



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF MIAMI**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Attorney Estes, Town Manager Gaudet, Town Clerk Norris and Finance Director Lopez.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for September 5, 2021.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2021 Proclamation.
- D.** Consideration and possible action to approve Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2021 Proclamation.

Mayor Gonzales reads both proclamations aloud. Mayor Gonzales gives direction to Town Manager Guadet to have staff install the purple lights on the bridges. Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 - yea. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for September 3, 2021 to September 16, 2021.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for September 3, 2021 to September 16, 2021. 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 - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Guadet informs Council that ADEQ has agreed to pay for the structural engineer to inspect the interior dividing wall of the buildings involved in the Sullivan Street Fire. Town Manager Guadet reviews the monthly budgetary highlights.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina gives congratulations to the Miami High School football team for winning the homecoming game. Comments on the border tour he took down near Douglass and Bisbee.

Mayor Gonzales reports briefly on the Miami Fiesta; good crowd, hats off to Miami Genesis and staff for putting this event together. Comments on an issue with the Town trolley during the Miami Fiesta Parade. Reports that the Miami High School Homecoming Parade was a big success. Gives thanks to Stephanie and Freddie Borunda for helping out with a PA system. Reports on the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of new business Stewarts Antique Nook.

Vice Mayor Moat commends Mayor Gonzales for a great job MC'ing the homecoming parade.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum, Executive Director, comments that the Miami Fiesta was a great success this year. Comments on the museum helping out with water and electricity for the event. Comments on how the museum helped out with getting the grounds ready for the Fiesta event such as trimming the trees, mowing and edging. Comments that he was coming to Council tonight to comment on the need for the grounds around the museum and gym to be cleaned up, but this morning Town of Miami Public Works was out there cleaning the whole complex area. It looks great, like we care and it really makes a difference.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### A. Information and discussion only: Presentation by the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce regarding Destination Marketing Organization (DMO).

Ms. Tianna Holder, Executive Director of the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce gives presentation regarding designating the Destination Marketing Organization. Ms. Holder explains how the DMO helps with allowing municipalities to apply to tourism grants. Ms. Holder explains how it helps to stretch the dollars. Ms. Holder explains that designating a DMO does not cost the Town any money. Ms. Holder explains that the Chamber of Commerce is just the avenue of obtaining grant monies, they do not tell the Town what to do with the money. The Chamber of Commerce will help the Town gain access to this marketing opportunity. Mayor Gonzales asks if the DMO is a yearly designation. Ms. Holder states that yes it is. Brief discussion regarding the Chamber of Commerce not having anyone from the Town of Miami on its Board. Open discussion and comments regarding Chamber fees. Ms. Holder states there are no fees and they would not charge the Town to help with marketing. Discussion regarding the Town not budgeting any funds for advertising, so this is not of any urgency. Whatever decision Council decides to make, designate a DMO or not, it will not cost the Town any money either way.

### B. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible selection of a Destination Marketing Organization (DMO).

Town Manager Guadet presents this item to Council and explains that the Town can only designate one DMO. The Town did not budget for advertising/tourism spending. Town Manager Guadet comments on benefits of designating a DMO and it does not cost the Town any money. Councilmember Medina moved to select the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce as its Destination Marketing Organization (DMO). 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 – yea and Councilmember Sosh – yea. MOTION PASSED.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Information and discussion only: Report from the Miami High School Student Council on attendance at the 2021 Annual League of Cities and Towns Conference – Youth Program.

Mayor Gonzales states that the Miami High School Student Council members were not able to attend the meeting tonight. Mayor Gonzales moved to table this item until the next meeting. 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 – yea. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Special Event Liquor License for Miami Mercantile Grand Opening Event located at 155 Miami Avenue, on October 21, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mrs. Barb Holtzen, Miami Mercantile Owner presents her request to Council. They are having their Grand Opening event on October 21<sup>st</sup> and would like to have the license to help raise money for the Y building. They are a 501C3 – non-profit organization. Councilmember Black moved to approve Special Event Liquor License for Miami Mercantile Grand Opening Event located at 155 Miami Avenue, on October 21, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 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 – yea. MOTION PASSED.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING:** To hold a Special Use Permit Public Hearing for property located at 368 E. Vista Street. Property is zoned R-1 Single Residential Family Dwelling Unit. Special Use Permit is to park and live in an RV travel trailer on the property until such time they can build a home on such property:

- 1) Open Public Hearing ~ Mayor Gonzales. 7:41 p.m.
- 2) Open discussion and public comments regarding the proposed Special Use Permit.

