



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Rivera, Town Clerk Norris, Finance Director Lopez and Public Works Director Josh Derhammer.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for August 21, 2022 and September 4, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda Items A and B. 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 August 12, 2022 to September 1, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for August 12, 2022 to September 1, 2022. 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.

## **6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

### **A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Rivera reports that he and Monica Ramirez with the University of Arizona Department Environmental Science, worked this past Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to identify areas for soil collection. Encourages everyone to work together to highlight community strengths and needs and to learn more about soil and dust quality through environmental monitoring and co-created community science. There will be a community effort Thursday September 22, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum. They will also be hiring a Community Outreach Assistant, a community educator to provide information, training, and support to residents. They are seeking applicants who know and are trusted within the community, share similar social backgrounds or life experiences with the community, have strong communication skills, and are enthusiastic about working with others on environmental health issues. Announces that he has a meeting with Local First Arizona regarding the rebranding logo. Working with Capital Investment to utilize our savings for future needs that we have. Veregy wastewater treatment plant solar panel project update. Reports working with the company SHIE on a grant for IT infrastructure for the town to upgrade our servers and computers. Reports on working on a Tony Hawk Foundation grant for a skate park. Reports on the partnership with University of Arizona, Gila County and Wilson Company regarding local infrastructure.

### **B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Black reports that he missed the car show but wants to congratulate Councilmember Sosh, he hears it was fantastic. He and his wife donated a trophy which was won by Mr. Dan Moat's grandson who had a car entered in the car show.

Councilmember Medina reminds everyone to never forget the hideous act twenty-one years ago now known as 9/11. Comments that he witnesses the aftermath of a motorcycle accident just on the outskirts of town. He called 9-1-1 as a follow-up call and reports that he received a negative response from the dispatcher. Councilmember Medina feels the Town needs to send out a survey to hear from constituents about their thoughts about the action taken to remove the Town's dispatch system. Reminds everyone of the upcoming Miami Fiesta this coming Saturday. Gives congratulations to Councilmember Sosh and Mr. Phil Stewart and Town staff for a well-orchestrated car/truck/motorcycle event. Gives thanks to the participants and vendors of the event as well.

Councilmember Sosh gives a big thank you to everyone for the group effort for the Burger Burn and car show event. Everything was a big success and he has not heard one bad comment. Comments on the success of the raffles, but states his disappointment that someone stole 12-

15 of the raffle prizes that were being stored in the concession stand. They had to rush out to buy more raffle prizes right before the event.

Vice Mayor Moat comments on the car show. His grandson participated by entering his car in the show and won a trophy. His grandson really enjoyed it and it was his first car show. Comments on the completion of Latham wall, it turned out beautiful. CDX Construction did a great job despite the difficulties in getting some of the materials needed for the project.

Mayor Gonzales comments on the car show and gives "thanks" to Councilmember Sosh for spearheading this event. Gives "thanks" to Councilmember Sosh, Mr. Phil Stewart, and Town staff for all their efforts on this event. Comments on a video promoting the Town of Miami on YouTube made by Town of Miami, Transit Coordinator, Melinda Baeza; it was very professional. Comments on the Clean-Up Committee still doing clean ups in Town on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reports that Town Manager Rivera has reached out to Gila Proud and they have coordinated with Allegiance to begin the cleaning up of Highway 60 (Live Oak) through the Town of Miami.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mrs. Jamie Ramsey, Kearny resident and Mayor of Kearny, explains she is here representing Capstone Copper as Supervisor of Communications and Community Relations, here to meet everyone and let everyone know they are part of the community and here to participate in community activities.

Mr. Michael Twenty-Three, Miami resident and business owner, wishes to convey his concern to Council regarding the termination of the Renaissance Grants. He was in line to receive one of the grants and is concerned that the Town has stopped the grant program.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Tri-City Regional Sanitary District providing temporary wastewater treatment service to certain parcels within the District Boundaries commonly referred to as the Bechtel Tract.

Mayor Gonzales presents this IGA to Council explaining that BHP is doing a reclamation project on the Solitude Tailings. In the process of reclaiming the Solitude Tailings they have to create a certain slope to the tailings and unfortunately with that slope it goes into the lagoons there that are used by 33 homes in Bechtel Tract. Being that Bechtel Tract is not in the Town of Miami's DMA the Town has worked with Tri-City Regional Sanitary District to come to an agreement to allow the Town of Miami to provide temporary service to the 33 homes in Bechtel Tract, until such time that Tri-City Regional Sanitary District has their system up and operational. Councilmember Black moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Tri-City Regional Sanitary District providing temporary wastewater treatment service to certain parcels

within the District Boundaries commonly referred to as the Bechtel Tract. 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.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Cooperation Agreement with BHP Copper Inc. and the Town of Miami to tie the Bechtel Tracts community into Town of Miami wastewater services.

Mrs. Ali Dionne, Principal Corporate Affairs, BHP, presents this IGA to Council. Mrs. Dionne explains that BHP acquired Miami Copper, Miami Copper actually built the community of Bechtel Tract. The agreement with the community states that BHP will service this area until such time that municipal services are available. Mrs. Dionne explains that they need to get the community hooked up to municipal services for a couple reasons; one being the BHP reclamation project and the another is that their infrastructure is incredibly old. There is also the issue with the homes not being able to get mortgages or home loans due to them being on cess pools. Mrs. Dionne explains that Tri-City Regional Sanitary District will take the service over when they get their system up and running. Mrs. Dione states that BHP will also be paying for 3 years of the Bechtel Tract services, after that, the residents of Bechtel Tract will be responsible for making payments to the Town of Miami for their services. BHP will pay for the construction to tie in the homes of Bechtel Tract into the Town of Miami's wastewater system; when construction is complete the system will be turned over to the ownership of the Town of Miami. Easements will be obtained and granted to the Town of Miami as well. Mrs. Dionne explains that in the agreement where it states "BHP will make a payment to the Town of Miami for the installation of shut off valves"; that will not fit into their construction footprint and timeline to get this done in time for their reclamation project. They got quotes on how much it would cost to do that and are making an offer to the Town to pay for that. The estimate to do that work is in the amount of \$362,000 and includes a 35% contingency and an inflationary number, so the total offered to the Town is \$633,501.00. Discussion regarding a separate agree coming before Council regarding BHP paying for the 3 years of Bechtel Tract sewer service fees to the Town of Miami. Councilmember Reiman states his concerns with approving this agreement before having the agreement for payment of services. Town Attorney Estes explains that it is an obligation of the residents that are being provided for by BHP. BHP is paying for their services. If something was to happen the obligation to pay for the service is there. Mrs. Dionne explains that for the record "BHP promises to pay for the 3 years of services for those residents." Councilmember Black moved to approve Cooperation Agreement with BHP Copper Inc. and the Town of Miami to tie the Bechtel Tracts community into Town of Miami wastewater services. 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.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting this evening.

Mayor Gonzales reminds everyone this Saturday is the Miami Fiesta, hosted by Miami Genesis.

Vice Mayor Moat gives “thanks” to the Miami High School Student Council for attending the Arizona League of Cities and Town’s Annual Conference and for representing the Town by carrying the Town of Miami flag in the Parade of Flags.

**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 7:24 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.  
DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Sammy Gonzales Mayor