



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 AT 5:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Moat calls the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Vice Mayor Moat led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

#### 3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Medina (arriving at 6:00 p.m.), Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Reiman (arriving at 5:14 p.m.) and Councilmember Sosh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Manager Rivera, Town Attorney Estes, Finance Director Maria Lopez and Town Clerk Norris.

#### 4. BUSINESS:

- A. Information and discussion only:** Open discussion between staff and Council regarding FY 2023/2024 proposed budget.

Town Manager Rivera presents the tentative budget to Council. Town Manager Rivera comments that there are important areas being increased. Grants have been set at \$39 million dollars in order to apply for the grants we need and will be applying for. Review of the various grants the Town will be applying for. Brief discussion regarding the repairs of sidewalks, as well as, sidewalks on US 60. The sidewalks on US 60 belong to ADOT and someone from the Town needs to make contact with them and have discussions about repairs to them. Review of the breakdown of the proposed grants dollar amounts; which grants the Town will be applying for. Brief discussion regarding the \$12 million-dollar federal grant; for the mitigation and deviation of the creek.

Councilmember Gonzales asks if the Town has budgeted for an Economic Development position. Town Manager Rivera states that it is provided for in the budget; \$52,000.00. Discussion regarding the expenditure increases in the budget. Discussion regarding the Police Department budget and the vacant positions. Town Manager Rivera explains that he is in the process of getting the interview panel together for the Police Chief position. Discussion regarding the proposed increase of the County Transportation Fund.

Discussion and comments regarding the Town audits and the importance of getting those completed and up to date. Town Manager Rivera states staff is working on that as they have to be up to date in order to apply for grants. Brief discussion regarding the proposed budget including staff raises. Town Manager Rivera explains that the raises are budgeted for according to the approved pay scale.

Councilmember Gonzales questions the decrease in the Transit Department budget. Finance Director Lopez explains there was an error when transferring numbers in excel and that will be corrected. Councilmember Gonzales asks if the Town has the revenue to balance the proposed budget. Town Manager Rivera states yes there is. Discussion and comments regarding the Enterprise Funds.

Discussion regarding the Federal funds we received for COVID and the fact that we will no longer be receiving those funds and how will be balance the budget without those funds. Town Manager Rivera explains that the Town did not spend the money received for COVID, it is still in the bank and part of what the Town is planning to invest.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Black 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 – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Budget Work Session of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

  
Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
Jose "Angel" Medina, Sr., Mayor