



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING, BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 10, 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 Reiman.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Sosh.

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 June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for June 25, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for June 16, 2023 to June 29, 2023.

Councilmember Gonzales questions the amount paid for the courier vehicle. Councilmember Gonzales explains that he was given documentation that the vehicle was \$22,000.00 but the

demands show we paid \$32,000.00. Town Manager Rivera explains that there were some circumstances that came up and the Town was not able to make that original purchase so they had to go with another vehicle that was available and it was a bit more money. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for June 16, 2023 to June 29, 2023. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera briefly reviews the investment reports through June 30, 2023.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Black apologizes for missing the last meeting; it was his wedding anniversary.

Mayor Medina states there was an altercation at the Miami Fast Stop. Gives thanks to Freeport and the Town of Miami for putting up the safety barrier on Merritt and Prospect. Comments that the south side of town is looking good and comments on the houses being remodeled in that area.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, comments on cleaning up around the museum and gym. Thanks Christine Duarte for bringing her crew down there to clean up garbage and weeds in that area. Thanks Public Works for trimming brush and trees there today. Mr. Foster states that this needs to be done on a regular basis. Announces they received a grant from Resolution in the amount of \$20,000.00 to upgrade the restrooms in the museum and adding on-demand hot water heaters in 3 areas.

District Supervisor Humphrey announces the staff of Eli Crane will be at the Miami Library July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m to meet with the public and discuss concerns and answer questions.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami business owner and resident, expresses appreciation for the Town's support of the 4th of July event. Comments on one event that happened at the parade staging area and suggests the Town paint the sidewalk/curb yellow.

Lob, Miami resident, announces that he is now the President of the Miami Arts Commission. Thanks the Town of Miami for helping with the 2nd Saturday event; states it was a very hot day.

Officer Roanhorse, Town of Miami Police Officer, introduces himself to the public and gives his thanks to the community for their concern for the Town of Miami police officers. Comments briefly on the risks of being a police officer.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Introduction of second Police Chief candidate.

Mr. Jeff Kirkham, Chief of Police candidate introduces himself to the public and comments briefly on his interest in working for the community of Miami. No action taken on this item.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING: To hold a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on the proposed primary Property Tax increase. To raise its Primary Property Taxes over last year's level; Miami is proposing an increase in Primary Property taxes of \$3,106.00 or 4.4991%:

- 1) Open Public Hearing ~ Mayor Medina. **7:03 p.m.**
- 2) Open discussion and public comments regarding the proposed Primary Property Tax increase.

Mrs. Barb Holtzen, Miami business owner, asks who will the property tax increase affect. Town Clerk Norris explains that there is not an increase in the property tax rate for the Town of Miami. Due to the increase in the property tax dollar amount the Town still has to go through the Truth in Taxation process. Town Attorney Estes explains that the \$3,106.00 is not an increase for each individual property. The assessed values of property have gone up, so the amount they collect goes up. When collected amount goes up past a certain point the Town has to do the Truth in Taxation process. The property owners will likely see just a few dollars difference in their property tax bill.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami business owner and resident, asks if the \$3,106 is spread out over all the property taxes, not for each property owner. Town Attorney Estes states that is correct.

Mr. Jordan Reardon, Globe resident, comments on the tax rate and how it is calculated per the assessed value of the property.

- 3) Close Public Hearing ~ Mayor Medina. **7:12 p.m.**

B. PUBLIC HEARING: To hold a public hearing on the final budget for the Town of Miami for fiscal year 2023/2024, and approving an alternative expenditure limitation to govern the Town of Miami budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 in an amount equal to the total amount of budgeted expenditures/expenses as it appears on the annual budget:

- 1) Open Public Hearing ~ Mayor Medina. **7:12 p.m.**

- 2) Open discussion and public comments regarding adoption of the tentative budget as the final budget for fiscal year 2023/2024.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami business owner and resident, comments that he has been talking with Town staff regarding putting a community bulletin board in the park and wants to know if that has been included in the budget. Town Manager Rivera states that can come from the Special Project line of the budget.

- 3) Close Public Hearing ~ Mayor Medina. 7:16 p.m.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to recess the regular meeting and move into the special meeting. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:17 p.m.

1. **Council discussion, motion and possible action** to approve Resolution No. 1290 adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 and setting an expenditure limitation to govern the Town of Miami budget for fiscal year 2023/2024.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Resolution No. 1290 adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2023/2024 and setting an expenditure limitation to govern the Town of Miami budget for fiscal year 2023/2024. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the special meeting and move back into the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzales. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:20 p.m.

- C. **Information, discussion and possible action:** Presentation and possible approval of installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the Town of Miami.

Town Manager Rivera explains that Mr. R.J. Tarango from Freeport had a change in schedule and asks if Council will table this item until the next regular meeting. Mayor Medina asks where would the ev charging station be installed. Town Manager Rivera states in the parking space in front of the Transit building. That location will be the most economical place to run the electric. Open discussion and comments regarding strategically placing the charging station as to bring people into the Town and business area. Councilmember Black comments on putting charging stations in accessible and easy to locate areas such as Bullion Plaza Circle. Brief discussion regarding apps that let ev vehicle owners know where charging locations are located. Discussion and comments on the expense of installation of charging stations, this item is a proposed pilot program paid for, at no expense to the Town, by Freeport. Brief discussion

regarding the Town think about locations strategically, how placement of stations can bring people and business into the Town. Discussion regarding placing a charging station on Highway 60. Councilmember Gonzales comments on a conversation he had with a local business owner who is in the que to put a charging station on his property that is located on Highway 60. Councilmember Black moved to table this item until the next regular meeting. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

D. Information and discussion only: Presentation and project update on the Miami Inspiration Housing Project.

Mr. Reid Butler of Butler Housing gives the presentation to Council. Mr. Butler states they started working on this project 5 years ago. This project will provide affordable housing to the community. The project is supported by a very competitive statewide grant and is now fully financed. There will be 40 apartments and the building façade and windows will remain historically the same. The rent for the apartments will be approximately \$361.00 to \$873.00 per month, with annual income limitations of \$18,000.00 to \$44,000.00 to qualify for the affordable housing. Mr. Butler states they are here tonight to thank the Town of Miami and the Miami School District for their support of this project and helping them to get through the process with the State. Mr. Butler briefly reviews the proposed timeline for the project. The next 6 months will be detailing the plans for the project and firming up the financing commitments. They hope to start construction in January and it will take about 18 months to complete the project. Brief discussion and comments regarding the roads and parking situation in that area. There will not be an elevator in the building, the ground floor apartments will be the only ones that are ADA compliant. There will be a property manager on site. Open discussion regarding the rental vouchers and how they work with this being an affordable housing project. They are predicting the project will be completed in the summer of 2025. No action on this item.

E. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Resolution No. 1289 approving the revisions to the Miami Renaissance Grant Program.

Town Manager Rivera explains that this revision to the Miami Renaissance Grant Program is just to add the eligibility requirement that the Town can recoup the full grant amount from any building owner or tenant who sells the building within 60 months after it receives Renaissance Grant funding. If they fail to comply with this requirement, the Town will pursue this action on the legal forum. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1289 approving the revisions to the Miami Renaissance Grant Program. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

F. 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 repayment of sales tax to the City of Globe.

Councilmember Black moved to enter into executive session. 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:58 p.m.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to adjourn the executive session and move back into the regular meeting. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED. 8:31 p.m.

G. Information, discussion and possible action: 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 for the Tri-City Sanitary District.

Councilmember Reiman moved to direct the Town Manager to establish negotiations with the Sanitary District with the objective of providing the processes and services for their affluent and coming to some agreements on how that might be done to benefit both the Town of Miami and the Sanitary District as was it previously proposed and not followed up with. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

H. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of payment plan for repayment of sales tax in the amount of \$56,832.36 to the City of Globe.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the payment plan for repayment of sales tax in the amount of \$56,832.36 to the City of Globe. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Vice Mayor Moat thanks Mayor Medina for allowing him to give the welcome speech at the July 4th parade. Gives thanks to Mrs. Christine Duarte of allowing him the use of Bullion Plaza Gym this past Saturday when they had an unexpected venue issue for a planned baby shower.

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the 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 - excused. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 10th day of July, 2023.

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

DATED this 24th day of July, 2023.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor