



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:34 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 February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for February 20, 2022.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Women's History Month Proclamation.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1268, designating Town Manager as Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY 2020 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1269, designating Town Manager as Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY 2021 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.
- F. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1270, designating Town Manager as Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting FY 2022 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.

Mayor Gonzales reads the Women's History Month Proclamation aloud. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for February 18, 2022 to March 3, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for February 18, 2022 to March 3, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. 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.

Town Manager Gaudet reports the Town was approved for a \$5,000.00 grant from APS to begin a general plan to be facilitated by Arizona State University. Staff is currently working on a FTA grant for road reconstruction/repairs. The grant is a 100% Federal match, if awarded to the Town, the goal will be to complete a large project. Currently working with USDA-RD to secure funding for roofing at the Transit, Police Department and Senior buildings. Reports on the delivery of the 2 new transit buses. Brief review of the Police Department monthly activities report. Comments on the increased use of the Senior Center services and Gila Health Literacy Grant classes. Library is adding classes and activities to attract more patrons. Brief reminder of the Resolution Mine tour tomorrow. Reports the new speakers have been installed in the Council Chambers and the new microphones are on the way. Fiscal Year 19/20 audit report update.

Council takes a quick break so Council and the public can go outside and take a look at the new transit buses.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Sosh states that he has been in contact with the County regarding the noise regulation signs. If the County gets the signs for us, ADOT will install them.

Councilmember Medina gives half-staff flag report. Reports that the replacement flags came in but they were not complete. He called the company and they are sending new flags. Councilmember Medina gives thanks to whoever adjusted the light on the flagpole at Bullion

Plaza. Comments that this past 2nd Saturday event was successful. Review of upcoming events.

Mayor Gonzales thanks Vice Mayor Moat for filling in for him while he was out; he did a great job. Gives thanks to Transit Coordinator, Katie Dwoznik and the Transit Department for the great job they are doing. Ms. Dwoznik did a great job getting the new buses for the Transit Department. Gives thanks to Mr. Phil Stewart in regards to the 2nd Saturday event; he is doing a great job with that.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments regarding the condition of the streets in town. There are a few that have a good surface on them and the Town needs to start taking better care of them. Comments on contractors cutting the streets and not putting them back in good condition after the work is done. The Town needs to start enforcing that regulation.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of Ordinance No. 388 amending the Code of Miami, Title 3 Revenue and Finance Chapter 3.08 Payment for Town Services, by repealing Section 3.08.010 Property Owners Responsible for Accounts.

Town Manager Guadet presents this ordinance to Council explaining that it conflicts with state statute and he would like to update the Town Code so that we are not conflicting with state laws. The statute states the person who has contracted with the Town to receive the service is responsible for the payment. Brief discussion regarding what procedures the Town has in place to collect money owed when renters leave or move without paying their sewer/garbage bill. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Ordinance No. 388 amending the Code of Miami, Title 3 Revenue and Finance Chapter 3.08 Payment for Town Services, by repealing Section 3.08.010 Property Owners Responsible for Accounts. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. 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.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Status update on 417 and 415 Sullivan Street buildings and possible approval of updated bid(s) for remediation of the buildings and directing staff to continue with the ADEQ Brownfields Grant application for the remediation of the buildings.

Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer, presents this report to Council. Mr. Derhammer states that the structural engineering assessment/scope of work has been sent to the contractors so they can submit bids for the project. The deadline for the bid submission is next week. There will be some bidders coming this week to look at the site. Staff is expecting to be able to bring bids to Council for consideration at the March 28th Council meeting. Discussion regarding the length of time this is taking to get done. Mayor Gonzales questions staffs claim of difficulty getting in contact with the contractors, he called and talked to them today and had no difficulty getting in contact with them. Mayor Gonzales expresses that he would like staff to stay on top of this and keep this moving forward. Brief discussion regarding the bid process and bid timeline.

C. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding implementing a rate adjustment, as proposed, to Town Code Section 13.04.134 Disconnection and Reconnection Fees.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this item to Council. Town Manager Gaudet explains that he is bringing this item before Council for discussion prior to beginning and incurring costs of the process for the proposed rate increase. Town Manager Gaudet reviews the proposed rate increases and explains how he came up with the proposed costs. Equipment rates came from using the FEMA 2021 Schedule of Equipment rates for each item. This will help the Town better recover the true cost of disconnects/reconnects. Open discussion regarding the number or percentage of town residents who do not have a shut off valve. Town Manager Gaudet explains the customer will only be charged the rate per actual equipment used. Discussion and comments regarding the proposed rates. Discussion regarding the reconnect fees. Town Manager Gaudet explains that he is not proposing any changes to the reconnect fees, those fees have been in place since 2015. Discussion regarding connection and reconnection fees.

D. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding adjusting late fees assessed on delinquent utility bills in Town Code Section 13.04.130 (C) Billing; Disputed Charges. Changing late fee charged from "1.5% per month of the unpaid balance" to "\$25.00 per month".

Town Manager Gaudet explains that he is proposing that the Town change the late fee charged from the 1.5% charged to a flat rate of \$25.00 per month late fee. This change will only impact those who pay their bill late. Council is in agreement with the proposed change.

E. Information and discussion only: Report regarding impacts from July 2021 flood, including State reimbursement process and on-going related projects.

Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer, presents this report to Council. Mr. Derhammer reviews the different reporting Categories A, B, C, D, E and F. Discusses current expenses and filing deadlines. Comments regarding labor and equipment hours that are logged for reporting purposes. Mayor Gonzales asks about the wash cleanup project. Town Manager Gaudet explains that is a County project and separate from our projects. Town Manager Gaudet gives

a brief update on what is happening with the damaged wall on Latham; working to negotiate a bid that allows us to hire without going to a sealed bid process.

F. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible action to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7) for discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the Town in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property located at Parcel 206-18-023 B (706 W. Sullivan Street) and Parcel 206-18-023 A (adjacent to 706 W. Sullivan Street).

Councilmember Black moved to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7) for discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the Town in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property located at Parcel 206-18-023 B (706 W. Sullivan Street) and Parcel 206-18-023 A (adjacent to 706 W. Sullivan Street). 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. 8:09 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to return to regular session from executive session. 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. 8:41 p.m.

G. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible direction to staff to prepare materials for the sale or lease of Parcel 206-18-023 B (706 W. Sullivan Street) and Parcel 206-18-023 A (adjacent to 706 W. Sullivan Street).

Mayor Gonzales states that with no objection from Council he would like to remove item G to give staff some time to work on this item. No objection from Council.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

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

Councilmember Reiman comments that Mr. and Mrs. Broeder have organized a Business Owners/Merchant Coalition to help with local communications with the Town and each other and better the organization of local events.

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 8:45 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 March, 2022.

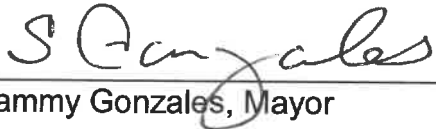
I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2022.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor