



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Mayor Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance and Councilmember Medina gave the invocation.

Mayor Gonzales welcomes County Supervisor Humphrey, Cathy Melvin and Judge Reardon to the meeting.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Gonzales, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman (arriving at 6:44 p.m.) and Councilmember Sosh.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Estes, Town Clerk Norris and Finance Director Lopez.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 10, 2022.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 1275 adopting a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for FY 2022/2023, as required under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended; and providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions.

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 – 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 July 1, 2022 to July 14, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for July 1, 2022 to July 14, 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 – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Clerk Norris reports that the Town is short staffed and will not have inmate labor until Wednesday; Public Works is doing their best to keep up with storm cleanup, as well as, their normal duties. Apologizes for not having the meeting live stream again for the Council meeting, will have another employee trained so that we can keep the meetings going on the livestream. Will have the Annual League Conference packets ready this week for those who will be attending the Conference. Reports briefly on the delayed UDSA funding for the remediation of the burned buildings on Sullivan Street; additional funding should be released in November. The Miami Library received a \$3,500 grant for STEAM to Go kits from Penworthy. Reports that she and Finance Director, Maria Lopez have met with Mr. Rob Lanford of USDA for the Miami Wastewater Improvement Project Warranty Inspection.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Licano reports that a former Miami Police Officer has passed away on July 10th; Mr. Don Koonz.

Councilmember Medina states that Council has a hard copy of the upcoming events calendar. Reports that he has done some research in to the performance of the Miami Police Administration and comments on some issues he has with the Miami Police Chief and Officer Guerrero. Councilmember Medina comments on some of the issues he is referring to: Chief of Police, when at Council meetings, appears to be uninterested, is used to the Chief presenting himself as motivated and professionally dressed. Expresses disappointment with Officer Guerrero and his disregard to “chain of command” when reporting the performance of our inmates directly to AZDOC. Comments regarding Officer Guerrero not acting professionally to an emergency at the Senior Center, in which a member had fallen in the ladies restroom and Officer Guerrero just stood at the door and did not render any sort of aid to the possibly injured lady. Comments on Officers Guerrero actions that could have cost the Town’s inmate labor service. He did have a conversation with DOC Officer Fiero if what he heard about that incident was true and she confirmed that it was true. Officer Guerrero had taken it upon himself to report

to ADOC what he thought was inappropriate action on the part of the inmates. His action, by not following "chain of command" and not including the affected department heads and Mayor and Council had put the use of the inmates in jeopardy.

Councilmember Reiman apologizes for arriving late to the meeting.

Mayor Gonzales reports on the Use Tax that was asked about at the last Council meeting. In FY 2021 the Town received \$62,548.61, which was the first year of the implementation of the Use Tax. In FY 2022 the Town received \$64,414.49. Comments on the Public Works Department being short staff and gives them kudos for their hard work during this time. Reports on Music in the Park last weekend. Reports that the Town had received some reports of debris from the burned buildings on Sullivan Street that had fallen on the sidewalk. Community Services Coordinator, Christine Duarte and Finance Director, Maria Lopez took time to go over and sweep it up and dump it; gives them thanks for going out of their way to do that. Reports on some clean up on Sullivan Street, right after the wind storm, Officer Shaw and Code Enforcement Officer Chelsea Portillo, were present to help secure the area and with cleaning it up. Reports briefly on the filming that took place on Sullivan Street and Sykes Alley on Saturday night.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident, gives thanks to Mayor Gonzales for being transparent on the Use Tax revenues. Mr. Broeder also expresses his thanks to Mr. Phil Stewart and Tom Foster for helping with some issues he had with his building during the recent storm.

Ms. Analinda ?, Miami resident, comments that she is just following up with the Town to see if there are any updates on repairs to the roads. They are still bad, worse now with the recent rains. Comments on cleaning up the Town and making Miami fabulous again.

Ms. Malinda Baeza, Miami resident, asks that Council not forget about Miami Avenue when paving/repairing the roads. Comments on Arizona Highways coming to the Town of Miami and will be having a meeting in August to get dates and what they can do to help clean up the Town. States they will be having mini clean ups around Town every Tuesday and Thursday and invites everyone to come help with the clean ups.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Miami resident, comments on the first clean up which will be on Sullivan Street between Forrest Avenue and Nash Street; Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Invites everyone to come out and help. Mrs. Vargas explains that they have developed a cleanup plan.

Ms. Noreen Nader, Miami resident, gives thanks to Supervisor Humphrey, stating that there has not been a time that he has not followed up on a request she has had.

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami merchant, comments on the burned buildings on Sullivan Street, explaining that he has noticed that the header above the old Coleman building is dangling and could be dangerous if it breaks and falls down. Needs to be secured and made safe.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Brownfields Assessment Coalition Memorandum of Agreement between the following parties: Gila County, Pinal County, City of Globe, Town of Superior, Town of Miami and Town of Winkelman.

Mrs. Cathy Melvin of Gila County presents this Memorandum of Agreement to Council. Mrs. Melvin gives a brief background on the Brownfields Assessment Coalition. The grant was applied for in 2019 and 2020 but was not awarded to the Copper Corridor Blight Busters. In 2021 the grant was awarded in the amount of \$600,000.00. Brief review of the grant criteria and how it is funded. It is stated that the EPA wants government owned buildings done first. This grant is just for assessment of the property which will allow the property owner to move forward with the cleanup process. Some of the grant funds were used to build the website to give information about the grant. There will be community outreach meetings as well. Supervisor Humphrey comments on the Brownfields grants and briefly explains the process of the grant. Brief discussion regarding how the information will be put out to the public; website, community outreach, social media, radio and local newspaper. Councilmember Black moved to approve Brownfields Assessment Coalition Memorandum of Agreement between the following parties: Gila County, Pinal County, City of Globe, Town of Superior, Town of Miami and Town of Winkelman. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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 and discussion only: Cobre Valley Independence Day Parade 2022 report.

Mr. Jesse Bryant is present to give a report to Council on the Cobre Valley Independence Day Parade 2022. Mr. Bryant comments that they are already starting to plan for next year's event, their first meeting will be August 11th. Mr. Bryant introduces Cashmere Terrance, the winner of the \$2,000.00 scholarship essay contest. Mr. Cashmere Terrance introduces himself to Council and states that he will be going to ASU to get a degree in software engineering. Mr. Bryant gives thanks to the American Legion for helping with the parade and scholarship fund. Mayor gives thanks to Mr. Bryant and everyone who helped put this event together.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 1276, levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, a certain sum of money for fiscal year 2022/2023 to be assessed against the valuation of real property for primary tax purposes.

Town Clerk Norris presents this resolution to Council for approval explaining that Council held the public hearing regarding the property tax at the last Council meeting. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution 1276, levying upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, a certain sum of money for fiscal year 2022/2023 to be assessed against the valuation of real property for primary tax purposes. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Inmate Work Contract No. 22-157-27 with Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry.

Town Clerk Norris presents the Inmate Work Contract to Council for consideration of approval. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Inmate Work Contract No. 22-157-27 with Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry. 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 – 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 states there was a big outpour of community support, and gives thanks to the community for supporting the girls little league team as they went to play in a tournament in Sierra Vista.

Mayor Gonzales announces Music in the Park this weekend. There will be an opioid meeting at the Senior Center on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Dump the Drugs event, hosted by the Miami Police Department, at the Senior Center on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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 25th day of July, 2022.

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

DATED this 8th day of August, 2022.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor