



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Medina calls the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Mayor Medina led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.
A moment of silence in observance of the passing of Richard Vargas.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Black and Councilmember Gonzales.

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney John Gaylord, Town Manager Rivera, Town Clerk
Norris, and Finance Director Lopez.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the Town Payroll for November 27, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh 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 – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, 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 November 18, 2022 to December 1, 2022.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for November 18, 2022 to December 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Medina recognizes Globe City Manager, Paul Jepson, Globe Councilmember Mariano Gonzalez, Gila County Supervisor Humphrey and JP Judge Reardon are in attendance.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera informs Council that he has given them his Town Manager's report electronically. Town Manager Rivera states that he will be giving employee bonuses the week of December 27th; the total amount is \$6,300.00. Community Services Director, Christine Duarte gives a brief update on the upcoming Small-Town Christmas event.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Reiman comments that Sullivan Street and Veterans Park are decorated and looking very impressive; nice to see it from his store.

Vice Mayor Moat asks if Small Town Christmas is doing bikes again this year?

Mayor Medina reports on the "Old-Timers Reunion" he attended. Comments on an article he read in the Silverbelt regarding a concern of freedom of speech. He is not sure of the specifics but assures the public that business discussed or reported is recorded and available to the public. All that is needed is a visit to Townhall to make a request for whatever information is needed. Gives "kudos" to Town of Miami staff for the festive lights downtown and the park. States there has been some concern regarding excavation work on Prospect Avenue, it has been reported to the Town Manager and he will be looking into it.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Gila County Supervisor Humphrey gives congratulations to Mayor Medina on his appointment as Mayor. Mr. Humphrey states that he had a good working relationship with Mayor Gonzales and he would like to offer his hand out to a good working relationship with Mayor Medina. Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Presentation of the Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Gila County (IPTA) and approval of Resolution No. 1280, approving joining in the formation of an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Gila County, Arizona; becoming a member of such an authority; and authorizing petition of the Board of Supervisors of Gila County, Arizona for such formation.

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh with Central Arizona Governments (CAG) presents this item to the Council. Mr. Ashbaugh explains that this is a request to create an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Gila County (IPTA). The IPTA is to better coordinate regional transportation services and expand service coverage. Mr. Ashbaugh states that there was a Gila County Transit Governance Study conducted in 2021 to evaluate transit governance models and provide a blueprint to guide the governance, management and implementation of better coordinated public transportation services in Gila County. The governance study recommended the formation of an IPTA in Gila County. An IPTA Exploratory Committee was established with members from Globe, Miami, Payson, Star Valley and Gila County to guide the formation of the IPTA. Mr. Ashbaugh reviews the guiding principles of the IPTA. San Carlos opted out as they want to continue to run their own transit system. The IPTA shall maximize opportunities for Federal, state, regional and local funding and strive to find alternative and/or non-traditional revenue sources to support/expand services over time. Brief review of the statutory requirements to establish an ITPA. Review of the governance structure of the IPTA. The IPTA board shall consist of at least five and not more than nine members. One member must be appointed by the County. The remaining membership shall be appointed by the participating municipalities. Before Council tonight is just the first step in the process; the resolution is to petition/request to form the IPTA. Councilmember Reiman comments that it sounds to him that the Town would be giving up local control over our transit needs and he does not see how the Town would benefit from that. Mr. Ashbaugh comments regarding the Transit Governance Study that was conducted in 2021. Discussion regarding the approximate timeline to form the IPTA. Open discussion and comments regarding the formation of the IPTA and how it may affect the Town of Miami. Mayor Medina suggests a Council work session on this item. Councilmember Reiman moved to table this item until they receive more information and direct the Town Manager to review this and render his opinion on how this will affect our organization, our funding and our control over the services provided to our citizens. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED. Mr. Paul Jepson, Globe City Manager states that this item will be before their Council tomorrow night and would like to assure Town of Miami that they 100% support the Town of Miami’s transit program. Mr. Jepson states that the City of Globe has no desire to get involved in the transit process other than the input of the stops and paying their share.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: Direction to staff regarding canceling Regular Council meeting of Monday, December 26, 2022 or to reschedule it to Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

Councilmember Reiman moved to cancel the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 26, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Vice Mayor Moat states that he is looking forward to Small Town Christmas this weekend.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 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 12th day of December, 2022.

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

DATED this 9th day of January, 2023.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor