



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:29 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 Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Bringhurst.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Goodwin (via Zoom), Engineering Tech Derhammer, Finance Director Steele and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the October 12, 2020 Regular meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for October 4, 2020 and October 18, 2020.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – excused, 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 October 2, 2020 to October 15, 2020.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for October 2, 2020 to October 15, 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Bringhurst – excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Clerk Norris gives a brief report on meeting with Wilson and Company regarding writing and managing grants for the Town of Miami at no cost to the Town. They write grants for infrastructure projects. After the new Councilmember is seated and the Town hires a new Town Manager, they will come to a Council meeting to give a presentation to Council. Reports that she has talked to Tom Belshe at the League and he and 2 other gentlemen have agreed to review the Town Manager applications and make some possible candidate recommendations to Council. Reports that she has reviewed the water bill for Bullion Plaza Park from May 2019 to October 2019 and May 2020 to October 2020 and have found a significant increase in the water billing, will be looking to this issue. Reports that the 2020 Census is wrapping up in a few days, self-response for the Town of Miami was at 31.8% and response rate for in field has not yet been reported. Town Clerk Norris states that she will be notified of the final population count for the Town of Miami as soon as those numbers are available and will report to Council.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina comments, with respect for Council and the people of Miami, he cannot help but be troubled by the attitude of the Council when it comes to the issue allowing marijuana to flow freely, though legally, with the Council's consent. Wonders what kind of message this will resonate within the community. Seems that some of the Council is more concerned with beating Globe to distributing this drug, for whatever reason. Comments maybe reasoning with the Council, with the help of organizations such as the Miami Kids Machine. Every action has consequence. Comments on Veterans Day coming up and the Town should start looking into how we are going celebrate it.

Mayor Gonzales reports on Friday the Senior Center delivered about 100 boxes of food to local senior citizens. This is such a great help to those who cannot drive. Great job Christine Duarte. Reports that this is Homecoming Week for Miami High School. The kids have been provided space at the Miami Police Department to build their floats; there will only be 10 kids in there at a time and masks will be mandatory. Keep an eye out for the kids. Reports on the Copper Corridor Mayors meeting. Mayor Gonzales comments on attending a local business auction, business owner Chuck Broeder, it was very well attended and they had a lot of items up for auction.

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No response.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Information and discussion only: Introduction and swearing in of newly hired Town of Miami Police Officer.

Police Chief Thompson introduces newly hire Police Officer, Gabriel Guerrero. Magistrate Baeza performs the swearing in ceremony. Council welcomes Officer Guerrero.

B. Information and discussion only: Review and discussion regarding Financial report for the month of September 2020.

Finance Director, Samantha Steele presents the Financial Report for the month of September 2020. Ms. Steele explains that she is working with Ms. Pat Walker to have a more detailed report for Council. Mayor Gonzales asks about the overtime reported. Brief discussion regarding reporting of the overtime

C. Information and discussion only: Update report and discussion regarding CDBG Project 135-20, Adonis Avenue and Rose Road.

Engineer Tech, Josh Derhammer presents this report to Council. Mr. Derhammer explains that we had an issue with ADOH and the flood zone along Adonis Avenue and Highway 60, it cut out about 50% of the project. Mr. Dale Miller of Rick Engineering did give an alternative plan that will still take care of the issues that are south of the railroad tracks, including the tracks. The Town also has the option to contribute funds for the proposed work that is in the flood zone. The possible option to proceed is to add in "most" of the sidewalk, include the double yellow center line striping and extend Rose Road improvements further west to use up the remainder of the funds. Also, the roadway edge along the new sidewalk will have double sided white reflective raised pavement markers. Mr. Derhammer reviews the estimated timeline for the project. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed area changes. Brief discussion regarding the cutoff area of the sidewalk; the sidewalk will only go down to the flood zone line and not into the flood zone. Mayor Gonzales asks about the preliminary engineering report and did they not know that area was in the flood zone. Mr. Derhammer explains that yes they did know and they had submitted it to ADOH and they had to ask HUD. HUD came back that we could not do the improvements unless we were doing a direct flood control project in that area. Mayor Gonzales asks if Council needs to take action on this item. Mr. Derhammer explains that if Council wants to contribute funds to do the proposed work in the flood zone area staff will need direction from them to do that. Open discussion regarding areas of concern in the flood zone and what additional work would be done on Rose Road. Mayor Gonzales states that he would recommend not do anything in the flood zone until we hire a Town Manager and know exactly where we are financially.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Vice Mayor Moat reminds everyone to vote; does not care who they vote for, just vote.

11. 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 – excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 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 **26th** day of **October**, 2020.

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

DATED this **9th** day of **November**, 2020.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor