



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 24, 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:

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

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

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

**EXCUSED:** Vice Mayor Moat.

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

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting, Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 9, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1291 adopting a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan for FY 2023/2024.

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 – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, 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 June 30, 2023 to July 13, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for June 30, 2023 to July 13, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, 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 that the local newspaper has reported incorrect information in regards to the Inspiration Apartment Project and reports the correct information. Also, points out the local newspaper also reported that the Town of Miami supported the Tri City Regional Sanitary District when in fact the Town of Miami Council voted against supporting TCRSD. Reports on recent grants submitted.

Ms. Melinda Baeza gives the Copper Mountain Transit statistic and activity report.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Mayor Medina expresses condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Tony Sanchez, life long Miami resident, who recently passed. Reports on representing the Town of Miami at a special presentation by the Miami School District in recognition of all members of the district alumni. Update on the issue of the Sister City Agreement with Trincheras, Sonora, Mexico. Announces that Ms. Lori Mills, with Representative Eli Cranes office, will be at the Miami Memorial Library tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns from the public. Comments regarding a tree that was planted at the Miami Vandal Park in honor of a Miami resident; looks like it may become a new tradition. Comments on the incorrect information printed in the newspaper regarding the Inspiration Apartment Project; hope they print a correction.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Noreen Prader, Miami resident, reads a statement regarding the Chief of Police position and the process followed for conducting interviews and who conducted the interviews. Asks if the Mayor and Council were informed of the interviews and/or were part of the interview process. Questions why the Mayor and Council were not present at the interviews.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Independence Day Parade organizer, gives a brief report to Council regarding the Independence Day Parade and events. Gives thanks to the many citizens who helped with the event. Introduces the 4H Sharp Shooter Club, the recipient of the 1<sup>st</sup> place parade award. Mr. Bryant introduces Mr. AJ Shinely, 4H Sharp Shooter Club member and instructor. Mr. Shinely speaks to Council regarding how the Club was started and what the Club represents. Mr. Shinely comments on the Club going to Nationals and how they did there. Miss Shantel Jordan, Club member, introduces herself and comments on the Club and her

experience going to Nationals. Miss Sierra Orosco, Club member, introduces herself and comments on her experience going to Nationals.

Miami High School, Assistant Superintendent, Richard Ramos, reports to Council on the happenings going on in the Miami Unified School District. Mr. Ramos requests a future meeting with Council to discuss some ideas for working together. Mr. Ramos discusses three major components they will be focusing on: Mindset, Relationships, Change and the 4 "T's".

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Mr. R.J. Tarango is not present at the meeting. Councilmember Gonzales moves to table this item until the next regular meeting as the presenter is absent. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Resolution No. 1292, fixing, levying and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for FY 2023/2024 and providing for severability.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk, presents this item to Council for consideration. Ms. Norris explains this resolution is to approve the property tax levy in which Council had a public hearing on at the last regular Council meeting. Brief discussion and comments regarding the proposed tax levy. Councilmember Licano moved to approve Resolution No. 1292, fixing, levying and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for FY 2023/2024 and providing for severability. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Addendum No. 4 to Contract for Legal Services with Gust Rosenfeld, PLC.

Town Attorney Estes presents this item to Council explaining that they are requesting to bump up their rates just a little bit. The rates have not been increased in quite a few years. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Addendum No. 4 to Contract for Legal Services with Gust Rosenfeld, PLC. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for

the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of First Amendment to Cooperation Agreement between BHP Copper Inc. and Town of Miami regarding temporary wastewater treatment service to certain parcels within property identified in the Agreement as the Bechtel Tract.

Town Manager Rivera explains that this amendment will modify the original agreement. Town Attorney Estes states they made a couple of amendments to address the fact that BHP already paid the \$633,501.00 one-time payment. Due to the question regarding the generator for lift station, BHP agreed to pay for the generator. The last amendment was clarification of the payments by the customers. BHP wanted it to be put in the amendment that they will make the first 36 months of sewer payments for the customers, with it being noted that they pay the same standard fee all as the other customer will be paying. It also provides for the Town to negotiate the sale of the infrastructure, if and when Tri City is able to take over the system. Mrs. Ali Dionne of BHP is present via zoom. Councilmember Gonzales comments regarding this being an ongoing relationship with BHP over that last couple of years and expresses it has been a great partnership that he hopes to continue in the future. Councilmember Gonzales moves to approve First Amendment to Cooperation Agreement between BHP Copper Inc. and Town of Miami regarding temporary wastewater treatment service to certain parcels within property identified in the Agreement as the Bechtel Tract. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman.

Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Release Agreement with BHP Copper Inc. for wastewater treatment services for Bechtel Tract.

Town Manager Rivera presents this agreement to Council for consideration. This agreement is to receive the 35 properties in the Bechtel Tract area where the Town of Miami will be providing wastewater treatment services. Town Attorney Estes states this is also to acknowledge and release of the construction of the service lines to the Town. Releases everything from BHP to the Town; all the infrastructure. Councilmember Black moved to approve the Release Agreement with BHP Copper Inc. for wastewater treatment services for Bechtel Tract. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**E. Information and discussion only:** Presentation of information for Supporting Youth Mental Health and Drug Free Choices.

Ms. Stefanie Cary of La Frontera-EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center gives this presentation to Council. Ms. Cary explains who La Frontera-EMPACT Suicide prevention Center is and what they do for communities. Ms. Cary comments on the services they provide. Ms. Cary comments on suicide prevention and the nation-wide 988 suicide & crisis lifeline. Ms. Cary comments on the need for youth mental health support and what community members can do to help someone. Explains what seeking mental health care looks like. Comments on the risk of drugs and self-medicating when someone is undertreated or undiagnosed with mental illness. Ms. Cary comments on the informational pamphlets and packets she brought to help people who may be struggling and/or looking for resources.

**F. Information and discussion only:** Presentation of information regarding Child & Family Resources Inc. in the Town of Miami.

Ms. Kiana Thompson of Child & Family Resources states she is present tonight to inform Council and the public of the services they provide in the Town of Miami. They are a grant funded, non-profit, parent volunteer program that offers in home visitation to families who want to learn better on their children's developments, bonding and much more. They work with families up to 5 years and assist them as a whole, meaning if parents need referrals for mental health, job placement, housing and more, they assist them in finding those resources. To join a family must be pregnant or have a child 90 days old or younger.

**G. Information and discussion only:** Report and update on the CDBG Grant Project – Keystone Stairs.

Town Manager Rivera states the Keystone Stairs project environmental review is complete and has been approved by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). CAG has advertised a combined notice of finding of no significant impact and intent to request release of funds in the paper. This allows the public a short comment period on the environmental review. The comment period will last until July 27<sup>th</sup>. After that, CAG will submit the request for release of funds to ADOH and the Town will receive their award for the CDBG funds.

**H. Information, discussion and possible action:** To recess into and hold executive session:

- a) Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion or discipline of Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.
- b) Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion or discipline in regards to selection of Chief of Police candidates Jeffrey Kirkham and Louis Scichilone.

Councilmember Black moved to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzales. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye,

Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye.  
MOTION PASSED. 7:57 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. 9:05 p.m.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Gonzales announces that tomorrow is the first day of the Miami schools. The buses will be out picking up and dropping of students, please be aware and be safe. Suggests maybe Miami Police Department have some extra patrol when the buses are out.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor