



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF MIAMI**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 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 Licano, Councilmember Medina and Councilmember Reiman.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Sosh.

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for February 24, 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

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

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for February 12, 2021 to February 25, 2021.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for February 12, 2021 to February 25, 2021. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Gaudet announces Transit Department has been running increased ridership for the second month in a row. The Arizona Silverbelt did an article that Transit is offering free rides for those who need a ride to get a COVID immunization. The library has been running steady. Brief update on the Adonis Project. Comments briefly on the proposed stimulus and the Town is projected to get approximately \$425,000.00. For the next couple of months staff will be working on the budget.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Medina comments on Women's History Month and it is celebrated during the month of March in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The United States Air Force is celebrating Women's History Month today, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Medina states that he has always had the deepest respect for women and for all that they do and all their contributions to this great nation. Wishes all the ladies of our communities, our State and our Nation and the world, happy Women's History Month 2021.

Mayor Gonzales thanks Town Manager Gaudet and staff for getting the Council packets out in the absence of the Town Clerk, did an excellent job. Comments on Governor Ducey loosening up on the COVID executive order and that the Mask Up order and 6' social distancing, is still in effect in the Town of Miami

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Intergovernmental Agreement No. 012621 with Gila County for road maintenance for the road that lies in both the unincorporated area of Gila County and inside the Miami Town limits (Mackey's Camp).

Town Manager Gaudet presents this item to Council explaining this is the proposed IGA from Gila County. Looking at the proposed cost to the Town at 60%. The initial cost is approximately \$14,000.00 and the annual cost to the Town is estimated to be \$119.00 at 60% of the \$99.00 per hour. Mayor Gonzales states this has been a long time coming and took some meetings with the County to get this together. There is a map that shows the road and that it is part of the Town and part of the County. If any of the Councilmembers would like to

see that map they can get with the Town Manager. Discussion regarding the easements and where the County is at on getting those easements. Councilmember Reiman comments that this is a bit puzzling to him, either the road is owned by the Town/County or it is a private road. If it is owned by the Town/County then easements should not be required. If not then it is a private road and if it is a private road, do we want to start maintaining private roads. Open discussion and comments regarding if this is a private road or not. Town Attorney Estes comments on the road and easements. It is his understanding that it is a public road and not a purely private road. Discussion regarding if this is a public road or private road and who has made that determination. It is stated that the County is making that determination and taking the lead on obtaining the easements. Councilmember Reiman states he understands the easements but is asking about ownership of the road. Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement No. 012621 with Gila County for road maintenance for the road that lies in both the unincorporated area of Gila County and inside the Miami Town limits (Mackey's Camp). 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 – nay and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution No. 1253; pertaining to the submission of projects for consideration in Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety:

- 1) DUI Grant Application;
- 2) Traffic Enforcement Grant Application; and
- 3) In-vehicle computers and additional equipment

Chief Thompson presents this item to Council and explains each grant he will be applying for. Brief discussion regarding the proposed grant applications. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1253; pertaining to the submission of projects for consideration in Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety: DUI Grant Application; Traffic Enforcement Grant Application; and In-vehicle computers and additional equipment. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Resolution No. 1254 – amending the Town of Miami Council Rules and Procedures Section 4 Meeting Agendas and Notices, Subsection 4.1 (A) Agenda Item Submittal for Council Regular Meetings and Workshops.

Mayor Gonzales presents this resolution to Council explaining that he feels any Councilmember should be able to put an item on the agenda without needing to obtain a second Councilmember's signature. This resolution will allow for that change in the Council Policy Manual. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1254 – amending the Town of Miami Council Rules and Procedures Section 4 Meeting Agendas and Notices,

Subsection 4.1 (A) Agenda Item Submittal for Council Regular Meetings and Workshops. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**D. 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 Joseph Heatherly, Town of Miami, Arizona Notice of Claim.

Councilmember Medina moved 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 Joseph Heatherly, Town of Miami, Arizona Notice of Claim. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

7:11 p.m.

Council reconvenes at 8:07 p.m. All members present, Councilmember Sosh excused.

## **9. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Medina comments on the traffic out there; it is unreal. Everyone please be careful out on the highway.

Mayor Gonzales reports that on Wednesday, the boys' basketball team will be playing in the State basketball tournament against Chandler Prep at Chandler Prep. Asks that everyone support them and hoping for a State championship.

## **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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 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 **8th** day of **March**, 2021.

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

DATED this **22nd** day of **March**, 2021.



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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**



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Sammy Gonzales, Mayor