



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 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 gave 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 Derhammer and Finance Director Lopez.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for January 23, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye 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 January 14, 2022 to February 3, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for January 14, 2022 to February 3, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Review of monthly budget highlights; revenues and expenditures. Town Manager Guadet comments briefly on a house fire in the Town of Miami. Reports that the Town received a check from the IRS in the amount of \$347,000.00. We are not sure what the check is for and staff has been trying to get with the IRS to find out what the check is for and will report back to Council. The auditors are finishing up the audit report and then will be here to present that report to Council.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina gives half-staff flag report. Comments on calling the non-emergency number to report an unsafe guardrail issue and was not able to get through then he called 9-1-1 and got through to make the report. Councilmember Medina feels more work is needed in reporting concerns and non-emergency situations to the appropriate departments. Reports picking grapefruit and oranges on January 30th, went well with the welcomed help of Councilmember Sosh; the fruit was distributed amongst a couple of organizations and neighbors. Comments regarding possibly adding to the agenda an events update item for discussion of issues and concerns. Reports briefly on his lunch meeting with Town Manager Gaudet.

Councilmember Reiman comments on a recent fire in his neighborhood and how well the fire department did containing the fire and kept it from spreading to neighboring homes. The fire department was able to get to the fire scene despite people continuing to park on corners and not parking properly so that emergency vehicles can get through; the Town needs to start doing something about the parking issues.

Councilmember Sosh comments on taking Mr. Stewart for a ride around town on Saturday and finding areas that they couldn't get through due to people parking in the road and blocking it from through traffic.

Mayor Gonzales reports the pots on Highway 60, painted by former Councilmember Bringhurst have made it to the finals for the Arts in Public Places. The winner will be announced on Saturday, March 19th at the Environmental Excellence Awards Gala. Mayor Gonzales gives “kudos” to Mrs. Bringhurst for her work on this project. Mayor Gonzales apologizes for not attending the 2nd Saturday event, he was out of town. Gives thanks to Mr. Phil Stewart and the local merchants for organizing and putting this event together.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments on the Town of Miami Police Department patrolling traffic on Highway 60 through the Town. Mr. Webb gives a dangerous account he had while walking across the highway. Over the last month he has seen zero Town of Miami police activity on Highway 60. Mr. Webb feels we need more patrols on Highway 60 to keep traffic from speeding and running traffic lights through town.

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami business owner, states on behalf of the local merchants he would like to thank the Council for supporting the 2nd Saturday event. Reports briefly on the event; appreciates the Town’s help with this event.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible action to revoke Renaissance Grant awarded to Andrew Doell and Nicole Royer, Wild Horses Saloon; awarded November 22, 2021.

Town Manager Guadet explains since this grant was awarded on November 22, 2021 Mr. Doell and Mrs. Royer have closed their business and moved out of town. The grant monies are reimbursed monies so the funds were not yet given to them. Would like to make the funds available to another business; he is working with another applicant at this time. Councilmember Medina moved to revoke Renaissance Grant awarded to Andrew Doell and Nicole Royer, Wild Horses Saloon; awarded November 22, 2021. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: Approval of Ordinance No. 387, amending the Code of Miami, Title 8 Health and Safety, by amending Chapter 8.16 Prohibition and Declaration of Public Nuisances – Section 8.16.150 Noise; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for penalties.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this Ordinance to Council, explaining this is at the request of Councilmember Sosh. ADOT can put signs on Highway 60 if the Town has a noise ordinance

in place. Councilmember Sosh states that he brought this item before Council due to the diesel trucks “jake” breaking all hours as they travel through town. Councilmember Black states that he agrees with Councilmember Sosh, the “jake” breaking at all hours is disturbing and annoying. Brief discussion regarding the Police Department needing to enforce this ordinance. Open discussion and comments regarding motorcycles and decibels allowable for them. Town Attorney Estes comments on the law as it pertains to the difference in decibels for vehicles and motorcycles and how it is regulated by federal statutes. The Town cannot impose a regulation stricter than federal law. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Ordinance No. 387, amending the Code of Miami, Title 8 Health and Safety, by amending Chapter 8.16 Prohibition and Declaration of Public Nuisances – Section 8.16.150 Noise; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for penalties. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information and discussion only: Review and discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget priorities.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this item to Council. Town Manager Guadet explains that staff is beginning the budget process and would like information from Council as to what they would like prioritized for FY 22/23 budget. This is not something he needs tonight but wanted to give Council time to think about it and be ready as we move forward in the budget process.

D. Information and discussion only: Review and discussion regarding proposed Town of Miami Financial Policies and Procedures.

Town Manager Guadet states in discussion with our auditors they advise the Town to have specific policies and procedures in place for the Finance Department. The Town currently has some procedural guidelines in place but nothing as an official policy. Has provided Council with a draft Town of Miami Financial Policy and Procedures document. Town Manager Guadet would like Council to review it and provide their feedback. This document was drafted from the Town Springerville and was recommended as a starting point by the auditors. Brief discussion regarding the Town’s current procedures and policies. Councilmember Reiman states he would like to see what the Town currently has in place. Councilmember Reiman states he would like for there to be a Council work session on this item. Council is in agreement.

E. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible action to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (a)(3)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body’s position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation regarding Romero v. Town of Miami.

Councilmember Black moved to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (a)(3)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body in order to consider its position and

instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation regarding Romero v. Town of Miami. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. 7:45 p.m.

Councilmember reconvenes at 7:55 p.m. All members present; Councilmember Licano excused.

Councilmember Medina moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for being present at the meeting.

Mayor Gonzales announces the Miami High School girls and boys basketball teams will be in the State playoffs. The Miami varsity wrestlers qualified 8 wrestlers for 8 different weight classes for competition as well.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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 14th day of February, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present. DATED this 28th day of February, 2022.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Sammy Gonzales, Mayor