



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 AT 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Mayor Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Medina gave 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 Manager Gaudet, Town Attorney Estes, Finance Director Maria Lopez, Public Works Director Joshua Derhammer and Town Clerk Norris.

4. BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible direction to staff: Discussion regarding the garbage and trash collection fees and proposed code amendments.

Town Manager Gaudet reviews the 2020/2021 refuse fees and landfill fees. Review of the annual estimate of current refuse collection expenses. Town Manager Gaudet asks for Council's direction as to how to move forward with the garbage and trash collection fees or any proposed changes to the Town Code. Council consensus is to review the budget and see where we are fiscally before giving any direction regarding this item. Councilmember Sosh comments regarding requiring residents to remove garbage cans from the street/sidewalk. Town Manager Gaudet states that issue is provided for in the Town Code. The Town Manager will get with Code Enforcement and direct them to start enforcing it. Open discussion and comments regarding the \$5.00 fee for bulk trash. Council feels this whole issue needs to be addressed and resolved. Town Manager Gaudet will bring a proposed change before Council regarding the bulk trash issue. Open discussion regarding various proposed changes to the Town Code in regards to garbage and trash. Brief discussion regarding what the Town does when someone stops paying their bill. Brief discussion regarding residents having the option to opt out of garbage service; legally they cannot opt out of the service.

B. Information, discussion and possible direction to staff: Review and discussion regarding the Town of Miami's revenues and expenditures and discussion regarding the Council's strategic goals for fiscal year 2021/2022 budget.

Town Manager Gaudet reviews the year to date actual revenues and expenditures. Review of revenues and expenditures by category/department. Year to date revenues are slightly over expenditures. Town Manager Gaudet comments briefly on the Senior Center and Transit Department reimbursements. Town Manager Gaudet comments on the repayment of the ½ cent tax and HURF funds. Town Manager Gaudet states he would like Council's input on priorities or strategic goals as we create this budget. Vice Mayor Moat states he would like to focus on roads. Councilmember Black would like roads to be a priority as well. Mayor Gonzales comments that he would like police officer salaries to be a priority explaining that we need to pay competitive wages to get quality officers. Councilmember Black agrees with Mayor Gonzales. Councilmember Sosh comments on the need for more Public Works employees, laborers. Discussion regarding contacting the prison to see if there is an estimated date of when inmates will be allowed out to work again. Town Manager Gaudet asks that if we have to do budget cuts, where would Council consider making cuts. Open discussion and comments regarding various areas in the budget that could be considered for budget cuts. Mayor Gonzales comments that it is tough to say at this point in the process, Council needs some firm numbers to work with. Brief discussion regarding decreasing staff. Mayor Gonzales suggests Council think about these things and when they get some true numbers they can get more in depth on the issue. Town Manager Gaudet comments on the importance of looking in the future as well. Brief discussion regarding Highway 60 signal lights, how much do they cost the Town; Council would like to see that dollar amount. Brief discussion regarding the Use Tax that was recently passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the work session. 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 6:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

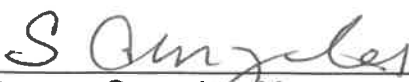
I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 10th day of May, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 24th day of May 2021.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor