



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Estes, Town Manager Gaudet, Town Clerk Norris, Finance Director Lopez, Police Chief Thompson and Public Works Director Derhammer.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approval of Town Payroll for May 2, 2021.

Councilmember Sosh 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 Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – excused 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 April 16, 2021 to April 29, 2021.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for April 16, 2021 to April 29, 2021. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Gaudet comments that if Council has any suggestion or comments regarding the budget to get in touch with him. He is available to them all.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina comments regarding the flags being at half-staff in honor of slain Glendale police officer Christopher Farrar. Comments regarding one of Town of Miami's former Town Managers, Mr. Dan Alonzo, has passed away and his services will be this coming Friday. Compliments the Police Department for their tactful contact with the public in regards to some recent issues.

Councilmember Sosh asks if other members of Council have been receiving emails regarding barking dogs.

Vice Mayor Moat comments regarding an incident at a school board meeting in Vale, AZ in which the public took over the school board meeting.

Mayor Gonzales gives credit to Librarian Sue Pontel for a successful book/puzzle sale at Veteran's Park. Comments on the antigen testing that took place here at Townhall; gives thanks to Community Development Director Christine Duarte and Gila County.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: Approval of Ordinance No. 379 amending the Code of Miami, Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic, by amending Chapter 10.12, Parking.

Town Manager Gaudet comments briefly on the changes requested at the last Council meeting. Explains that in talking with the Town Attorney the definition of a "vehicle" does cover a trailer as well. Comments that the last sentence in Chapter 10.12.110 referencing parking meters has been stricken. Comments briefly regarding the fee structure for parking tickets and the sample of Globes parking ticket. Reviews parking codes penalty language for various towns in Arizona. Recommends adopting language similar to Globes. Mayor Gonzales comments that we are separate municipalities but one community and he concurs with the recommendation. Councilmembers Black and Medina agree with Mayor Gonzales. Discussion regarding residential parking on Sullivan Street; there are people who live and park on Sullivan Street.

Police Chief Thompson comments on how the Police Department handles vehicles parked on Sullivan Street and vehicles that appear to be abandoned. Comments on how they will track parking violations. Open discussion regarding establishing time limits for permitted construction dumpsters. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Ordinance No. 379 amending the Code of Miami, Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic, by amending Chapter 10.12, Parking, including adding verbiage to include items discussed tonight. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Appointment of Finance Director, Maria Lopez, to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board, term to expire 2023.

Town Clerk Norris presents this item to Council. Councilmember Medina moved to appoint of Finance Director, Maria Lopez, to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Board, term to expire 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Discussion and possible action to open Council meetings to public attendance in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Mayor Gonzales presents this item to Council explaining that he has received a lot of questions as to when Council meetings will be opened to the public. He feels if the Town follows the CDC guidelines and protocols that it will be safe to open the meetings to the public, if the COVID numbers go up again, Council can revisit and decide what to do at such time. Councilmember Black voices his concern regarding the “super spreader” strain of the virus, but he is not opposed to opening the meetings back up and following CDC safety guidelines. Brief discussion regarding the CDC guidelines. Mayor Gonzales states he would like to continue to stream the meetings live on Facebook. Town Attorney Estes states that if Council agrees to follow the CDC guidelines they do not have to come back to make policy adjustments as they will fall in line with the CDC guidelines. Mayor Gonzales moved to open Council meeting to public attendance in accordance with CDC guidelines. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

9. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina asks if anyone knows how Councilmember Reiman is doing.

Mayor Gonzales announces the Miami Varsity Baseball team is in the state playoffs. Their first game is tomorrow, at the Miami High School at 4:00 p.m.

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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 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 **10th** day of **May**, 2021.

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

DATED this **24th** day of **May**, 2021.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Sammy Gonzales, Mayor