



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Medina calls the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Town Clerk Norris, and Finance Director Lopez.

4. 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. **6:02 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).

Mrs. Melinda Baeza, Miami resident, comments briefly on the need for the roads in Miami to be repaired. Comments on the need for economic growth and the need to draw people into the town. Mrs. Baeza urges Council to select the Keystone Stair Project.

Mrs. Britta Crone, Miami resident, urges Council to select the Keystone Stair Project and comments briefly on the history and educational aspects of the Keystone stairs.

Mrs. Noreen Prater, Miami resident, questions if the grant monies are enough to really repair the roads, not just a facelift or façade. Comments on the liability of the stairs in their current condition. Comments that the Keystone Stair Project is a good way to honor the miners.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, comments on clarification of a statement at the last meeting regarding the “project has to be ready to go in order for Council to vote on it.” (it is clarified that the project has to be completed within one year from the actual start date).

Mr. Isaac Shaffer, Miami resident and member of the Gila County Youth Council. They are teens who wish to address community issues and ideas that benefit the community. They urge Council to select the Keystone Stair Project; they feel it would be the best project for the community.

- c) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **6:15 p.m.**
- d) Council discussion and possible action to select CDBG Grant Project and approve Resolution No. 1282, authorizing the submission of application(s) and implement CBDG Project(s).

Brief discussion regarding how long the “mill and fill overlay and/or seal coating” of the roads would last. Councilmember Sosh comments that he has worked for ADOT for 20 years and his opinion is that the roads need to be torn completely out and redone. The question was asked if the Keystone Stairs Project qualifies for the CDBG funding. Mrs. Angela Gotto of CAG states that “yes”, that project is eligible. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed road project using mill and overlay and how many roads can be redone. It is stated that it is estimated that the Town would be able to do approximately 7 blocks, but the would include the Town using HURF funds along with the CDBG Grant funds. Mayor Medina comments on his concerns with the safety of our roads. Vice Mayor Moat provided Council with some photos of local roads. Brief discussion regarding Council would have to decide which roads would be repaired. Vice Mayor Moat would like to see the Roads Project selected. Town Manager Rivera comments that he is working on a 7.5-million-dollar grant to fix the roads in the Town. Open discussion and comments regarding repairing the roads in Miami. Vice Mayor Moat states that if the Town could get the 7.5 million dollar grant to do the roads, he would not be opposed to the Keystone Stair Project. Councilmember Licano questions when would the selected project need to be completed. Mrs. Angela Gotto of CAG explains that the project would need to be completed within one year of the start date. Councilmember Licano asks if the Keystone Stairs Project can be completed within one year time limited. It is stated that “yes” it can. Discussion regarding the Roads Project and the use of HURF funds, also, where will the Town get the funds to maintain the roads if they are repaired. Councilmember Sosh moved to use the CDBG funds for the Keystone Stairs Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – nay, Vice Mayor Moat – nay, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye,

Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. Councilmember Sosh moved to amend his motion to approve Resolution 1282 designating the Keystone Stair Project. Amendment seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote on the amended motion. Vote – Mayor Medina – nay, Vice Mayor Moat – nay, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval for Council to revisit Resolution 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 Attorney Estes explains the process for reconsideration of this item. Councilmember Reiman requested a motion for reconsideration, which is allowed for under Robert's Rules. Any member who voted on the prevailing side of the of the motion can ask for a motion to reconsider the issue. First Council will be voting as to whether they want to reconsider the item that was voted on at the last meeting. If that passes, Council will go on to discuss and vote on that item again. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve reconsideration of this item; it is going to happen if the Town joins the IPTA or not. 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 – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. 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.

Mr. Paul Jepson, Globe City Manager, states that the City of Globe passed this in December and he is here to answer any questions Council might have. Mr. Jepson states that the City of Globe has no desire to manage or oversee the transit system other than the legislative governance level. It is explained that there are enough entities that have approved to join the IPTA, to move forward with it and this is Miami's chance to be a part of it. Open discussion and comments regarding the benefits of the Town of Miami joining the IPTA. Discussion regarding funding, management of the system, costs savings and economic benefits. Mr. Travis Ashbaugh, CAG Transportation Planning Manager, gives a brief history of how the request for an IPTA came about. Open discussion and comments on the several ways that the IPTA Board could be set up. Mr. Ashbaugh comments that he has provided Council with a sample copy of what IPTA bylaws could look like. Open discussion regarding the transit employees and the position of Transit Manager; who does what. Discussion regarding that if the Town of Miami does not join, the funding is going to go away because Globe and Gila County, current contributors of the Copper Mountain Transit System, have elected to join the IPTA Board. Discussion regarding the information provided in the Final Report stating that Gila County

would potentially take over the transit system. Mr. Menlove, Gila County Manager, comments that Gila County has no desire to manage the transit system for Gila County. Discussion regarding the timeline of this transition and upcoming meetings. It is clarified that if the Town of Miami votes to not participate in the IPTA, the Town of Miami will be carved out of the IPTA boundaries, meaning the Town would be on its own. Mr. Menlove, Gila County Manager urges Council to approve this and come to the table and participate in the discussions. Open discussion and comments regarding the transit grant funding, as well as, funding from City of Globe and Gila County. It is explained that the IPTA Board will be an independent Board and not a county board. Open discussion and comments regarding the Town of Miami not having a choice on this, join or be left out. Brief discussion regarding Town of Miami not losing the transit system, it will potentially be running it. Open discussion and comments regarding the Town backing out; what are our options. It is explained that the Town would lose some funding and have to compete with the IPTA Board for grant funds. Councilmember Reiman 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 – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

5. 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 7:46 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing and Special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the **1st** day of **February**, 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