



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Moat calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

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

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Gonzales (via zoom), Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Licano and Councilmember Medina.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman 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 25, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 24, 2022.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta, to be held Sunday November 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to be located 844 W. Sullivan Street and approval of Sullivan Street closure in front of the church.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Moat 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 - excused. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands July 15, 2022 to July 28, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for July 15, 2022 to July 28, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Moat 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

No Town Manager report at this time.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Medina comments that the lights at the basketball court have been fixed, much brighter now. Comments on the Miami Kids Machine no longer using space at the Miami Police Department. Requests the Town Manager to put an item on the next agenda for Council consideration of restoring the space at the Miami Police Department for the Miami Kids Machine to use if it cannot be resolved through the Town Manager's direction. Gives a heads up for law enforcement that there is a planned demonstration of sorts just out of the west side of town tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., traffic control may be in order. Councilmember Medina asks if Community Services Director, Christine Duarte, would mind giving recognition to Mr. Jeff Locke. Mrs. Duarte gives thanks to Mr. Locke as he and his wife helped with the flood clean up last summer and his dedication of time to helping at the Senior Center.

Vice Mayor Moat thanks everyone for voting last Tuesday. Vice Mayor Moat welcomes new Town Manager Mr. Alexis Rivera.

Councilmember Black congratulates the Council candidates.

Mayor Gonzales congratulates the four Council candidates and appreciates their time and what they have done to keep the Town moving forward.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Miami High School Student Council members, Josie Klindt, Jilliyen Mareni and Kyra Wagner present Council with an overview of their plans for the upcoming Vandal Bash event on August 11th.

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, comments that Miami Veterans Park and Vandal Park look great and the park at Bullion Plaza looks abandoned. Mr. Foster

comments that volunteers have helped to clean it up, doing what they can. Mr. Foster asks if the Public Works Department can put a few hours a week on their schedule to help clean it up and keep it maintained.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Miami resident, comments on why the Miami High School Homecoming events this year have been moved up. The school district is redoing the entire football field and track area. Clean ups are continuing on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Mr. Michael Twenty-three, Miami resident, comments on attending the Rural Policy Forum. He was presenting Miami Art Works projects as part of a panel on arts and economic development. Mr. Twenty-three states that he would like to implore the Town to send some folks with him next year. There are millions and millions of dollars available for rural funding. The local arts commission meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Twenty-three comments that he is adamant about bringing more funding to the Town. Mr. Twenty-three states that they are working on their 2nd Pumpkin Festival and will be on the next Council agenda for approval of that event.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Introduction and administration of Oath of Office to newly hired Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.

Judge Jordan Reardon swears in Mr. Alexis Rivera as Town of Miami Town Manager.

B. Information and discussion only: Presentation of community science project "Wildfires and Flash Floods"

Dr. Monica Ramirez is present to give the presentation to Council. Dr. Ramirez briefly tells Council about herself and explains why she is here tonight. The Telegraph-Mescal fires consumed 180,757 acres and 37% of the soil burn severity was moderate to high. Areas that have been burned by wildfires are susceptible to flash flooding from heavy rainfall. Residents have voiced concerns about pollutants that may have washed in with all the sediment that settled in their backyards. Comments on concerns with how sediment may impact children and adult chemical body burden due to incidental soil ingestion and inhalation of fine dust particles over time. The Town of Miami and ADEQ reached out to Dr. Ramirez for assistance. Dr. Ramirez has started to do research and prepare grant applications to support an investigation. The work is funded by National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Dr. Ramirez reviews the 4 Project Aims. 1) Survey families to identify areas that have been impacted by the post wildfire debris flows and determine individual and community level vulnerabilities and resiliencies. 2) Build human capacity through empowerment, education and community science and train residents on how to collect environmental samples and interpret datasets. 3) Characterize contaminants released during wildfires in soil, sediment, and/or settled dust within and around residential areas over time and across the monsoon season to prepare for future events. 4) Use an equity-centered community design approach to prepare data-report back

materials and provide immediate intervention/prevention strategies to protect families. Vice Mayor Moat asks if anyone is planting trees on the burn scar. Dr. Ramirez states that she cannot comment on that, that is the US Forest Service land, but they are working on plans for that. Discussion regarding who will be doing the soil testing. The current grant is only for testing soil and dust. Open discussion regarding target areas for testing. Dr. Ramirez thanks Council for their time and welcomes their comments and feedback.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Vice Mayor Moat recognizes that Mayor Gameros of Globe was present. Police Chief Thompson was present as well.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for their attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Gonzales announces construction will begin on Highway 60 tomorrow. Work is scheduled to occur from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays., beginning Monday, Aug. 8, and ending Friday, Sept. 23. Reminds everyone to be cautious of the workers. Gives thanks to Vice Mayor Moat for filling in during his absence.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Moat 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 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 8th day of August, 2022.

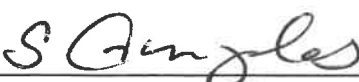
I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2022.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor