



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Mayor Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Medina led the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Gonzales, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Bringhurst and Councilmember Medina.

ABSENT: Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Heatherly, Town Attorney Goodwin (telephonically), Engineering Tech Derhammer, Finance Director Steele, Utility Coordinator Jerrols and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular meeting, April 28 and May 5, 2020 Budget Work Session minutes.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for May 03, 2020.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for April 24, 2020 to May 7, 2020.

Open discussion and comments regarding the automotive repair costs? Discussion regarding repairs to transit vehicles being reimbursable by ADOT. Brief discussion and explanation of the cell phone bill and phone distribution. Open discussion and comments regarding the auto repair costs and how they are being coded. Mayor Gonzales would like to know why some

vehicle costs are being coded to COVID. Councilmember Black would like to know what DNA kits are being used for in some vehicles. Councilmember Bringhurst comments that when Council voted to award the vehicle contract to Big O, she made it clear that she did not to be buying tires from them because it takes away business from our local business that sells tires; she thought the Town was not going to be buying tires at Big O. Town Manager Heatherly explains that the contract was not for tires, it was for the maintenance. Brief discussion regarding the purchase of tires and the warranty factor. Councilmember Black moved to approve the general demands for April 24, 2020 to May 7, 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Heatherly reports that the hospital will be doing antibody testing this week for first responders and he has inquired about having our transit drives included in the testing. He should hear back on that sometime this week. Reports that Wood Environment and Infrastructure has started the testing on the buildings that burned in the Sullivan Street Fire. Update on when the DOC workers will be able to come back to work for us. Comments on the request to open the library back up; right now doing the best we can to keep open as much facilities as we can, we are tight on staff right now. Reports on working on new controls for purchasing and credit cards. Announces that El Rey Restaurant has opened back up today. Reports briefly on the Boomtown Spree meeting they had last week.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina states he hopes everyone had a safe and happy Mother's Day. Comments on the continued increase in traffic running through our roads. Appears to him that they are sightseeing, fishing and stopping at our local stores and takeout restaurants. Comments on COVID-19 and how the name originated.

Councilmember Bringhurst states she would like to publicly recognize former Mayor Dalley for the job he did as Mayor for the town. Comments that she heard an ad on the radio to fill the vacant Council position and it stated that interested parties get in touch with the Town Manager, who made the decision for them to get in touch with the Town Manager and not the Town Clerk.

Vice Mayor Moat comments on the amount of traffic flowing through town; lots and lots of boats; it's like Memorial Weekend every day.

Mayor Gonzales reports that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting last Tuesday. Comments briefly on the traffic flow through town. Comments that the forest service is concerned about fires with it being really dry right now; advises people to be very careful. Comments on Star Valley and Payson having issues with the influx of people which is leading to loads of garbage being left behind. Mayor Gonzales would like to give a "shout out" to Mike

O'Driscoll and Josh at the Gila County Health Department for keeping everyone informed about what is happening in our community.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve ratification of Resolution No. 1238 designating an applicant agent and an alternate point of contact for the Hazard Mitigation Program with respect to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council and explains that this is for ratification of Resolution No. 1238. This was something that had to be done quickly in order for us to get signed up with DEMA and FEMA in order to track the Coronavirus related expenses. We are now about to track those expenses and will be submitting them for reimbursement. Mayor Gonzales asks if this is a one-time thing or monthly? Town Manager Heatherly states it is for as long as the Coronavirus is out there. Councilmember Black states he would like to see a monthly report on what we are reporting and what it is used for. Councilmember Medina moved to approve ratification of Resolution No. 1238 designating an applicant agent and an alternate point of contact for the Hazard Mitigation Program with respect to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. Seconded by Councilmember Bringhurst. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales– yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve ratification of the Government Services Contract between Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Town of Miami to provide, through ADEQ Brownfields State Response Grant, funding on behalf of the Town of Miami for an asbestos and lead survey of the fire damaged buildings.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council explaining this our grant with ADEQ and it is for \$17,000.00. This is to pay for Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions to come and do the asbestos and lead based paint testing. Councilmember Black questions if any of these costs come out of the Town's coffers? Town Manager Heatherly states no, it is a grant. Town Manager Heatherly explains that the samples will be taken to a lab, they will come back with the results and then determine the estimated cost for the cleanup. At that point, if we can negotiate something with the owners, they can sell it to us or deed it to us. Then we can go out and get another grant to do the cleanup of it. Councilmember Medina moved to approve ratification of the Government Services Contract between Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Town of Miami to provide, through ADEQ Brownfields State Response Grant, funding on behalf of the Town of Miami for an asbestos and lead survey of the fire damaged buildings. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales– yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

- C. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve ratification of Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between the Town of Miami and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for professional consulting services regarding Asbestos and Lead Paint Sampling Survey Project (Sullivan Street Fire).

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council. The contract is with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions and it is for the four buildings associated with the Sullivan Street fire. The contract max amount is \$16,844.50. They have started the work today. Councilmember Medina moved to approve ratification of Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between the Town of Miami and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for professional consulting services regarding Asbestos and Lead Paint Sampling Survey Project (Sullivan Street Fire). Seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Gonzales asks if the Town Manager has the authority to sign the contract. Town Manager Heatherly states that technically he does not but if he had not signed the contract they would not have been able to start the work today. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales– yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Information, discussion and possible action:** To adopt a Notice of Intent to increase Wastewater Rates and set July 13, 2020 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed increase pursuant to A.R.S. §9.511.01 and to direct the Town Clerk to post and publish the Notice as required by law.

Tashiana Jerrols, Utility Coordinator, presents this item to Council. This proposed increase is to keep in compliance with USDA covenants. These rates are based on a rate study done by economists.com in December 2014. Miss. Jerrols reviews the current rates and the proposed rates. Mayor Gonzales comments that he would like to state his personal opinion on this and right now with the COVID-19 there are a lot of people unemployed and it is going to take a while for the citizens to recoup. Right now to raise the rates, he does not feel it is the right time to do it, it's a burden on our citizens. Councilmember Black agrees with Mayor Gonzales and thinks we can skate by a year and reevaluate in a year. Councilmember Bringhurst states that last year Council agreed to do small increases yearly and we are just doing what we said we were going to do. Vice Mayor Moat comments that he agrees with Mayor Gonzales, feels we should hold off due to the pandemic. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed rate increase. Councilmember Black moved to not move forward with raising the sewer rate at this time. Seconded by Mayor Gonzales. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales– yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – nay, Councilmember Medina – nay and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

- E. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Resolution No. 1239 adopting a tentative budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021, proposing an expenditure limitation for the same year and setting a date for a public hearing on the tentative budget and adoption of a final budget.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council and explains that we need to keep on schedule and get this approved today. Since item D was not approved he will need to go back through the budget and take somewhere between \$12 and \$13,000.00 out of raises for next year to get the budget to balance. Councilmember Black comments on the proposed 25% property tax increase; feels that is ridiculous. His concern is the residents in town who do not have the money to pay for that type of increase. Councilmember Black suggests putting a freeze on raises and would like to see the property tax increase taken off the budget. Councilmember Black states he is not entirely opposed to a tax rate increase if it is done at a rate that is doable for the residents. Councilmember Black moved to adopt the tentative budget provided that the increase in property tax at a rate of 25% be taken off. Town Attorney Goodwin states what is before Council is a resolution to adopt a tentative budget. The tentative budget sets the cap between now and when Council adopts the final budget. There are going to have to be some changes made, the tentative budget can go down, it can't go up. Council should probably approve the tentative budget and Joe is going to have to bring back a number lower than what is in the tentative budget in order to adopt the final budget. Brief discussion regarding the timeframe for adoption of the final budget and should Council have another worksession on the budget before approving the final budget. Town Manager Heatherly states we have not had a property tax increase for a very long time, so if we don't do it, it will be a big beating. Councilmember Black states that he withdraws his motion. Councilmember Black moved to approve the tentative budget and have another budget meeting on the 18th and set a date for a public hearing on June 22nd. Seconded by Councilmember Bringhurst. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

- F. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve the closure of Sullivan Street for a 4th of July Parade, from Bullion Plaza to Miami Avenue; 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Town to provide traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council explaining that he is not sure the event will actually be able to happen but would like to allow them to plan for it as if it will. We can see what happens in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Councilmember Black moved to approve the closure of Sullivan Street for a 4th of July Parade, from Bullion Plaza to Miami Avenue; 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Town to provide traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote - Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

- G. Information and discussion only:** Update report on capital projects and grant projects.

Town Manager Heatherly gives a brief update on the Kinkade lawsuit. States that we should be getting the final billings from KE&G for the Phase 2 repairs. Brief update on the Sewer Project Phase 2 repairs. Town Manager Heatherly reports on the CDBG Street Improvement Project. Comments on the ADOH Grant to identify homes for renovations and upgrades

9. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Gonzales thanks Council for their input today and at all the meetings. Comments that Council needs to be more involved and active on matters. Appreciates everyone's input today and hopes nothing gets out of hand and keep it in good conduct so we can be successful.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, and Councilmember Reiman – absent. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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 **11th** day of **May**, 2020.

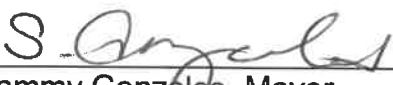
I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

DATED this **26th** day of **May** 2020.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor