



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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 and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Joe Estes, Finance Director Lopez, Public Works Director Derhammer and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of May 22, 2023 Budget Work Session and May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for May 28, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Miami Genesis to manage the Miami Fiesta 2023 at the Bullion Plaza Park on Saturday, September 16, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Miami Genesis, for Miami Fiesta, to be held Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to be located Bullion Plaza Park 150 N. Plaza Circle.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 012621 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Mackey Camp Road Maintenance.

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 – excused 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 May 12, 2023 to June 1, 2023.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for May 12, 2023 to June 1, 2023. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera presents Council with a copy of the final Town of Miami branding logo with the requested changes. Announces that he would like to hold a “meet and greet”, with the final 2 candidates for Police Chief, right before the next Council meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Announces that the Town has filled the Public Works Supervisor position.

- B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Vice Mayor Moat apologizes for missing the last couple meetings as he is coaching little league and he will be absent from the meeting of June 26th because they have an out-of-town game.

Councilmember Sosh comments regarding an incident brought to his attention by a resident who had issues trying to get a Police Officer at the Miami PD. Councilmember Sosh states that he hopes issues like this are resolved when the Town hires a new Chief of Police.

Councilmember Black states that the dispatch contract with Gila County is coming up soon and Council needs to look into that.

Councilmember Licano comments regarding rumors about something that happened at the concert across the street. He looked into the rumors and found that they are not true, not what the rumors are stating took place. Councilmember Licano comments that he had to call the Police 2 weeks ago and they showed up pretty quick.

Mayor Medina comments that he is in favor of bringing back the dispatchers to the Miami PD. States that he has been asked if the Town can provide a timeline for the Keystone Stairs project. Comments on there being a lot of dried trees and brush around town, sees it as a fire hazard and feels that the Town needs to start trimming the trees and brush. Comments briefly on Smith Alley being block and that it is happening again. States concerns with the need for a

barrier on Merritt and Prospect Avenue, it is a dangerous area. Comments on the crime in that area as well and curfew is not being enforced.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Steven Helffrich, Douglas, AZ resident, comments on Miami resident and business owner Michael Twenty-three, who recently passed away. Comments on their friendship and Mr. Twenty-three's love of the Town of Miami.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of proposed salary for position of Economic Development Director as "\$52,100.00 plus performance-based compensation in regards to grants acquired.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council and explains that it is a much-needed position and he would like to move forward with approval of this item so that he can advertise the position. He would like to advertise and have someone hired in August. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed salary for this position. Discussion regarding the job description for this position. Councilmember Gonzales comments that this is a vital position in order to bring business and housing to our community. Vice Mayor Moat states that he is in agreement with Councilmember Gonzales. Discussion regarding what it is that an Economic Development Director does; works with local businesses, collaborates with investors, grants, brings business and housing to the Town. Discussion regarding how this position is to help increase the tax base for the Town. Councilmember Licano moved to approve proposed salary for position of Economic Development Director as "\$52,100.00 plus performance-based compensation in regards to grants acquired. Motions seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – nay, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation of Bullion Plaza Gym quarterly report for January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

Mrs. Lisa Zaragoza, Miami Genesis, presents the Bullion Plaza Gym quarterly report for January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 explaining that there was not much activity to report as the youth basketball teams were using the gym for much of that time.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Review and possible approval of Renaissance Grant application of Barb Holtzen, Miami Mercantile.

Town Manager Rivera presents this grant application to Council for possible award. Town Manager Rivera states that Mrs. Holtzen has previously receive a Renaissance Grant, in 2021, and has completed the work associated with that grant. Councilmember Gonzales asks if the

Town received any other grant applications. Town Manager Rivera states that this is the first application received since he has started with the Town. Two applications had been submitted before he started but they were not submitted with all the necessary information. One application submitted, Miami's Finest, was missing some information and they never provided the missing information. The second application submitted was by Mr. Michael Twenty-three, he started the process but did not complete it. Councilmember Licano states that he heard a comment that the Town is helping to remodel this building (the YMCA building) and it is up for sale; he finds this concerning. Mrs. Barbara Holtzen, grant applicant, is present and speaks on the improvements that have been made to the building. It is an iconic building that has been here since 1917 and it solidifies the town. Mrs. Holtzen explains that the building is for sale but she wants to continue to make the building better as it is an attraction to the town. Comments on the window improvements she made with the last grant she received. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Renaissance Grant application of Barb Holtzen, Miami Mercantile. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – nay, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: To approve letter of "Sister Cities" Agreement with the municipality of Trincheras in Sonora, Mexico.

Mayor Medina presents this request to Council explaining that he had met with the Mexican Consulate General and they were looking for a Sister City to match with the Town of Miami. They proposed Trincheras, Sonora, Mexico. Mayor Medina had informed them that he would like to bring the matter before Council for approval before approving the Sister City. Information regarding Trincheras has been provided for in the Council packets and it very similar to the Town of Miami; it would be a good match. Mayor Medina moved to approve letter of "Sister Cities" Agreement with the municipality of Trincheras in Sonora, Mexico. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval closure of Keystone Avenue, from Sullivan Street to just south of the Keystone bridge for Second Saturday events through the end of 2023, with Public Works staff setting up and taking down barricades at 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. as well as Town to use digital sign at each end of town to advertise the Second Saturday event in advance of the event.

Ms. Amanda Ray is present on behalf of Mr. Michael Twenty-three, to answer any questions that Council may have regarding this event. Brief discussion and comments regarding what they are planning to do in that area. It is stated that they have several things planned, music, poetry, storytelling and art. They are also going to invite local vendors to participate in the event. Councilmember Gonzales comments that he thinks this is a great location for their event because Sullivan Street will remain open and you can see the event from Highway 60, which could possibly draw people in to the downtown area. Councilmember Black moved to

approve closure of Keystone Avenue, from Sullivan Street to just south of the Keystone bridge for Second Saturday events through the end of 2023, with Public Works staff setting up and taking down barricades at 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. as well as Town to use digital sign at each end of town to advertise the Second Saturday event in advance of the event. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Sosh states he will be absent from the next two Council meetings as he will be out of town on vacation.

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 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 12th day of June, 2023.

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

DATED this 26th day of June, 2023.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor