



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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 (arriving at 6:40 p.m.), Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman (arriving at 6:40 p.m.) and Councilmember Sosh.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of May 23, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for May 29, 2022.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Miami Genesis to manage the Miami Fiesta 2022 at the Bullion Plaza Park on September 17, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Miami Genesis, for Miami Fiesta, to be held September 17, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. to be located Bullion Plaza Park 150 N. Plaza Circle.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Barb Holtzen, Miami Mercantile & More, Inc. for 2nd Saturday events to be held on the following dates: Saturday, July 9, 2022, Saturday, August 13, 2022, Saturday, September 10, 2022, Saturday, October 8, 2022, Saturday, November 12, 2022 and Saturday, December 10, 2022; from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to be located at Miami Mercantile, 155 N. Miami Avenue, Miami, AZ.
- F. Consideration and possible action to approve Economic Development Grant Agreement No. 07012022 with Gila County for Copper Mountain Transit System.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. 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 – 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 May 13, 2022 to June 2, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for May 13, 2022 to June 2, 2022. Motion 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Gaudet announces the retirement of Officer Darlene Woodliff. Police Chief Thompson presents Officer Woodliff with a Certificate of Recognition for her time with the Miami Police Department. Town Manager Gaudet gives thanks to Mrs. Pat Walker for her help in preparing the Town's budget. Reports that we received word from Senator Kelley's office that one of the requests we put in for congressional spending, the one for road repairs, for flood damaged roads, his office has approved \$1.5 million dollars for the Town of Miami. That is continuing to move through the process. Update on the SRP - Cactus Alley Dust Control Project. Reports on meeting with the Department of Fire and Forest Management, have extra inmate labor they can lend to the Town to help with flood mitigation projects throughout the town. Brief update on the status of the Veregy Project.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina comments regarding being pleasantly surprised to find a properly folded flag in his townhall mailbox. Mr. James Martin deserves a salute and hopes this will be the beginning of a trend or tradition of patriotic people demonstrating their concern for our national and state flags. The Town of Miami has purchased a few flags in the past with most of the flags donated by the public as a show of patriotism. Comments on a recent important day in history that seems to be fading away – Dday.

Councilmember Sosh thanks Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer for coordinating with ADOT to get the noise ordinance signs up on the highway. Brief update on the car show, planning coming along great and getting vendors signed up. Word about the car show is getting out in the valley, hoping for a great turnout.

Councilmember Black and Councilmember Reiman apologize for arriving late to the meeting.

Mayor Gonzales gives thanks to Chief Thompson for organizing the retirement celebration, at the Senior Center, for Officer Woodliff. Mayor Gonzales wishes Officer Woodliff the best of luck in her retirement. Comments on the Public Works Department currently preparing the town for the upcoming monsoon season.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jesse Bryant, July 4th Celebration Coordinator, gives a progress report to Council on the planning and organization of the 4th of July Parade and events. Brief report on the scholarship essay contest.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident, comments on the plans for the 4th of July plans and judging the parade floats.

Ms. Analena ?, Miami resident, comments on the condition of the streets in Miami, specifically in the neighborhood of Loomis and Latham. The potholes are massive and the Town needs to do something about the condition of the streets.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Discussion and possible action on the appointment of an interim town manager(s) to assist in the transition of the current town manager and the hiring of a new permanent town manager.

Town Attorney Estes states that this will be a discussion between Council as to how they would like to proceed with the appointment of an interim town manager until such time as a town manager is hired. Town Attorney Estes comments on some typical situations small towns will use to appoint an interim town manager until a town manager is hired. Councilmember Black comments on some of the ways the Town has handled this situation in the past, they have done it several different ways. They have hired an interim town manager from outside the town and they have also appointed an interim town manager from current staff. Councilmember Black moved to keep the interim appointment in house and appoint Town Clerk, Karen Norris and Finance Director, Maria Lopez. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Councilmember Reiman comments on his issues with having two people appointed to be in charge, it does not make sense to him and he feels that neither one of them are qualified to fill the position. Councilmember Licano understands where Councilmember Reiman is coming from and suggests appointing one as the interim manger and the second one as the secondary interim, keeping it transparent and separate. Councilmember Black rescinds his original motion and Councilmember Medina rescinds his second. Councilmember Black moved to assign Town Clerk, Karen Norris as the interim town manager and Finance Director, Maria Lopez as the assistant interim town manager. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Gonzales states that he will be recusing himself from voting on this item. Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – recused from vote, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – nay and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of fiscal year 2022/2023 tentative budget.

Town Manager Gaudet explains that they had some issues with the payroll calculations when preparing the budget and have made the needed corrections. He has included the Council

raises in the tentative budget; Mayor \$200, Vice-Mayor \$150 and Councilmember \$125. There had been some discussion regarding adding funds to the budget for building maintenance of the Bullion Plaza Gym so he did add \$14,000 for that request. Has provided for over 3 months of expenditures in contingency reserve as recommended. Have over \$54,000 set aside specifically for roads, with an additional \$326,000 if the Gila County Excise tax penalty is returned this fiscal year. Mayor Gonzales asks if raises for employees have been included in this proposed budget. Town Manager Gaudet states that no raises have been included in this budget. Discussion regarding the proposed budget for the Senior Center and that some possible revenues could provide slight raises for Senior Center employees. Flexibility is built in the grants portion of the budget for possible raises. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve fiscal year 2022/2023 tentative budget. Motion seconded by 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval Old West Shoot Out re-enactment during one of the scheduled 2nd Saturday Events (specific event date to be determined).

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami business owner presents this request to Council. Mr. Stewart states he would like to see if Council or the Police Department has any safety concerns with having this type of show in the town. Police Chief Thompson states he would like to have another firearms inspection prior to them beginning. Town Attorney Estes states he would like to review their internal regulations and policies and have a review of their insurance policy by the Town's carrier. Town Attorney Estes explains that safety is paramount. Mr. Stewart explains that all the information will be given to the Town for review and if it all passes muster, they will get with Oxbow and set the dates for them to do an event. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the old west shoot out subject to final approval by the Town Attorney and the insurance is a go. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution No. 1272 authorizing the application for a clean water state revolving fund loan from the Water Infrastructure Authority of Arizona.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this resolution to Council explaining that this is not a binding document and not an obligation. This shows our intention and that we want to move forward with the application process. This is normally a 20-year loan term but that is negotiable. Brief discussion regarding possible grants that could be used to help offset the cost. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1272 authorizing the application for a clean water state revolving fund loan from the Water Infrastructure Authority of Arizona. 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 – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Ordinance No. 390 exchanging real property with Bennu Properties, L.L.C. of Phoenix, AZ.

Town Manager Gaudet presents this ordinance to Council explaining that this item was approved by Council in April 2021 but was not in proper format so it is being presented to Council again in the proper format. There are no changes from what Council originally approved. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Ordinance No. 390 exchanging real property with Bennu Properties, L.L.C. of Phoenix, AZ. 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 – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval for the Miami Police Department to apply for a reimbursement grant from the 100 Club of Arizona in the amount of \$12,830.00 for active shooter gear.

Police Chief Thompson presents this request to Council. The grant will be used to acquire active shooter response gear for our officers. Right now, it takes 2.5 to 3 hours to get a response team up here in the event that something catastrophic happens. Council approval will authorize the expenditure of \$12,830 for the gear upon award of the grant from 100 Club of Arizona. 100 Club of Arizona will reimburse the Town of Miami in the amount of \$12,830. Councilmember Black moved to approve the Miami Police Department to apply for a reimbursement grant from the 100 Club of Arizona in the amount of \$12,830 for active shooter gear. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Medina appreciates the public turnout and thanks the public for being present at the meeting.

Vice Mayor Moat comments that at the 2021 League Conference he won a grand prize which was a trip to the Flying E Ranch in Wickenburg, AZ. He and his family recently cashed in and went on the trip. Wickenburg is a very nice place to visit.

Mayor Gonzales announces Miami High School has honored an athlete who was awarded Athlete of the Year for the State of Arizona, Gabe Escobedo. Mayor Gonzales states this is a big recognition and wishes Mr. Escobedo 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 – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 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 13th day of June, 2022.

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

DATED this 27th day of June, 2022.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Sammy Gonzales, Mayor