



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Moat calls the meeting to order at 6:32 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: Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Mayor Gonzales.

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

4. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS:

- A.** Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected or reelected Councilmembers Jose "Angel" Medina, Dan Moat, Don Reiman and Michael Sosh Sr.

Magistrate Baeza performs the swearing in of reelected and/or newly elected Councilmembers Jose "Angel" Medina, Dan Moat, Don Reiman and Michael Sosh Sr. Council assumes their seats.

5. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR:

- A.** Selection of a Mayor. Nominations will be taken and the Council will vote to select a Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years or until a new Mayor is selected.

Councilmember Black nominates Councilmember Medina to serve as Mayor. Nomination seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Vice Mayor Moat asks if there are any other nominations. There are none. Vice Mayor Moat calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – excused, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – nay and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Selection of a Vice Mayor. Nominations will be taken and the Council will vote to select a Vice Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years or until a new Vice Mayor is selected.

Councilmember Medina nominates Councilmember Moat for Vice Mayor. Nomination seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Vice Mayor Moat asks if there are any other nominations. There are none. Vice Mayor Moat calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Gonzales – excused, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Medina takes over the meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for November 13, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for November 4, 2022 to November 17, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for November 4, 2022 to November 17, 2022. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

8. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera states that the Town has received 4 applications for the Police Chief position. An interview panel from different law enforcement agencies will be created to conduct the interviews for the Police Chief. Announces there will be a public hearing on December 5th at the Miami Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. to hear suggestions for the CDBG funds. Announces the Christmas Bazar on December 17 in the morning hours and Small Town Christmas, same day,

starting at 5:30 p.m., both events will be at the Miami Veterans Park. Brief update on road repairs project.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Vice Mayor Moat thanks Mayor Gonzales for all the work and good stuff he has done for the community. We are grateful for him. Grateful for the new Mayor, Mayor Medina, Council, Manager and Clerk. Next year will be just as good as last year. Thanks Community Services Director, Mrs. Duarte, for the staff and Council lunch last Wednesday.

Mayor Medina states he trusts everyone on Council and constituents had a fine Thanksgiving holiday and weekend, as they did. Not a sports fan but this year he made an exception with all the fantastic football games on tv. Comments regarding Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV); it is a contagious virus and should have been heard about if most people haven't already. Good work by Town employees as downtown Miami is looking very festive.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jordan Reardon, Globe resident, addresses the Council regarding a concern with the Town's social media page. There was a series of press releases that attracted a lot of public attention in which the commenting was shut off and the comments erased. States that the Town, as a public entity, is obligated to operate under the 1st Amendment. Erasing and censoring comments is violating that Amendment.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Resolution Copper Project Update.

Mr. Dave Richins, Manager of Community and Social Performance, gives an update on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and land exchange. Briefly comments on water concerns; they are exploring new technologies in that area. Reviews community benefits and partnerships. Mr. Richins states that if there is any interest in going to the lowest point in Arizona, they would be happy to host them. Brief comments and questions regarding the project.

12. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Black thanks Magistrate Baeza for coming to the meeting to perform the swearing in of Council; in his 14 years of sitting on Council she has never missed a swearing in ceremony.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting. Gives thanks to Attorney, Joe Estes, for the Community Care kits.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 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 **28th** day of **November, 2022**.

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

DATED this **12th** day of **December, 2022**.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor