



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF MIAMI**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 Sosh.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Reiman

**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 November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for October 31, 2021.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

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

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for October 29, 2021 to November 11, 2021.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for October 29, 2021 to November 11, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

## **6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

### **A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Gaudet states he reported at the last meeting that a police vehicle had been damaged and it was not covered by the Town's insurance because of a misunderstanding that the vehicle was damaged by hitting another Town of Miami vehicle. That was not the case and the vehicle repair will be covered by our insurance. Announces that the Town will be having a staff lunch on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Miami Senior Center and then early work release. Brief review of department highlights. Announces the Town Auditors will be here November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Town Manager Guadet would like to have a Council Work Session on December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. before the regular meeting. Brief review of the monthly budget highlights.

### **B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Medina reports briefly on the Veterans Day event and reports that it was a great success. Reports on the monthly flag half-staff orders. Comments briefly on participating in an open mic session on KIKO Radio regarding his concerns of the proposed issue of the Town of Miami Police dispatching services.

Councilmember Sosh gives a brief update on the proposed aquatic center. The Committee has put the project on hold to try and work with City of Globe to build it at their community center. If they don't come up with an agreement, they will proceed with their plans of the aquatic center as initially proposed.

Councilmember Black gives thanks to Tom Foster from Bullion Plaza Museum or Sue Pontel from the Miami Library for the "Mining Miami's History" DVD.

Mayor Gonzales apologizes for missing the Veteran's Day Ceremony, he was having eye surgery that day. Gives thanks to Councilmember Medina for putting the event together. Reports briefly on the most recent COVID numbers for our area. Reports on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday event, thought it was a success. Thanks Phil Stewart, local business owners and vendors for getting the event going.

Vice Mayor Moat recognizes Globe Police Chief Dale Walters is present.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum, Executive Director clarifies that Town of Miami Librarian, Sue Pontel, provided copies of the "Mining Miami's History" DVD to Council. Bullion Plaza Museum and the Miami Memorial Library has copies free to the public. The DVD's were part of a partnership grant between the library and museum.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. 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 of Miami Police Chief, Keith Thompson, introduces City of Globe Police Chief Walters, Gila County Chief Deputy Mike Johnson and Gila County Lead Dispatcher/Dispatch Supervisor Yvette Baxley. Chief Thompson gives a brief history of the Town of Miami dispatching services. Chief Thompson comments that the Town of Miami's dispatching equipment is very outdated and explains some of his concerns with working with the outdated equipment/technology. There are officer safety and public safety concerns. Chief Thompson comments on the new database they are working with and how they are able to see all calls that come through Gila County and with this they are now able to easier assist each others departments. Comments on having one communication center and how it will help the community as a whole. Discussion of the importance of time and how time can be vital in critical situations. Comments on Homeland Security Grants and that Town of Miami alone, does not qualify for those grants. Explains safety concerns when the Town loses power. Gila County has an automatic generator that comes on automatically when there is a power loss and can continue services without interruption. Globe Police Chief Walters gives a brief history of his law enforcement career and explains that he is very familiar with Gila County dispatching system. Chief Walters explains that there were a few hiccups when City of Globe transitioned to Gila County dispatching services, those have since been worked out. Chief Walters comments on the importance of the local agencies being able to communicate and work together for the community, especially during critical situations. Brief discussion regarding the importance of updated technology to keep the communications operating safely. Yvette Baxley, Lead Dispatcher for Gila County, gives a brief overview of their dispatching training and service areas they cover. Chief Walters states there will be some challenges but they can be worked through. He feels the change will work out very well for the Town of Miami Police Department. Comments on the need for smaller, rural communities to work together and share resources. Open discussion regarding the Town of Miami dispatchers having the opportunity to apply for dispatching jobs with Gila County as they have 7 openings. Councilmember Black moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 101221 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Law Enforcement Dispatch Services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Licano asks how much would it cost to bring the Town of Miami dispatching system up to speed. Chief Thompson states hundreds of thousands, even up to a million dollars. Councilmember Medina comments that he did research on this and talked to other municipalities that have done this and regret doing it, he is not in favor of approving this IGA. Vice Mayor Moat states he feels

this is an opportunity the Town cannot pass up, he is trying to do what is best for the community. Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident comments his disapproval of making this change. Mrs. Carol Broeder comments on her disapproval of making this change. Town Manager Guadet presents Council with a one month stats sheet showing the average daily dispatch walk ins, non-emergency calls and emergency calls. Brief discussion regarding the County dispatch services being able to handle the additional calls. Ms. Baxley states that they currently handle all Miami's 9-1-1 calls and a portion of Miami's non-emergency calls, they would have no problem with it. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – nay, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve amendment to the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Event, to be held on the second Saturday in December, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to approve amendment to the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday event, to be held on the second Saturday in December, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible action to approve Miami Renaissance Grant application for Wild Horses Saloon, Nicole Royer and Andrew Doell (owners), 416 W. Sullivan Street.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this item to Council and states that Nicole Royer and Andrew Doell are present to answer any questions. Town Manager Guadet states this grant will be used to offset the cost of painting the exterior of their building and new windows; staff recommends approval of this grant. Mr. Doell comments on the work he has done to the building so far and his plans for upgrading the building and to make it safe and visually appealing. Brief discussion regarding where he will be purchasing the materials for the work, will it be local. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Miami Renaissance Grant application for Wild Horses Saloon, Nicole Royer and Andrew Doell (owners), 416 W. Sullivan Street. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Medina states he is disappointed with those who were not present but thanks those who stuck it out. Wishes everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Gonzales reminds Council of the staff lunch at the Senior Center on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman –excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

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

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
Sammy Gonzales, Mayor