopt Tentative Budget F/Y 2023-2024:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to adopt the tentative expenditure limitation budget FY2023/2024 and authorizing publication of said tentative budget. **Discussion and Action**

Councilmember Chris Riggs made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024 and schedule a workshop for the final budget for July 6th at 6:00 pm.

Second by Vice-Mayor James Turner

Discussion was held regarding the date for the final budget workshop as Mayor Tommy Sikes will be unavailable on the given date.

Councilmember Chris Riggs amended his motion to change the date to July 5th for the final budget workshop.

Discussion continued regarding the timeline for the budget adoption process.

Councilmember Donny Young suggested funds be added in the amount of \$800,000 for the

Fire Department to purchase a firetruck.

Councilmember Chris Riggs amended his original motion to include \$800,000 for Fire Department grants.

Councilmember Chris Riggs moved to add \$800,000 for the Fire Department to purchase a firetruck and adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024, and schedule a final budget workshop for July 5th at 6:00 pm

Second by Vice-Mayor James Turner

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to add \$800,000 for the Fire Department grants and adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024, and schedule a workshop for the final budget on July 5th at 6:00 pm passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- B. **Contractor Services Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Contractor Services Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Idiograf DBA Summer Wierth for Website, Social Media, Marketing and Communications services for F/Y 2023-2024. **Discussion and possible action**

Councilmember Chris Riggs moved to approve the Contractor Services Agreement with Idiograf DBA Summer Wierth as presented

Second by Vice-Mayor James Turner

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Contractor Services Agreement as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- C. **Contractor Services Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Contractor Services Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Corey Drury for providing services to the Gila Bend Municipal Airport for F/Y 2023-2024. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Contractor Services Agreement with Cory Drury for providing services to the Gila Bend Municipal Airport for F/Y 2023-2024 as presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Contractor Services Agreement with Cory Drury as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- D. **Contractor Services Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Contractor Services Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Kevin Larson for Water and Wastewater Operation Services for FY 2023-2024. **Discussion and Action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Contractor Services Agreement with Kevin Larson for water and wastewater operation services for F/Y 2023-2024 as presented
Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez
With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote
Motion to approve the Contractor Services Agreement with Kevin Larson as presented passed unanimously (7-0)
For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson and Donny Young
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
- E. **Greater Phoenix Economic Council Contract Renewal:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 contract with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC). **Discussion and possible action**
Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Greater Phoenix Economic Contract Renewal for FY 2023-2024 as presented
Second by Councilmember Donny Young
With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote
Motion to approve the Contractor Services Agreement as presented passed unanimously (7-0)
For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson and Donny Young
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
- F. **FY 23-24 Contract First Things First (FTF):** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve the FY 22-23 contract by and between the Town of Gila Bend and First Things First in the amount of \$200,000. **Discussion and possible action**
Councilmember Clyde Kreeger moved to approve the FY 23-24 Contract First Things First in the amount of \$200,000 as presented
Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez
With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote
Motion to approve the FY 23-24 Contract First Things First as presented passed unanimously (7-0)
For: Mayor Tommy Sikes, Vice-Mayor James Turner, Councilmembers Fernando Fernandez, Clyde Kreeger, Chris Riggs, Scott Swanson and Donny Young
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
- G. **Area Agency on Aging Vehicle Lease Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a vehicle lease agreement with Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the lease of two (2) vehicles in the amount of \$2.00 for fiscal year 2023-2024. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Area Agency on Aging Vehicle Lease Agreement for the lease of 3 vehicles in the amount of \$2.00 for FY 2023-2024 as presented Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger

Vice-Mayor James Turner inquired about the SUV of which Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela confirmed that the vehicle would be picked up when the agreement is approved tonight

With no further discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Area Agency on Aging Vehicle Lease Agreement as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- H. **Consultant Agreement for Professional Services:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a Consultant Agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Logan Simpson Design for the express purpose of providing development review services for development projects. **Discussion and possible action**

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Consultant Agreement for Professional Services with Logan Simpson Design for the express purpose of providing development review services for development projects as presented

Second by Councilmember Clyde Kreeger

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Consultant Agreement with Logan Simpson Design for the express purpose of providing development review services for the development projects as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- I. **Banner Occupational Health Contract:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve a contract with Banner Occupational Health to provide Occupational Health Care Services (i.e. drug screens, DOT physicals etc.)

Discussion and possible action

Councilmember Clyde Kreeger moved to approve the Banner Occupational Health Contract for drug screens and DOT physicals presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Banner Occupational Health Contract for drug screens and DOT physicals as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- J. **Security Services Agreement:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to approve an agreement by and between the Town of Gila Bend and Paloma Security Services, LLC for the express purpose of providing general security services to the Town of Gila Bend for FY 2023-2024.

Councilmember Chris Riggs made a motion to table this item until after the final budget workshop in case Council decides to suspend the contract

Second by Councilmember Donny Young

Discussion was held regarding the terms of the contract and

Vice-Mayor James Turner moved to approve the Contractor Services Agreement with Cory Drury as presented

Second by Councilmember Fernando Fernandez

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to approve the Contractor Services Agreement as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

- K. **Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Application Submission:** The Mayor and Town Council may discuss and possibly take action to ratify the submission of a grant application to the Tohono O'odham Nation to help with funding for a Town Marshal for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **Discussion and possible action**

Councilmember Chris Riggs moved to ratify the Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Application Submission to help with funding for a Town Marshal for FY 2023-2024 as presented

Second by Vice-Mayor James Turner

With no discussion Mayor Tommy Sikes called for the vote

Motion to ratify the Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Application Submission to help with funding for a Town Marshal as presented passed unanimously (7-0)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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)

May Report

Captain Hilliker gave the MCSO report for the month of May

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 Arelia Henry gave reports for the months of March, April, and May

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)

Councilmember Scott Swanson spoke about his partnership with HARTT to humanely trap stray dogs in town. Once the dogs are trapped Councilman Swanson will hold them at his property until they can get to a shelter.

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, Mayor Tommy Sikes and Councilmember Scott Swanson along with other west valley representatives met with Senator Mark Kelly regarding concerns such as affordable housing and water. The airport was also discussed and the need to improve the airport runway so that pilots have safe landing. Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela also spoke about the pond expansion and working with non-profits along with Game and Fish.

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.)

No Call to the Public

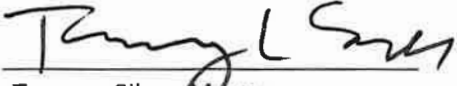
X. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

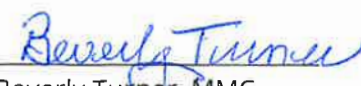
Councilmember Donny Young commented on the need for a microphone for Town Manager Katherine Valenzuela as they have a hard time hearing her in the meetings.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 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 June 27th , 2023 and that the meeting was duly called and posted and that a quorum was present.



Beverly Turner, MMC
Town Clerk

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