



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Moat, Town Manager Gaudet calls the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Councilmember Medina is assigned to chair the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Councilmember Medina led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Councilmember Black, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Moat.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Estes (via Zoom), Town Manager Gaudet, Finance Director Lopez, Engineering Tech Derhammer and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for January 10, 2021.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Councilmember Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales –excused, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, 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 January 1, 2021 to January 14, 2021.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for January 1, 2021 to January 14, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – excused, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, 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 Manager Gaudet reports that he moved aggressively due to impending weather tomorrow and has only essential workers coming to work tomorrow, anyone that can work from home, will do that. Copper Mountain Transit, the library and senior center will be closed. Wants to make sure all employees are safe. Reports that the Town received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding their opposition to a “recovery house” on Chisholm. He is looking into this and will report to Council.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Black states “it’s snowing”.

Councilmember Medina asks everyone to be careful if they have to be out in this interesting weather. Thanks Town Manager Gaudet for the outstanding job he is doing in the area of communicating his plans, actions and expectations.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Resolution No. 1250; reappointing Rebecca Baeza as Miami Town Magistrate and providing for appointment of a Magistrate Pro Tem to serve in the event of an absence by the Town Magistrate.

Town Clerk Norris presents this to Council. Town Manager Gaudet reports to Council on information he is finding out in regards to Magistrate Judge Baeza regarding case outcomes, when it comes to citations and such. He still needs to speak to Judge Baeza, but he thinks he knows what is happening; thinks the problem is on the Town’s side with not proper documentation. This is something he needs to investigate further and work with staff to correct the problem. Brief discussion regarding the resolution wording “appointment of a Magistrate

Pro Tem to serve in the event of an absence by the Town Magistrate”. Does Council need to make that appointment? Town Attorney Estes states he feels this allows for the appointment of Judge Baeza and Council to appoint a Pro Tem to be appointed by Council if she is going to be absent for some period of time. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1250, reappointing Rebecca Baeza as Town of Miami Magistrate and provide the appointment of a Magistrate Pro Tem and work on the rest of it later. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Reiman is opposed to passing just part of this resolution, we should pass what we have before and if Magistrate Baeza is going to be absent for some time Council can make the decision at that time, that is what this allows for. Motion and second are rescinded. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1250; reappointing Rebecca Baeza as Miami Town Magistrate and providing for appointment of a Magistrate Pro Tem to serve in the event of an absence by the Town Magistrate. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – excused, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: To enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the Town Attorney regarding Cabrera v. Town of Miami, et al.

Councilmember Reiman moved to recess into executive session. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Councilmember Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – excused, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED. 6:53 p.m.

Council reconvenes at 7:02 p.m. All members present – Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Moat excused.

9. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina reminds everyone to be careful while out in this weather.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 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 25th day of January, 2021.

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

DATED this 8th day of February, 2021.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor