



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 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:

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 (arriving at 6:51 p.m.), Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Estes (via Zoom), Attorney John Goodman, Town Manager Rivera, Finance Director Lopez, Public Works Director Derhammer and Town Clerk Norris.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for March 19, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1283, adopting a fair housing policy.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1286, designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY 2022 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

Mayor Medina reads aloud the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, 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 March 3, 2023 to March 16, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for March 3, 2023 to March 16, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports that he has provided Council with his full written report. Reports that staff is moving forward with the wastewater treatment plant upgrade recommendations. Have met with two (2) engineering consultants for the upgrades. Will be meeting with Rick Engineering Company in regards to the Street Improvement Project, will be getting information on costs increase, if any. Gives thanks to the staff at the Alicia Garcia Senior Center for their support with providing food for two recent Town events.

**B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Vice Mayor Moat comments on utility work on Prospect and Merritt, glad to see they are back working. Will be glad when they are done and the road is repaired.

Mayor Medina comments on the painting of the Alicia Garcia Senior Center. Comments on the condition of the roads in Town, voices his concern. Reports briefly on the Water Smart Workshop he attended; it was informative and an eye opener. Concerned with water levels going down and populations going up.

Councilmember Sosh comments on the fact that most of the Town's concrete roads have been paved over. He is talking with Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer, to try scraping some of the pavement off the concrete in some areas to see how the concrete is underneath.

- 7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No response.

- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution No. 1285, authorizing the renewal of the Town of Miami's membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust.

Town Clerk, Karen Norris, presents this resolution to Council. This is to renew the Town's membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust, which is the insurance benefits for the employees. It is a 5-year renewal and appointing Town Clerk Norris as the Trustee and Town Manager Rivera as the alternate Trustee. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1285, authorizing the renewal of the Town of Miami's membership in the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust. 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.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County and Town of Miami for the 2023 Summer Work Program.

Town Clerk, Karen Norris, presents the IGA to Council for possible approval. This is a yearly IGA in which the Town will get to have 4 youth workers over the summer. There will be 2 workers for the Public Works Department, 1 for the Alicia Garcia Senior Center and 1 for the Town Hall. Councilmember Black moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County and Town of Miami for the 2023 Summer Work Program. 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.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of Town of Miami branding design as created by Local First Arizona with input from the community of Miami.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council. Christine Duarte, Town of Miami Community Services Director, Jenna Rowell, Local First AZ Director of Development and Victoria Grijalva Ochoa, Local First AZ Rural Program Manager and Community Development are present. Mrs. Duarte brings Council up to date with the branding timeline and where we are now. It is explained that if Council makes changes to the proposed branding it would cost the Town \$1,200.00. Mrs. Rowell explains this branding is provided for by grant funding from Local First. It is to build a brand through community input. The proposed brand was brought before Council and Council requested additional community input before approving the proposed brand. Local First came back in December to get additional community input this time they spoke to downtown businesses and building owners and other who gave input. The brand being presented tonight was developed from the original brand and the additional community input. They are now at the end of the grant funds and have delivered what the "scope of work" can provide at no charge to the community. Councilmember Sosh comments that there are three (3) people here that volunteered to be on the branding committee. They attended the first meeting and there was no further discussion regarding having another meeting. Councilmember Sosh explains that he is okay with this, but upset with the communication that was not given to the three volunteers. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed branding design. Councilmember Black would like to see 2 arms on the saguaro cactus; is it going to cost the Town money to add another arm. Councilmember

Licano asks if they can add some blooms, along with the second arm on the saguaro. Councilmember Black moved to approve Town of Miami branding design with the condition of adding the second arm to the cactus. 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 – nay and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible action to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (a)(3) for discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding Tri City Regional Sanitary District and Investment of funds received from BHP for the Bechtel Tract Project.

Councilmember Black moved to recess into executive session. 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. 7:18 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. 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. 8:04 p.m.

**E. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible direction to staff to move forward with investment of funds received from BHP for the Bechtel Tract Sewer Project.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to direct staff to move forward with investment of funds received from BHP for the Bechtel Tract Sewer Project. 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.

#### **10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending tonight's meeting.

#### **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 8:06 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 **27<sup>th</sup>** day of **March**, 2023.

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

DATED this **10<sup>th</sup>** day of **April**, 2023.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor