



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Council observed a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Gila County District 1 Supervisor Tommie Cline Martin and Captain D.J. Lopez of the Globe Fire Department. 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 (telephonically), Councilmember Black, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Regular meeting and November 24, November 25, 2020, December 2, 2020 Special Meetings.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for November 29, 2020.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Miami School Choice Week Proclamation 2021.

Mayor Gonzales reads aloud the Miami School Choice Week Proclamation 2021. 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 Licano – 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 November 13, 2020 to December 3, 2020.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for November 13, 2020 to December 3, 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Clerk Norris announces that the Town's financial audit is on hold due to a COVID related illness. A Finance Director has been hired and will start work on December 21st. Reports briefly on Small Town Christmas; a full report will be given by the Community Services Director at the next Council meeting. Announces the CDBG Adonis Avenue/Rose Road Project bid opening will be Wednesday, December 16th at 1:30 p.m. Comments on the number of new COVID cases in the Town of Miami and that staff has some plans in place to keep staff safe if the number continue to rise.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina announces the passing of Gila County District 1 Supervisor Tommie Cline Martin. Comments on the Gila County COVID-19 Vaccine survey. Gives kudos to all those that helped set-up and participated in the Small Town Christmas event. Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Reiman comments that it was an amazing experience to watch our Community Service Director decorate the park for Christmas; did a spectacular job. Very impressive and kudos to all those who participated to pull off the Small Town Christmas event.

Mayor Gonzales reports briefly on the Small Town Christmas event. It took a lot of time, work and planning to put on the event. Comments on staff and citizens who volunteered their time to help with the event. Shows that staff has pride in this community. Mayor Gonzales comments that all Councilmembers should have received a letter in their mailbox, in October, from Mr. Ernesto Escabado. Mayor Gonzales read the letter aloud and commented that this may be something Council will want to put on a future agenda for discussion. Mayor Gonzales comments on discovering that the Town of Miami does not have a Use Tax and has had discussion with our Financial Consultant, Pat Walker, to find out if this is something the Town needs to pursue. Staff is working on a memo to send out to Council to explain the Use Tax and it will be coming before Council for discussion and possible action.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** To appoint a citizen at large to the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete the term of Robert Licano.

Town Clerk Norris states we have received 2 applications from citizens who would like to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete the term of Robert Licano. Mayor Gonzales states there is a requirement that the appointed member must be a resident of the Town of Miami and only one of the applicants is a resident of the Town. Mayor Gonzales moved to appoint Mr. Michael Twenty-Three to the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete the term of Robert Licano. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Brief discussion regarding the residency clause. It is explained that if there are no applicants that reside within the Town of Miami, Council may appoint a citizen who does not reside with the Town of Miami. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information and discussion only:** Report of the 2020 Census and presentation of Thank You certificate to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Tammy Parise, Partnership Special, U.S. Census, is present to give presentation to Council. Ms. Parise gives a brief 2020 Census National recap, a 2020 Census Regional Recap and explains what is next for the Census in 2021. Ms. Parise informs Council of the U.S. Census Bureau Data Services. Ms. Parise states that the Town of Miami population numbers should be out in the spring of 2021. Comments on some of the upcoming surveys. Ms. Parise presents Council with a certificate thanking the Town for their efforts and participation in the 2020 Census.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Discussion and consideration to approve Proclamation extending the mask mandate within the Town of Miami.

Mayor Gonzales explains that the current mandate is expired by just a couple days and would like to suggest extending the mandate due to the rise in COVID cases. Mayor Gonzales suggests extending the mandate “until further notice” and when the numbers start to come down Council can revisit the issue. Councilmember Reiman feels 3 months would be a good amount of time to extend the mandate. Councilmember Sosh agrees with “until further notice” because we have no idea when the numbers are going to start coming down. Vice Mayor Moat agrees with Mayor Gonzales and Councilmember Sosh; “until further notice”. Mayor Gonzales moved to extend the mandate “until further notice”. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Employment Agreement with Micah Gaudet for Town Manager.

Mayor Gonzales states that the employment agreement is in the Council packets for Council's review. It is pointed out that there is one typo in Section 4 – Compensation and Benefits 4.1 states "Seventy Thousand dollars" and should be "Seventy-Five Thousand dollars". Town Attorney Estes states that is a typo and will be corrected to read "Seventy-Five Thousand dollars". Mayor Gonzales moved to approve Employment Agreement with Micah Gaudet for Town Manager. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

9. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

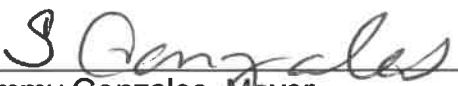
I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 14th day of December, 2020.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.
DATED this 28th day of December, 2020.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor