



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JANUARY 09, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

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

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Medina, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for December 11th and December 25th, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for December 2, 2022 to December 29, 2022.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for December 2, 2022 to December 29, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports on the “2021 Street Pavement Improvement Program”. Finance Director Maria Lopez reports the Town has paid off its arrearages for sales tax to Gila County and is now back to making just the regular monthly payment. Town Manager Rivera reports on the wastewater treatment plant improvement plan.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Vice Mayor Moat comments regarding his concern with the construction work being done on Prospect Avenue and Merritt Street and the porta john at that location that is placed on the roadway. Wants to know when they will be done with that construction.

Councilmember Reiman comments on the Small Town Christmas event, stating it was a wonderful event. Councilmember Reiman comments on the vandalism that took place in the Veterans Park stating the Town needs to take more stringent action when things like this occur.

Mayor Medina states Happy New Year and Happy Law Enforcement Day. Briefly comments on the vandalism in the Veterans Park. Reports he had the opportunity to meet with Arizona Congressional District #2 Congressman Eli Crane in Payson. He assured us that he would be supporting our area with his outreach programs, more information to follow. Comments that the Small Town Christmas event was a success. Comments briefly on the Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (IPTA) item that was on the last Council agenda and tabled. He attended the Globe Council meeting the next night in which it was presented to them. He feels they had a better presentation and more information on the subject. City of Globe approved the IPTA. Comments on his concern regarding the deteriorating asphalt conditions on Fredrick Street. Mayor Medina also comments on the construction work by Arizona Water Company on Merritt Street, feels the contractor should have coordinated better with the Town and its residents.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, voices his concerns with a dangerous power pole located at 415 Front Street. He feels it is a huge liability on the Town.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami business owner and resident, comments on tonight’s agenda item, executive session in regards to the Town Manager. Wants to let Council know that he and his wife are impressed with him and his involvement with the community.

Mr. Michael Twenty-three, Miami business owner and resident, comments that Miami Arts Commission recently purchased the burned building located at 131 Keystone Avenue. They

are working with USDA to get it cleaned up and rebuilt as a two story building with apartments/living areas on the 2nd floor.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing, discussion and possible action: Public Hearing regarding the proposed use of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds. After the Public Hearing is closed, the Council will select uses from the proposed list for which to request CDBG funds. Proposed uses include:

1. Bullion Plaza Museum and Cultural Center Elevator (ADA Compliance).
2. Keystone Stairs Rehabilitation.
3. Repair of asphalt streets with mill and fill overlay and/or seal coating.
4. Solar panel installation at the wastewater treatment plant.

a) Open Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **6:57 p.m.**

b) Public comments and open discussion regarding the proposed use of FY 2022 CDBG Funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account (RA).

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, states that he would like the CDBG funds used for the elevator at the Bullion Plaza Museum. The Museum is good for Miami, brings people to the community. Would also like to see the stairs done too.

Mr. Michael Twenty-three, Miami business owner and resident, urges Council to move forward with the Keystone Stairs.

Mr. Tom Foster, Miami resident and Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, comments on the Bullion Plaza Museum, revenue, visitation and room use/income. The Museum generating revenue and bringing visitors into the town.

c) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **7:06 p.m.**

d) Council discussion and possible action to select proposed use of FY 2022 CDBG funds.

Open discussion and comments amongst Council regarding the proposed projects and which project the Town should move forward with. Discussion regarding the solar panels at the wastewater treatment plant and that there are other grants out there that would cover that project. Discussion regarding how much the Town can do on each project with the grant amount of \$196,590.00. Discussion regarding using the funds for the streets and how much the Town can do with this amount of money. Discussion regarding using the funds for the elevator at the Museum. Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum, Executive Director, comments on the elevator project. Mr. Foster comments on the renovation of the second floor of the museum. Councilmember Black comment on his

concern with the lease agreement between the Town of Miami and the Museum; he would like to see what is stated in that agreement. Discussion regarding street repairs again and that the grant monies cannot be used for street maintenance. Open discussion and comments regarding which project Council feels the funds should be used for. Discussion regarding the stipulation by ADOH that the project needs to be completed within one year of the start date. There are a few exceptions that allow a project an extension of time. Discussion regarding the timeline for Council to decide on a project and what constitutes a "start date". Councilmember Black states that he would like to review the lease agreement with Bullion Plaza Museum before he makes his decision on a project. Councilmember Black moved to table this item until the next regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – nay, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – nay and Councilmember Sosh - nay. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

B. Public Hearing, discussion and possible action: To conduct hearing and consider approval of a Series 006 (bar) and Series 007 (beer & wine) Liquor License Application for Jeffrey Craig Miller, Miami Flats L.L.C., Gary Lee Wilson Jr., Controlling Person, located at 406 Sullivan Street Miami, AZ:

Mr. Craig Miller, Applicant Agent, states they are requesting approval for a 006 (bar) and 007 (beer/wine) liquor license. The establishment will only carry on with the 006 (bar) license. Mr. Miller explains that they had the opportunity to purchase both licenses, but will only be using the 006 (bar) license. The owners of the establishment are residents of the community and currently have a business in the Town of Miami.

1. Open Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **7:46 p.m.**
2. Open discussion and public comments regarding Liquor License Application for Miami Flats L.L.C.

Mr. Michael Twenty-three, Miami business owner and resident, speaks in favor of Council approving the license application.

Mr. Tom Foster, Miami resident, states that he has been in the proposed establishment and it is a class act and will draw a nice clientele. He supports approval of the application.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami business owner and resident, comments on how it is important that the Town changes how it does law enforcement and what he feels Miami is lacking in law enforcement.

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami business owner, expresses their whole hearted support of this liquor license application. The owners are community oriented and they do care.

3. Close Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **7:51 p.m.**
4. Council discussion, motion and action.

Councilmember Black moved to approve both liquor license applications. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: To recess into and hold executive session:

- a) Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion or discipline of Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.

Councilmember Black moved to convene into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. 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. 7:55 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzales. 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. 8:49 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. 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 8:49 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 9th day of January, 2023.

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

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2023.

Karen Norris

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Jose Angel Medina
Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor

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