



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022 AT 4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gonzales calls the meeting to order at 4:30 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 Licano, Councilmember Medina, and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman.

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

4. BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding process of hiring an interim and/or permanent Chief of Police.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council explaining that Council requested this item to be put on a work session so that Council had the opportunity to discuss options for the hiring of an Interim and/or Permanent Chief of Police and the process for hiring the Chief of Police. Discussion regarding the option of hiring an Interim Chief while the Town recruits a permanent Chief of Police. Discussion regarding just moving forward with the recruitment process. Brief discussion regarding the Town Council hiring the Chief of Police with the Chief working at the direction of the Town Manager. Open discussion and comments regarding having the reserve detective fill in as Chief until the Town hires a Chief of Police. Discussion regarding hiring a Chief from outside the department. Town Manager Rivera states he has some ideas that he can present to Council with some A, B and C options. Discussion regarding this not going to be an easy process and Council should get this started as soon as possible. Councilmember Licano asks if the Marshal system would work for the Town. Town Attorney Estes states that he can look into that and let Council know. Brief discussion regarding how Council feels about Council hiring the Chief of Police and having him/her work under

the direction of the Town Manager. Brief discussion regarding salary for the Chief and a possible sign on bonus. Town Attorney Estes states regardless of the process Council decides to use to hire a Chief, the Town will need to update some of its codes.

B. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding investment opportunity from Moreton Capital Markets, L.L.C. and agreement for services.

Town Manager Rivera explains that he has new information in regards to this item and would like Council to table this item until he gathers the information and can present it to Council. Mayor Gonzales comments on the LGIP (Local Governor Investment Pool) that some municipalities participate in. Brief discussion regarding getting more information on the LGIP. Mr. Cory McKendrick with Moreton Capital is present via Zoom to answer any questions Council may have regarding their company and proposed investment plan for the Town of Miami. Town Attorney Estes comments briefly on statutory requirement as to what the Town can invest money in. Town Attorney Estes states that USDA does not have any issues with the Town using the reserve funds from the lawsuit as investment funds. Open discussion regarding Council not rushing this, taking their time and doing research before making a decision on this item.

C. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding possible renewal of Bullion Plaza Gym Management agreement with Miami Genesis, putting it out for public proposals or Town staff taking over management of the gym.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council explaining that at the last Council meeting Council had some concerns with the current contract with Miami Genesis. Open discussion and comments regarding the "cleaning deposit"; how is it processed and how is Miami Genesis paid for cleaning the gym. Discussion and comments regarding the quarterly reports that the contract requires be given to Council and not receiving those reports as required by the contract. After the last Council meeting the reports were given to Council. A question arises that in the most recent report there was a rental of the gym that was not reported on the report. Mrs. Christine Duarte explains that she does not have her report and information here with her, but if she failed to put a rental in the report it may have just been overlooked. She will look into that. Open discussion again regarding the cleaning deposits and cleaning up after events. Open discussion and comments regarding putting the Bullion Plaza Gym management out for public bid. Discussion regarding if there has been any interest by any others to manage the gym. Brief discussion regarding Mrs. Duarte doing Miami Genesis stuff while on Town time. Open discussion regarding Miami Genesis being a non-profit organization and their books should be available for inspection. Mrs. Castaneda of Miami Genesis states that if anyone would like to take a look at their books to let her know and she will let them take a look at them. Mrs. Castaneda also comments on what Miami Genesis is and what they do for the Town with the funds they receive. Brief discussion again regarding Council not getting quarterly reports from Miami Genesis, as required by the contract. Discussion and comments regarding the Town of Miami staff assuming the duties of managing the Bullion Plaza Gym and cleaning it. Mayor Gonzales comments on instances in which he went into the gym and the lights are all on and the a/c is running, this is a concern of his, it costs the Town money. Open discussion and comments on issues the Town Council is having with the management of the gym. Mrs. Castaneda

comments on repairs/purchases that Miami Genesis has paid for the gym. Mayor Gonzales asks if there is any further comments/discussion on this item.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the work session. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 6th day of October, 2022.

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

DATED this 24th day of October 2022.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Sammy Gonzales, Mayor