



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 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 January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for January 8, 2023.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1281, reappointing Rebecca Baeza as Town of Miami Magistrate.
- D.** Consideration and possible action to approve Black History Month - February 2023 Proclamation.

Mayor Medina reads aloud the Black History Month Proclamation. 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.

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for December 30, 2022 to January 12, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for December 30, 2022 to January 12, 2023. 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.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera comments on some proposed legislation regarding eliminating sales tax of food, rentals and corporations income tax. If approved by legislator it will decrease municipalities revenues. Town Manager Rivera urges Council to contact our legislators to opposed the passing of this proposed legislation.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Medina comments that he met with staff and Veregy regarding Veregy project. He told them that he would look into the issues of concern and do some research on this issue. Comments on the Town's flags, they are in bad shape. He will buy some new flags and also, try to get donations to help pay for the flags as well. Reports that he met with Mrs. Evelyn Vargas to discuss the Keystone Stairs Project. Comments on concerns with shoes hanging on power lines in areas of the Town. His concern is that it normally indicates drug activity in that certain area; has some ideas how to address the issue.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, comments on suspected drug activity in the area of the museum and gym. Had some encounters with suspicious people hanging out down there. Mr. Foster comments on safety concerns and suggests that the Town put up "no trespassing" signs and repair the fence and put up a gate and locks.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve Resolution No. 1280, authorizing a petition to the Board of Supervisors of Gila County, Arizona, for the formation of an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Gila County, authorizing the Town to join in the formation of such an authority if formed by the County and becoming a member of such an authority.

Town Manager Rivera explains that Council had a work session regarding the Town of Miami joining the Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (IPTA). Open discussion and comments regarding concerns of joining the IPTA. Discussion and comments regarding funds, grant monies and control of the transit system. Discussion regarding the how the Town has been running the transit system for a long time and there are concerns with losing the ability to

have a say on the running of the transit system. Mayor Medina states that the Town will still have a say on how the transit system will be ran; if he has his way, he is going to push hard for Christine Duarte to manage the transit system as the manager. The Board will draft up its bylaws and maybe it can be written into the bylaws that the Town does not lose control over the transit system. Discussion regarding the positive aspects of joining the Board. If the Town does not like what is happening, it can pull out of the Board. Open discussion and comments regarding the Board and what the functions of the Board will be. Discussion regarding the unanswered questions regarding the duties of the Board. Mayor Medina moved to approve Resolution No. 1280, authorizing a petition to the Board of Supervisors of Gila County, Arizona, for the formation of an Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority in Gila County, authorizing the Town to join in the formation of such an authority if formed by the County and becoming a member of such an authority. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – nay, Councilmember Gonzales – nay, Councilmember Licano – nay, Councilmember Reiman – nay and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION FAILED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Presentation and project update of Copper Fox Metals Inc.

Mr. Elmer Stewart, President and CEO of Copper Fox Metals gives presentation to Council. Mr. Stewart he is present tonight to tell Council about the plans for the Van Dyke Project. Mr. Stewart reviews the environmental, social and governance (ESG) policies. Reviews the technical support team and stakeholders in the project. Gives a brief history of the Van Dyke Project. Mr. Stewart comments on the Van Dyke Copper Deposit. Mr. Stewart reviews the schematic, supergene process. Explanation of the in-situ copper recovery. Mr. Stewart reviews the project location and objective of revitalizing the Van Dyke Copper Project. Mr. Stewart explains that all mining activities will be done underground and below the water aquifer. The actual project is located under the Town of Miami. Mr. Stewart comments on geology and mineralization. Discussion and comments regarding working underground and underneath the aquifer. Review of the mineral resources. Review of the project schedule. Review of the project infrastructure and underground development and development plan. Review of the reclamation and closure plan. Review of the socio-economic benefit. Open discussion and comments regarding the mining process and areas of mining. Open discussion, comments and concern with doing additional drilling within the Town of Miami.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: Presentation of HOME (Hearts of Miami Engaged) Miami Keystone Stairs Project and approval to move forward with the project.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, President of Hearts of Miami Engaged (HOME), is present. Also present for the presentation Mr. Phil Stewart and Ms. Melinda Baeza. Brief history of the Keystone Stairs. Overview of the proposed Keystone Stairs Project. Review of the proposed Project phases. Phases 1 and 2 will be an assessment and evaluation of the stairs. Contractor's bidding process and scope of work to restore the stairs to a period correct condition while

maintaining safety. Phase 3 is the proposed Keystone Stairs experience; adding benches, silhouettes, small mining equipment, memorial plaques, pictures and additional lookouts. Phase 4 will be to add solar lighting. Brief discussion and comments regarding the historic value of the Keystone Stairs. Brief review of the projected income sources and expenses to renovate as well as the proposed timeline of the project. Brief discussion regarding the opportunity of funding with the CDBG Grant funds. No action taken on this item.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting. Mayor Medina announces District 2 Congressman Eli Crane and his outreach person, Lori Mills, are looking for artist to be part of a program they are starting, it is an art competition for young people. Congressman Crane will be judging the art contest. They will be looking for a place to display the art work for public viewing. If anyone has any contact information, he will relay it to Ms. Lori Mills.

11. 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 9:26 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 23rd 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