

MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Vice Mayor Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance, followed by Councilmember Medina leading the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Gonzales, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Castaneda, Councilmember Hanson, Councilmember Mancha II and Councilmember Medina.

EXCUSED: Mayor Dalley.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Smiley, Town Manager Heatherly, Utility Coordinator Tashiana Jerrols, Librarian Delvan Hayward, Finance Clerk Maria Lopez and Police Chief Preston.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for November 19, 2017.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami's 100th Anniversary Proclamation.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the proclamation (Item C) and table it (Item C) until the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Discussion regarding adding additional items to the proclamation and direction to staff to add the additional items to the proclamation. (the train, Bullion and the Veterans Memorial) Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – 6 in favor and 1 member excused (Mayor Dalley). MOTION PASSED.

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for November 10, 2017 to November 24, 2017.

Questions and brief discussion regarding several demands listed in the report. Discussion and comments regarding the electricity and water usage and metering at the Bullion Plaza Gym. Councilmember Castaneda moved to approve the general demands for November 10, 2017 through November 24, 2017. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – 6 in favor and 1 member excused (Mayor Dalley). MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Department Reports.

Police Chief Preston, Police Department report on current activity.

Librarian Delvan Hayward announces the Library Open House and Book Sale on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; the book sale will last all month long.

B. Town Manager Report.

Town Manager Heatherly reports Public Works Department has been doing some of the prep work for the lighting project at Bullion Plaza. On Wednesday he and Finance Clerk Maria Lopez will be going to Phoenix to meet with the auditor. Working with ADOT on our Cost Allocation Plan. Reports we are still working on the Centennial Celebration, next meeting for that will be December 30th at 5:30 at Bullion Plaza Museum.

C. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Hanson announces that the Miami and Claypool Holiday Lights contest is now underway. There will be 3 winners from each town and the contest is put on by Miami Genesis.

Councilmember Medina announces that Boomtown Spree is right on track. Reminder of Small Town Christmas and the main contact for that is Sharon Licano. Gives thanks to a new business, Matheson, which is right across from the park. They did a lot of work there and it looks great. Comments regarding the negative comments he has been hearing regarding the “Hillary” sign painted on the building on Hwy 60, questions if there is a way we can get him to cover that up.

Councilmember Hanson reports that there is going to be a mural painted over the “Hillary” sign, by Patty, a local artist.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Sharon Licano, Miami resident and Chairperson for Small Town Christmas, announces Small Town Christmas will be on Saturday, December 16th starting at 10:00 a.m. to noon.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application for Cobre Valley Youth Club for a dinner and auction fundraiser to be held Friday, December 8, 2017; from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm at Bullion Plaza Gym, 150 N. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.

Mr. Fernando Shipley, President of Cobre Valley Youth Club presents this request to Council. Councilmember Black moved to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application for Cobre Valley Youth Club for a dinner and auction fundraiser to be held Friday, December 8, 2017; from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm at Bullion Plaza Gym, 150 N. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – 6 in favor and 1 member excused (Mayor Dalley). MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information and discussion only:** Presentation of the Globe/Miami Habitat for Humanity upcoming 2018 build in Miami, “Nash Row”, along with presentation of Miami Genesis’s “Residential Beautification Project” on Nash Street.

Ms. Susan Hanson of Miami Genesis starts her presentation with the Habitat for Humanity home build on Nash Street. Ms. Hanson gives a brief overview of the project and that it will be a multi-housing project. All the materials used will be economically and energy efficient. Ms. Hanson comments on the style and look of the homes; also on the acquisition of the property. The project is set to begin in 2018. Shows some artist renderings of what the homes will look like when completed. Ms. Hanson moves on to the Miami Genesis presentation. Comments briefly on being a non-profit and some of the projects they are currently working on. Ms. Hanson gives an overview of the Bullion Plaza Lighting project. Ms. Hanson presents the Residential Beautification Project on Nash Street in Miami. Brief discussion and comments on the field lighting at Bullion Plaza. Open discussion and comments regarding the Habitat House Project and Residential Beautification Project on Nash Street. Ms. Naomi (?), the most recent Habitat House recipient, comments briefly regarding her experience in being a part of the Habitat Project and a recipient of the house. Ms. Hanson explains that a Habitat home is not a free home giveaway and how people are involved in the project of their home. Ms. Hanson gives thanks to Marianne (?) for her contribution as senior artist for the projects. Marianne comments briefly on the Habitat and Genesis projects.

- C. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve a Letter of Support for the creation of a Watershed Partnership for Cobre Valley.

Ashley Hullinger and Susanna Eden of U of A Water Resources Research Center present this item to Council. Ms. Hullinger hands out a presentation that lays out the benefits of a watershed partnership. Tonight they are requesting a letter of support for the creation and formation of a watershed partnership that would encompass all the local entities, stakeholders and state and federal institutes as well. They have talked to several local government agencies already and have received a lot of enthusiasm and support so far. Ms. Hullinger gives a brief overview of the project and grant application process. Discussion regarding what the letter of support means for

the partnership. It basically means the Town will encourage the group to exist and participate with it. Open discussion and comments regarding local watershed and water rights issues. This partnership is not part of the EPA, but can request funding through EPA. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve a Letter of Support for the creation of a Watershed Partnership for Cobre Valley. Seconded by Councilmember Hanson. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – 6 in favor and 1 member excused (Mayor Dalley). MOTION PASSED.

- D. Information, discussion and possible action:** To direct staff to provide written notice of a proposed increase in rates and fees for garbage and bulk trash collection services and to publish a Notice of Intent to increase fees pursuant to A.R.S. §499.15 that the Town intends to increase rates and fees charged for garbage and bulk trash pickup services.

Ms. Tashiana Jerrols presents this item to Council. Ms. Jerrols explains this is a proposed 12.9 percent increase due to the local landfill that we take our garbage to raising their rates. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks if the 12.9 percent increase a onetime increase that the County did or was is a gradual increase over time. It was a onetime increase, the County has not had an increase in over 10 years. Councilmember Castaneda moved to direct staff to provide written notice of a proposed increase in rates and fees for garbage and bulk trash collection services and to publish a Notice of Intent to increase fees pursuant to A.R.S. §499.15 that the Town intends to increase rates and fees charged for garbage and bulk trash pickup services. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Councilmember Black comments that he does not like how the people who pay their sewer/garbage bill righteously get stuck having to pay for those who do not pay their bills. Councilmember Black wants to know how many people we have that we need to go after to pay their bills. Ms. Jerrols states that there is substantial list, but she does not have that number with her now. Councilmember Black comments that he feels this isn't fair to those who do pay their bill. Councilmember Mancha II asks if this is a reflection of people not paying their bills or the County's rate increase. Ms. Jerrols states this is just due to the County's landfill rate increase. Open discussion and comments regarding various trash issues in town. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – 5 in favor, 1 member opposed (Councilmember Black) and 1 member excused (Mayor Dalley). MOTION PASSED.

Councilmember Mancha excuses himself at 8:14 p.m.

- E. Information, discussion and possible action:** To review past improvements realized within town staff departments and the current issues which must be identified to allow the Town to achieve major productivity and efficiency gains and financial stability. Possible action to direct staff, with Council participation, in discussing and formulating a strategic plan.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council. This started about 4 or 5 weeks ago because of several issues that have arose at the time. At the time he was trying to get an idea of where the Council wanted to go, he met with most of the Council individually and also gave them a questionnaire to fill out. He got five of them back. Town Manager Heatherly comments on some of the problems the Public Works Department is facing and the great job they have been doing with all the restraints they have due to lack of equipment. Town Manager Heatherly comments on the CDBG project to rehabilitate Merritt Ramp. Comments on the septic receiving

station and the challenges we have been dealing with that. Comments on the issue of the sewer/garbage billings being in arrears and problems with enforcement and collections of those debts. Comments regarding some of the issues that was going on with Transit and how that has been cleaned up and improved; billings for reimbursements have been greatly improved. Comments on how the Senior Center was behind on its billings and reimbursements and that is no longer the case. Comments on some of the issues in the Finance Department and that has been greatly improved. The biggest issue we have now is cash flow management. Town Manager Heatherly explains that a few weeks ago he received a call from Renee Targos; her resume is in the Council packets. She is will to help the town to write grants, expand the website and do some marketing. She has three other individuals who want to help her. One of them is photographer, and wants to come up and do a video. The video is so that we can see how the town is now, if we take this program on, we can show a before and after video. Town Manager Heatherly states that he recommends that we take Ms. Targos up on her offer to help the town. The town will need to structure the direction we can to go in and prioritize a lot of different things. Councilmember Black asks what the financial cost to the town would be for them to assist the town. Town Manager Heatherly states that he will get to that in a minute. Town Manager Heatherly comments regarding the mounting financial issues facing the town and how we need to get a handle on it and figure out how to meet those financial obligations. Town Manager Heatherly states that he would like to form a group of 4 to 5 people from staff and up to 3 from Council. We need to set goals as to where we want to be in 3 to 5 years from now, and then make short term plans in order to get there. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks Town Manager Heatherly what he is asking for tonight? Town Manager Heatherly states he would like to know what Councilmembers would want to be on it, they can think about it, he don't need the answer tonight. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks Town Manager Heatherly what type of action is he seeking from Council tonight. Town Attorney Smiley states the only action on the item listed in the agenda is to direct staff, with Council participation, in discussing and formulating a strategic plan. So if you wanted to direct staff to say bring this item back for additional action. Councilmember Black moved to direct staff to send an email to each Councilmember asking if they want to participate in this and bring it back to the next Council meeting and we will put it together. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – 5 in favor and 2 members excused (Mayor Dalley and Councilmember Mancha II). MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina thanks everyone for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Castaneda moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Hanson. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote - 5 in favor and 2 members excused (Mayor Dalley and Councilmember Mancha II). MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 27th day of November, 2017.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.
DATED this 11th day of December 2017.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Darryl Dalley, Mayor