



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Heatherly, Town Attorney Goodwin (telephonically), Engineering Tech Derhammer and Town Clerk Norris.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Public Hearing & Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for July 12, 2020.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation.

Mayor Gonzales reads aloud the Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation. 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, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for July 10, 2020 to July 23, 2020.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Medina moved to approve the general demands for July 10, 2020 to July 23, 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Heatherly reports on the bee situation at the Bullion Plaza Museum. Update report on the ADOH Grant; it was submitted on the 15<sup>th</sup> and now in waiting mode and should find out by the end of August or early September.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Vice Mayor Moat gives a reminder of the construction project between Top of the World and Superior; plan for delays. Reminds everyone to vote.

Councilmember Medina comments regarding being Republican and having Republican values as far as reducing taxes, but sometimes it is necessary to raise taxes when there is no other practical recourse. Comments on the Town of Miami residential median income and feels it is just a little below average. Comments on the importance of looking for additional funding sources but as those are depleting it leaves us with no other choice but to raise the property tax. Comments on a past issue regarding removing the traffic lights through the Town of Miami in order to save the Town money.

Mayor Gonzales thanks Town Manager Heatherly for finding someone that can take care of the bees at Bullion Plaza Museum without killing them, they are a great importance to our environment. Reminds everyone to complete the Census 2020 survey. Gives thanks to Councilmember Sosh for helping with the “Mask Up Miami” banner at the Vandal Park.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible adoption of Resolution No. 1245 levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami the amount of \$220,000.00, which is an increase of the Town of Miami’s Primary Property Taxes over last year’s level of \$44,000.00 or 22.13%.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this resolution to Council explaining that he understands that this is a touchy subject but does not know that there is a good time to raise taxes. The Town has been very diligent with how we operate and have not raised the property taxes in the last 6 years. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution No. 1245 levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami the amount of \$220,000.00, which is

an increase of the Town of Miami's Primary Property Taxes over last year's level of \$44,000.00 or 22.13%. Seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Town Attorney Goodwin reminds Council that this has to be a unanimous vote as well as a roll call vote. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Town Clerk Norris calls for each Councilmembers vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – nay Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – nay, Councilmember Bringham – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - nay. MOTION FAILS BECAUSE IT WAS NOT A UNANIMOUS VOTE. Councilmember Black suggests a work session to discuss this some more as he would not be opposed to approving the tax increase at a lower rate. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed property tax rate and the ability of the residents to pay an increased rate. Mayor Gonzales comments that the Town of Miami's proposed property tax rate increase would not be the only increase the residents will see on their property tax, as the County and the school will be increasing taxes as well. This will add up to a sizable increase when combined together. Mayor Gonzales suggests putting this on the next Council agenda with a proposed lower tax increase rate. Brief discussion regarding the time frame we have to get this done. Town Attorney Goodwin states we have time if we put it on the Council meeting agenda of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Consortium of Partner Procuring Electronic Resources (COPPER) Membership Agreement to purchase material, services and construction from vendors at the prices and terms contained in contract between COPPER and those vendors.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this item to Council explaining that it is a membership with a group affiliated with the State Library. It is at no cost to the Town. This gives us another avenue to buy certain things through a bigger membership group. The County is in this group as well. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Consortium of Partner Procuring Electronic Resources (COPPER) Membership Agreement to purchase material, services and construction from vendors at the prices and terms contained in contract between COPPER and those vendors. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringham – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

- C. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Resolution No. 1246 to amend the Town of Miami Town Council Rules & Procedures Section 4 Meeting Agendas and Notices, Subsection 4.1 (D)(F) & (H) Agenda Item Submittal to Council Regular Meetings and Workshops: and Subsection 4.3 Council Packets.

Mayor Gonzales presents this resolution to Council explaining that this will give Council more time to review their packets; wants Council to be well informed of the agenda items. Councilmember Medina comments that there are times when questions come up at Council meetings that could have been discussed with the Town Manager prior to the meeting. Doing this will save time at meetings. Vice Mayor Moat asks if the Council packets can be distributed electronically. Town Clerk Norris states yes they can. Councilmember Black, and Councilmember Sosh agrees, that they would like the Council packets electronically but would like to have hard copy packets as well. Town Clerk Norris states that is not a problem.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Resolution No. 1246 to amend the Town of Miami Town Council Rules & Procedures Section 4 Meeting Agendas and Notices, Subsection 4.1 (D)(F) & (H) Agenda Item Submittal to Council Regular Meetings and Workshops; and Subsection 4.3 Council Packets. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales– yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringham – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh – yea. MOTION PASSED.

**D. Information and discussion only:** Review and discussion regarding the new Town of Miami trash/garbage pickup route schedule.

Engineering Tech, Josh Derhammer presents this item to Council. Mr. Derhammer explains that staff is making this change to be more efficient with collecting the garbage/trash. Mr. Derhammer clarifies that all of Adonis Avenue is scheduled for Thursday garbage/trash pickup; the map provided was just a little bit confusing. Councilmember Sosh asks if the Town is sending out letters to the residents to inform them of this change. Yes, there was a note on their last billing statement and a letter went out by email to the Xpress Billpay customers as well. Mayor Gonzales asks if the Town is going to work with the customers until they get used to the new schedule. Mr. Derhammer states yes, he understands that there will be some hiccups but they will work with the customers until they get accustomed to the new pickup days.

**E. Information and discussion only:** Review and discussion regarding the Operating and Financial report for the month of June 2020.

Town Manager Heatherly states this report pretty much sums up the year. Town Manager Heatherly explains that some things will fall into the 13<sup>th</sup> period depending on when vendor billings have gone out. State shared revenue was over budget due to the additional HURF monies. Comments on trying to get all the final bills for the sewer project so we can have that wrapped up in about 45 days. Town Manager Heatherly states the Mike Leuker no longer works with UDSA. Town Manager Heatherly comments on the Kinkaid lawsuit and that it will be left open. Reports that the engineers are still working on the Street Project and will try to have the video on the next agenda so Council can see it. Town Manager Heatherly comments on the loss of the DOC workers and the impact that has had on the Town. Gives a brief update on the audit schedule. Update and schedule for the library curbside service. Brief discussion regarding the HURF funds staying steady through this pandemic, not seeing as much reduction in revenues as anticipated. Town Manager Heatherly states we have not seen a drop in any revenues thus far.

**F. Information and discussion only:** Update on the Coronavirus-19, including discussion regarding the financial impact on the Town.

Town Manager Heatherly updates Council on COVID cases in Gila County, excluding San Carlos as they are doing their own reporting now. Town Manager Heatherly reviews the COVID report that was put out by Gila County. Town Manager Heatherly reports that the Town did apply for the AZ Cares funding and the Town did receive the money last week.

**G. Information and discussion only:** Review and discussion regarding the Miami Wastewater Collection System Improvement project Phase 2 and Phase 3-5.

Town Manager Heatherly reports that the project is essentially complete except for a little bit of work that needs to be done at the old train station. Town Manager Heatherly states that he is hoping that there will be a little bit of project money left over so the Town can purchase a couple pieces of equipment. Town Manager Heatherly states that he would like to have the project completely finished within 45 days. The only thing that will be pending is the Kinkaid lawsuit. He is hoping to get some information on the lawsuit very soon and will report to Council what he finds out. Town Manager Heatherly states "hats off" to HilgartWilson and KE&G for the great job they did on Phase 3,4 and 5.

**H. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve ratification of Letter of Support to the City of Globe Economic Development Department's grant application for the National Park Services' River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

Town Manager Heatherly presents this request to Council explaining that he is asking for ratification on this item because the letter is already signed and sent off. City of Globe submitted a grant application to National Park Services to improve the trail systems in the area. Town Manager Heatherly explains that he wants to work with Globe on this project as much as possible. They want to fix up and/or create walking/biking trails around the communities. Mayor Gonzales comments on how the trails can be a big impact to the community. Brief discussion and comments regarding this project and the BLM and Forestry lands in our area. Councilmember Black moved to approve ratification of Letter of Support to the City of Globe Economic Development Department's grant application for the National Park Services' River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**9. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Bringhurst comments on the property next to the Bed and Breakfast. Comments that she had a friend come to town and she was showing them the town and the town needs to be cleaned up. Is there anything we can do to get Code Enforcement to work on cleaning up the town more?

Councilmember Medina comments on the road to Showlow and how wild traffic is. Reminds everyone to please be careful.

Councilmember Sosh comments on the traffic between Miami and Superior, it is due to the construction, it will be great when they are all done working on the road.

**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, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 July, 2020.

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

DATED this 10th day of August 2020.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor