



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 AT 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Medina calls the meeting to order at 5:07 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 Licano, and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales and Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Rivera, Town Attorney Estes, and Town Clerk Norris.

4. BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Presentation and discussion regarding Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Gila County.

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh, CAG Transportation Planning Manager, gives a brief presentation to Council regarding the IPTA and explains that Council has more in-depth information in their work session packet and he will answer any questions Council may have. Councilmember Sosh asks about maintenance on the transit buses. Mr. Ashbaugh explains that is something that would be set up by the IPTA Board once it is established. Mr. Ashbaugh comments on the Gila County transit boundaries; tribal areas will not be included in the boundaries. Discussion regarding the entities that will be on the Board and only entities with a transit system will have voting privilege. Discussion regarding Town of Miami's concern with losing control of its current transit system. It is explained that right now they are asking the Town to approve to petition Gila County to approve the IPTA Board, once the Board is formed, they will draft bylaws for the Board and the Board will govern the transit system. Mr. Ashbaugh comments regarding consolidating grant funding and working together. Discussion regarding the timeline of forming the Board; hopefully 6 -12 months. Discussion regarding who will sit on the Board. It is explained that there will be 2 members from each entity and of the two there will be 1 voting member. Ideally, they would like the members to be one elected

official and a member of staff from each entity. Discussion regarding the IPTA Board meetings; they will be public. The question is raised that if the Town of Miami goes with this and it gets up and running and the Town don't like it, can it get out? Mr. Ashbaugh states he isn't sure but will find out and let Council know. Gila County Manager, James Menlove, comments on the transit system on a view for all of Gila County. Open discussion, comments and concerns regarding what is the outlook if Miami chooses not to participate in the IPTA. It is explained that there are 5 towns/cities to be on the IPTA Board, so far 4 have agreed to organize and participate in the IPTA. Discussion and miscellaneous comments regarding the IPTA Board. It is questioned if there are other IPTA Boards in the State of Arizona. Mr. Ashbaugh explains that there are, Yuma and another one up north somewhere. Town Manager Rivera states that he is in favor of the Town approving the IPTA Board but he is concerned with what would happen to his current transit staff. Town Attorney Estes states that he has first hand knowledge with the IPTA in Yuma as he was the Assistant City Attorney. The entities that are a part of that group really like the program that they have. It is a self-running program; the City of Yuma didn't get involved because it is governed and run by the Board. The city administrators do have a say as to how the city votes and things like that. Town Attorney Estes states from a legal aspect, he likes that it takes the liability for accidents and insulates the Town from that; they will have their own insurance. Town Attorney Estes explains that transit systems are never profitable, the Town will always need to rely on grants and other funding sources for them. Mr. Menlove states that Gila County Board of Supervisors supports this enough that when CAG obtained grant funds obtained to hire a company to walk them through the process ran out, Gila County put in \$35,000.00 continue the process. Gila County is committed to following this through and seeing it out.

B. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding the proposed use of the FY 2022 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds in the amount of \$196,590.00. 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.

Travis Ashbaugh, Angela Gotto and Andrea Robles of CAG are present to answer any questions Council may have on this issue. Town Manager Rivera comments on the 1-year timeframe for this project; Council needs to analyze the timeframe before taking action on this item. Mr. Rivera explains the Bullion Plaza elevator project will require more funds than what is being provided in the grants fund. The Town does know what the budget is to complete the Keystone Stairs project and the Town is currently pursuing grants for the Solar Panel project. In regards to the Repair of Asphalt on the roads, the Town does have some money from HURF that we can include with this project. Mr. Tom Foster, Executive Director of Bullion Plaza Museum explains that he has done some number crunching for the Elevator project and even with the CDBG Grant funds, they would not have enough funds raised to complete the project in the stated timeline. Mr. Foster thanks the Mayor and Council for considering this project but feels it is best to pull this project at this time and hopefully consider it at a later date. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas states she will be giving a presentation to Council on Monday in

regards to the Keystone Stairs project. They are looking at about \$200,000.00 for that project. They have been speaking to a contractor for the stair project and will have all the specs for the stair project for the Monday Council meeting. Mrs. Vargas states that the stair project can be completed within the set timeframe as stated by CAG and within the scope of the grant. Mrs. Angela Gotto of CAG explains the difference between "maintenance of the roads" and "new roads". Mrs. Gotto explains that the Town can't do just chip sealing or overlay seal coating. The top layer of the road has to be removed and then an overlay put on top. Maintenance would be chip sealing or seal coating. Councilmember Sosh states our roads will have to be taken down all the way to the base/dirt and start all over again, we have potholes that go all the way down, basically start all over, and if you don't take it all the way out you are not going to fix it. Councilmember Sosh comments that there was a lot of discussion at the last meeting this money cannot be used for that. You can do a full project by removing part of the road and come back with asphalt overlay over top of it, it can be used for this. Mrs. Gotto states correct. Mrs. Gotto states that after the last meeting she obtained a rough estimate of how much can be done with just the CDBG funds. With the \$196,000, approximately 2,100 linear feet could be done which equates to approximately 7 blocks (based on the average size of a city block).

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 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 19th day of January, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.
DATED this 13th day of February 2023.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Jose "Angel" Medina, Sr., Mayor