



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 8, 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:**

Councilmember Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Medina gave the invocation.

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Medina, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Licano, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**EXCUSED:** Vice Mayor Moat and Councilmember Black.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Joe Estes, 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 April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for April 30, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Armed Forces Appreciation Day Proclamation.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Administrative Services Contract between Central Arizona Governments (CAG) and Town of Miami.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Barb Holtzen/Miami Mercantile & More Inc., for Banjo Concert, to be held Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to be located at 155 N. Miami Avenue.

Mayor Medina reads aloud the Armed Forces Appreciation Day Proclamation. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, 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 April 14, 2023 to April 27, 2023.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for April 14, 2023 to April 27, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, 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 reports he will be meeting with an engineering firm and ADEQ on Wednesday to discuss potential improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Gonzales gives thanks to Town Manager Rivera and Public Works Director Derhammer for cleaning up at Vandal Park; it was looking shabby.

Councilmember Reiman announces the repaving project on Gibson Street; cement will be poured on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mayor Medina gives thanks to Mrs. Duarte for all she does, and continues to do for the Town. Gives thanks to Town Clerk Norris for putting the flag at half-staff. Mayor Medina comments regarding the shrine and clean up that took place there. Gives thanks to Public Works Director Derhammer for the quick action with the issues on Merritt Street and Smith Alley. Comments on the condition of Smith Alley.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, states he is before Council to talk about scouting and geocaching in the Town of Miami. Mr. Webb explains geocaching to Council. He would like to bring scouting into the geocaching and bring attention to certain places in the Town of Miami by placing geocaches in various locations. Mr. Webb questions who he would talk to regarding placing geocaches in Town; Council directs him to get with Town Manager Rivera.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident and business owner, gives kudos to the Twenty-threes and the Miami Art Coalition. They have opened the Lyric Soda Shop which has drawn people from Globe and Phoenix to the shop and the Town of Miami.

Mr. Michael Twenty-three, Miami resident and business owner, announces the Lyric is finally open. At this time, it is open weekends only as they are still doing some work in there. They do plan to be open six days a week.

Mr. Tom Foster, Miami resident and Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, apologizes to Town Manager Rivera for his display of anger on Monday. Mr. Foster explains that he is frustrated with the destruction and damage he found last Monday at the museum. Mr. Foster states that he would like to get together with the Town Council, Town Manager and local law enforcement to look for solutions to this ongoing problem. Mr. Foster gives thanks to Mr. Twenty-three for the people they are bringing into town.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Presentation by Tri-City Sanitary District and possible approval to submit a Letter of Support of the Central Arizona Governments (CAG) Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan for a new wastewater collection and treatment system.

Mr. Robert Jacques, TRSD Board President, presents this item to Council. Mr. Jacques comments on the support they have received from their community, surrounding local governments and the State. Mr. Jacques explains why they need to put in a wastewater collection and treatment system. He is here tonight to request a Letter of Support from the Town of Miami. Mr. Jacques gives a brief overview of the project up to this date. The Town of Miami had given them a Letter of Support in 2019; since that time, they have made some revisions to their plans and are now requesting a Letter of Support for their updated project. Mr. Jacques gives a brief overview of their process of negotiating with BHP for a wastewater treatment plant site. Mr. Jacques announces that TRSD now has a site for the wastewater treatment plant but cannot disclose the location of the site until all negotiations are complete. Mr. Jacques reviews the three phases of the project. Discussion regarding the three options that were available to TRSD in the previous planning phase of this project. Mr. Jacques explains the options were: a) a no action option b) to take all the wastewater flow to the Town of Miami c) to split the wastewater flow between Globe and Miami and d) to take all the wastewater flow to the City of Globe. Mr. Jacques explains that this all took place before his time on the Board, but explains his understanding of what took place at the time those options were presented and how they came to the decision to build their own plant. Mr. Jacques comments regarding the concern with the effluent water and that all of it would go to the Town of Miami and they would lose all control of the effluent water. Mr. Jacques comments on one benefit of building their own plant and that is the revenue from the effluent water. Mr. Jacques explains that they are a non-profit, but the revenue would lessen the impact on the residents and enable them to purchase equipment. Open discussion and comments regarding the areas to be serviced by TRSD and what possibility is there that TRSD will take customers the Town of Miami is already servicing. Mr. Jacques states they have no interest in trying to infiltrate what the Town of Miami is already servicing; the only way they can serve them is if they petition to join TRSD. Brief discussion regarding the history of Bechtel Tract and what is happening with

that area now. Councilmember Reiman states he has concerns with Mr. Jacques comment of "if something doesn't happen by 2024, he is out of here". The Town of Miami is left with his statement of "we would never do this or that", then you are gone. That has been the story of Tri-City's organization over the past 15 years that he is aware of. Councilmember Reiman asks why would they need a new letter from the Town. Mr. Jacques explains that due to plan revisions, CAG is requiring an updated Letter of Support. Councilmember Sosh questions what difference it makes if the Town gives their approval or not; they are going to do it no matter what. Mr. Jacques states that Councilmember Sosh is right, they are going to do this. Councilmember Gonzales questions how can the Town of Miami vote in support of this if we do not know the location of their wastewater treatment plant. Open discussion and comments regarding the TRSD wastewater collection and treatment plant project. Councilmember Gonzales comments regarding comments being stated "what is best for the community" but what is best for the Town of Miami would be for TRSD to tie into the Town of Miami's system. The Town would have had that influx of money coming in and he is tired of the Town of Miami always getting the "short end of the stick". He is here to make the best decisions for the citizens of Miami. Councilmember Reiman moved to draft a letter, similar to the one in the packets (inaudible) signed by the Mayor and move forward. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – nay, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – nay, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - nay. MOTION FAILS. Councilmember Sosh moved to table this item TRSD comes back to Council with the location of where the wastewater treatment plant will be built. Motion seconded by Mayor Medina. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – nay, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – nay and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** To give direction to staff to move forward with investment of \$2.13 million dollars with Moreton Capital Markets L.L.C.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council. Town Manager Rivera states there is a total of \$2.13 million to potentially invest. \$1.5 million from the savings account and \$633,501.00 funds for the sewer project. Town Manager Rivera the proposed investment prospects and potential returns on the investments. Moreton Capital has the best investment returns in a period of 18 months. Councilmember Licano asks if it is safe to invest the Towns funds. Town Manager Rivera states yes, it is and this type of investment is protected, in some cases up to \$25 million dollars. Councilmember Gonzales moved to direct staff to move forward with investment of \$2.13 million dollars with Moreton Capital Markets L.L.C. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 012219, Amendment No. 4, between Gila County and Town of Miami for Limited Jurisdictions Courts.

Town Clerk Norris presents this IGA to Council for consideration. Town Clerk Norris brings to Councils attention that the rates have increased over last years IGA. Brief discussion and comments regarding the rate increase. Finance Director Lopez explains that the County let the Town pay a reduced rate until the Town paid off arrearages. The arrearages have been paid off so the normal rate now takes effect. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 012219, Amendment No. 4, between Gila County and Town of Miami for Limited Jurisdictions Courts. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote - Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – nay and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve job description for the position of Economic Development Director.

Town Clerk Norris presents the draft Economic Development Director job description to Council. Town Clerk Norris explains how she collected information to draft the proposed job description. Brief discussion regarding where this position will be on the pay scale. Town Clerk Norris explains that will come back before Council once the Town Manager and Finance Director have a chance review the budget and come up with some numbers. Councilmember Reiman states his concerns with regards to the job qualifications/education. Brief discussion regarding the job qualifications/education. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the job description for the position of Economic Development Director. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote - Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Gonzales announces the boys' varsity baseball team made the state playoffs. They played on May 5<sup>th</sup>, although the game went into extra innings, they didn't win but finished the season ranking number 2 in the state.

Mayor Medina comments regarding the passing of Miami resident Mr. Charlie Snow; he will be greatly missed. Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Gonzales moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.  
DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor

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