Mayor Gonzales ask if there are any public comments on the Special Use Permit. There is no response.

- 3) Close Public Hearing ~ Mayor Gonzales. 7:42 p.m.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Discussion and possible action to approve Special Use Permit for property located at 368 E. Vista Street. Property is zoned R-1 Single Residential Family Dwelling Unit. Special Use Permit is to park and live in an RV travel trailer on the property until such time they can build a home on such property.

Town Manager Guadet presents this item to Council explaining that Council may specify a time limit for the Special Use Permit. Mr. Aaron Jordan, property owner, is present and explains what he would like to do to the property. He is planning on building a shipping container home there. Councilmember Black asks Mr. Jordan how long he plans to live in the camper trailer before the home is built. Mr. Jordan states no longer than a year. Councilmember Black moved to approve permit for 1 year and Council can reassess if need be, after that time. 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 – yea. MOTION PASSED.

**E. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 092419 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Fuel Purchases.

Town Manager Guadet presents Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 092419 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Fuel Purchases for approval.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 092419 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Fuel Purchases. 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 - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**F. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve purchase of Ford F250 truck for the Public Works Department using USDA funds.

Town Manager Guadet presents this item to Council explaining this vehicle will be used for sewer operations. The USDA funds from the lawsuit settlement are restricted to capital projects for the sewer project, they have to fit within the original scope of work for which USDA loaned the funds. USDA approved the purchase of a F250 truck and it retails for approximately \$56,000 to \$65,000. The Town Code authorizes the purchasing agent to use a State Purchasing Co-Op. Staff obtained 3 bids to gauge the price market, and the lowest bidder also happened to be the only bidder that is on the State Purchasing Co-Op. It is noted that McSpadden Ford did not have any inventory. Mayor Gonzales asks if there is any specific reason we chose to go with a diesel engine instead of a gas engine. It was stated for towing capacity. Open discussion and comments regarding towing capacity and needs and gas vs. diesel engines. Brief discussion regarding maintenance on diesel engines. Councilmember Sosh states that he would like to see a cost comparison showing the difference between gas and diesel engines. Discussion regarding planned modifications for the bed of the truck. It is stated that there will be no modifications to the bed of the truck but they plan to have a standard bed with pipe racks. Mayor Gonzales asks how much money staff is asking to be approved for the purchase. Town Manager Guadet states that USDA approved the purchase up to \$65,000 and staff is requesting to purchase through the State Purchasing Co-Op instead of bidding it out. Staff will seek the lowest bidder through the Co-Op. Brief discussion regarding if this vehicle can be used for everyday use since it is to be used for sewer operations. Town Manager Guadet states that he will inquire about the use specifications. Councilmember Black moved to approve the purchase of a F250 truck for the Public Works Department using USDA funding, he would like to see more comparison of diesel vs. gas engines. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Town Attorney Estes points out that a diesel engine has a longer powertrain warranty than a gas engine truck. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – nay, Vice Mayor Moat – nay, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – yea, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - nay. MOTION PASSED.

**Mayor Gonzales states that without objection he would like to move Item H before Item G.**

**G. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Bullion Plaza Gym Rental Agreement.

Town Manager Gaudet states he is looking for approval of the Bullion Plaza Gym Rental agreement with noted changes just approved. Councilmember Black moved to approve the Bullion Plaza Gym Rental Agreement with the noted changes. 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 – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**H. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Bullion Plaza Gym Management Agreement between Town of Miami and Miami Genesis.

Town Manager Guadet reviews the amended edits by Council in the prior work session. Miami Genesis to provide cleaning supplies, 2 year automatic renewal, annual inventory, 4 hour increments, getting rid of the occupancy, dance floor rental fee of \$200 and increasing the rental fee by \$100 for each category. Councilmember Black moved to approve the Bullion Plaza Gym Management Agreement between Town of Miami and Miami Genesis with the noted changes. 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 - yea. MOTION PASSED.

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

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending to the meeting.

Mayor Gonzales comments on the work session today, had some good discussion regarding items G and H. He appreciates everyone's input on that.

#### **11. 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 - yea. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.  
DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

  
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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Sammy Gonzales, Mayor