



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF MIAMI**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Licano.

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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for October 03, 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 –excused, 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 October 1, 2021 to October 14, 2021.

Open discussion and comments regarding various demands paid. Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for October 1, 2021 to October 14, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano –excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Gaudet announces the Town of Miami Trunk or Treat event coming up this weekend. Town Manager Guadet reviews the monthly budget highlights. Comments on the updated Census 2020 count for the Town; Miami had a decline in population.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Medina states there were two half-staff orders this month for fallen Arizona police officers.

Mayor Gonzales reports on the Highway 60 closure and the extension of that closure. Comments on Globe-Miami Week. Reports on the Gila County Health Department most recent COVID numbers.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Bunny Kessler, Miami resident, comments on the condition of the stairs around town and asks if the Town will clean them up and trim up the brush so that they are safe.

Mr. Don Rigdon, Miami resident, comments on Town of Superior's Apache Leap and Town of Miami's Fiesta. Gives thanks to Miami Genesis, Tom Foster and Town of Miami for the Miami Fiesta, Miami smoked Superior.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation by LEi Industries regarding the proposed plans for the old Safeway building.

Mr. Elvin Fant of LEi Industries gives presentation to Council regarding the proposed plans for the old Safeway building. Mr. Fant comments briefly on the history of his company and highlights of their company in the Town of Miami. Mr. Fant reviews the projected plans for use of the old Safeway building, both the inside space and outside space. Mr. Fant comments on the machine shop part of the company and shows slides of some of the work that the machine

shop has performed. Councilmember Black asks if they have Dutch Bros., Chick-fil-A and the Fish Grill locked in with the project. Mr. Fant states no, they are currently in negotiations for those businesses. Mayor Gonzales asks if the manufacturing portion of the business will remain with the Town limits; their current business location. Mr. Fant states yes but the gun manufacturing will be in the new location. Brief discussion regarding how many people the company will be employing. Mr. Fant states the plan is to employ 23 people. Discussion regarding the layout of the parking lot area of the property.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Veterans Day Ceremony and possible parade to be held Thursday, November 11, 2021, with the Town providing traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this item to Council explaining if they can get a parade together the route will be from Miami Avenue to Bullion Plaza. The Veterans Day celebration will be held at the Veterans Park. Councilmember Medina comments on the plans for the Veterans Day ceremony. Former Mayor Darryl Dalley has agreed to be the Guest Speaker. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. Councilmember Black moved to approve Veterans Day Ceremony and possible parade to be held Thursday, November 11, 2021, with the Town providing traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department. Seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh – yea. MOTION PASSED.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Event to be held on the second Saturday of each month, with the Town providing traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department.

Town Manager Guadet presents this item to Council explaining the some of the local business came up the idea for this event. They would like to call the event The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Event and it will be held the second Saturday of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Phil Stuart, local business owner, comments on the vision of this event. They would like to start off with having the event in November and December and if it is a success they would like to continue the event. They would like to feature family friendly live music, food trucks and street vendors. They would like for the public to come and enjoy some music, food and local shopping and to just enjoy each other. Brief discussion regarding having a street dance. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed event. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Event to be held on the second Saturday of each month, with the Town providing traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 101221 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Law Enforcement Dispatch Services.

Town Manager Guadet presents this item to Council. Town Manager Guadet explains that staff began looking at ways to reduce expenditures, especially as ARPA/CARES Act funds are running out, and with the impacts of the new state tax laws on state shared revenues. The proposal is driven by a 5 year outlook at the Town's budget, operational efficiency and police officer safety. Town Manager Guadet discusses safety and security concerns, concerns regarding infrastructure and equipment, as well as recruitment, retention and training of personnel. If approved, the proposed IGA will eliminate 3 dispatcher positions and be effective January 1, 2022. Brief discussion regarding having someone at the Police Department during normal business hours. Discussion regarding what the Town plans to do with monies saved if approved. Councilmember Medina comments that he is opposed to this and comments his concerns as to why he is opposed to it. Councilmember Reiman voices his concerns with this proposal and if we were to do away with dispatchers it would be very hard to bring it back if we had to; he is opposed to it. Vice Mayor Moat states he feels this would leave a hole in the Police Department and he will not vote in favor of it. Discussion and comments regarding this being a small town and the need to keep the small town personality. Councilmember Black moved to deny Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 101221 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Law Enforcement Dispatch Services. Seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales comments on the budgetary savings and how the Town has been making the budget recently due to the COVID money given to the town. He feels the Town Manager is looking at the future and how we will meet budgetary needs in the future. Mayor Gonzales comments regarding conversations with the Mayor of Globe and how they have adjusted to the same transition. They had a few hiccups in the beginning but it is working well now, no issues. Mayor Gonzales comments regarding people not liking change but Council is responsible for what is best for the Town. Various public comments in opposition to the IGA. Brief discussion regarding the IGA rate and how they came up with the dollar amount; it's basically per "calls for service". Brief discussion regarding the term of the IGA; 2 years to begin with. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – nay, Vice Mayor Moat – yea, Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - nay. MOTION PASSED.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending to the meeting.

Mayor Gonzales announces the Globe-Miami football game this Friday at Ragus Stadium at 7:00 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – yea, Vice Mayor Moat – yea,

Councilmember Black – yea, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – yea, Councilmember Reiman – yea and Councilmember Sosh - yea. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.


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

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Sammy Gonzales, Mayor