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TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 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, Town Manager Gaudet, Town Clerk Norris, Finance Director Lopez and Public Works Director Derhammer.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of July 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.
B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 25, 2021.


5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for July 16, 2021 to July 29, 2021.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for July 16, 2021 to July 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 – yea and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Gaudet reports on the recent flooding and all the surrounding agencies, business owners and community members who came out to help with the cleanup. Gives a grateful thank you and comments that there is still a lot more cleanup work to do. Town Manager Gaudet states that if there is anyone out there that still needs help with cleaning up please contact him and if the Town is unable to help he can direct them to the correct agency that can. Town Manager Gaudet gives an update on the post recovery operations.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Black gives thanks to the people of Miami and all the entities that came out to help with the cleanup of his brother-in-law’s flooded home. It was very much appreciated.

Councilmember Medina comments on the memorable event that took place at the Miami Veterans Park on Thursday, August 5th. There was a lot of activities, music and food for the kids. Gives thanks to the Mayor, Town Manager and Councilmembers that were present for the event. Announces that he will not be able to attend the Arizona League of Cities and Town Conference this year, but asks that Council remember to take Town of Miami lapel pins to hand out while there.

Mayor Gonzales comments on the flash flood that happened Thursday afternoon and the cleanup that started the very next morning. Comments on all the surrounding entities that came out to donate time, manpower and equipment to help with cleanup. Comments on business owners, town staff and community members that came out to help. It was amazing to see the community come together. Gives special thanks to Town Manager Gaudet for his efforts and forward thinking during this time; preparing for things that may still come. Comments on Vandal Bash that took place last Thursday; it was a successful event. Comments on the Music in the Park this past Saturday; they had a very good turnout for that event.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Tom Foster of Bullion Plaza Museum comments that they have been doing a lot of cleaning behind the museum and the gym; cutting weeds and such. It was nice to see that the Miami Public Works Department came and helped with cleaning up and weed eating. It was very much appreciated and gives thanks to them for their efforts.

Mr. Michael 23, Miami resident, gives thanks to everyone who came out to help with the cleanup after the flooding. Suggest that the Town do some type of flooding assessment of the levy system for the wash to see where the failures were and where they can be reinforced.
Ms. Susan Hanson, Miami resident, comments on the Fiesta event parade and the theme for this year parade is “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”. Invites all the entities and volunteers who was here to help with the flood cleanup efforts to come and join the parade and be honored and thanked for helping the Town of Miami and its citizens.

Mrs. Carol Broeder, Miami resident, states that she has been told that there a quite a few citizens who still need help with cleanup efforts. They are becoming frustrated with lack of information as to where to go for help. Mrs. Broder suggests that the Town have a Town Hall style meeting to answer questions and help people find resources that can help them. Mrs. Broder states that she knows that the Town put out a public request for flood damage photos to be sent to the Town Manager and she would like to know why the Town wants photos; what is the Town going to do with them.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application for Miami Genesis L.L.C., for Miami Fiesta, by Susan Hanson, to be held Saturday, September 18, 2021; from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum, 150 N. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.

Ms. Susan Hanson of Miami Genesis presents this request to Council for possible approval. Councilmember Black moved to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application for Miami Genesis L.L.C., for Miami Fiesta, by Susan Hanson, to be held Saturday, September 18, 2021; from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum, 150 N. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ. Seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licanco – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh – excused. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application for Cobre Valley Youth Club, for Annual Corn Hole Tournament, by Jesse Leetham, to be held Saturday, August 21, 2021; from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum, 150 N. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.

Mayor Gonzales clarifies that this event will be taking place in the Bullion Plaza Gym. Mr. Brandon Powell presents this request to Council for possible approval. Councilmember Black moved to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application for Cobre Valley Youth Club, for Annual Corn Hole Tournament, by Jesse Leetham, to be held Saturday, August 21, 2021; from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bullion Plaza Gym, 150 N. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ. Seconded by Mayor Gonzales. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licanco – yea,
C. Information, discussion and possible action: Presentation regarding basement flooding at Bullion Plaza Museum and possible direction to staff to work with Bullion Plaza Museum to make necessary repairs.

Mr. Tom Foster of the Bullion Plaza Museum presents this item to Council. Mr. Foster explains that he was before Council in January 2021 giving a museum report and touched on this issue and requested that the Town of Miami help come up with and fix the problem. Mr. Foster states the museum basement still fills up with water but he has also noticed that the water pooling is causing damage to the gym floor. Mr. Foster states that they are asking the Town to pay half, approximately $600.00, to run some PVC pipe and alleviate the problem. He will even do the work. Brief discussion regarding the direction of water flow and how to redirect it. Simplicity here is likely the answer. Councilmember Reiman moved to direct staff to work with Bullion Plaza Museum to get this fixed. 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.

D. Information and discussion only: Presentation and status update of the Aquatic Center.

Ms. Evelyn Vargas of the Cobre Valley Regional Aquatic Center makes the presentation to Council. Mrs. Vargas gives an update on the progress of the Cobre Valley Regional Aquatic Center. Mrs. Vargas reviews the operating and maintenance funding projections and comments on looking for grants to help pay for this project. They are exploring the idea of a county-wide bond to help build it. Gives an overview of the phases of the project. Mrs. Vargas comments on keeping the location regional and doing what is best for the Town of Miami and City of Globe. Briefly comments on the purpose of this project and the only way a project of this magnitude will work is if we all come together.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for coming to the meeting.

Councilmember Reiman thanks Town Manager Gaudet for the department reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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 7:45 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 9th day of August, 2021.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.
DATED this 23rd day of August, 2021.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Sammy Gonzales, Mayor