



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 AT 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 5:06 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 Licano, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Black.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Gaudet, Town Attorney Estes, and Town Clerk Norris.

4. BUSINESS:

- A. **Information and discussion only:** Presentation from Veregy regarding Town of Miami Feasibility Study.

Mr. Edward Farrell, Veregy, introduces himself and begins the presentation by reviewing Veregy's accomplishments for this project thus far. First contact was made in April 2021. Memorandum of Understanding Authorization was made in May of 2021. Authorization for review of APS bills was done in May 2021. In June of 2021 they began the site surveys. Scope of alignment meetings were held in October 2021. Draft Feasibility Report was given to the Town in October 2021.

Mr. Justin Rundell, Veregy Engineer, reviews the benchmarking of the Town of Miami buildings. Review of electric consumption and costs. Review of the electric use heat map of the Miami lift station and wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Rundell reviews existing conditions of the Town of Miami owned buildings HVAC systems. Review of the existing conditions of the thermostats in the Town buildings. Review of the existing conditions of the Town's buildings lighting and street lighting. Review of the existing conditions of the wastewater treatment plant blowers and aeration system. Review of the existing conditions of the wastewater treatment plant anoxic mixer and manual rake screen. Reviews the determined list of ECM (energy conservation measure) for the Town buildings and wastewater treatment plant. Discussion regarding potential energy savings programs.

Discussion regarding funding sources. Discussion regarding the conceptual cost range for the energy savings program.

Mr. Dick Williams, Veregy, reviews potential grants and funding sources, as well as, possible financing for the proposed project. Review of the self-funding model. Review of the cash flow for upgrades with a 20 year project loan. Discussion regarding the projects benefits such as proactive asset management, upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, environmental and fiscal responsibility, better maintenance for the Town's infrastructure and promotion of the Town's economic development. Review of the next steps if the proposed project is to move forward. Open discussion regarding getting approval from the mine to use their land for solar panels. Discussion and comments regarding the proposed cost savings for the wastewater treatment plant and as presented, how Veregy came up with the cost saving dollar amounts. Brief discussion regarding the solar portion of the program and maintenance of the solar panel system.

Brief discussion regarding Veregy and that they are a young company. Discussion regarding various funding sources for the project and total anticipated debt; 2.6 million dollars. Discussion and comments regarding the Town's ability to obtain a WIFA loan for the project as the Town's assets are currently being used as collateral for the wastewater project loan. Council questions Veregy regarding municipal clients, what municipalities have they worked with and do they have any references. Discussion regarding the "guarantee" of cost savings, Council would like to have that reviewed by the Town attorney.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 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 **13th** day of **December**, 2021.

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

DATED this **10th** day of **January** 2022.


Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Sammy Gonzales, Mayor