



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 Gonzales, Councilmember Licano and Councilmember Reiman.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Black and Councilmember Sosh.

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

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of July 17, 2023 Special meeting and July 24, 2023 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 23, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Thea Wilshire, for Cobre Valley Corn Hole Tournament, to be held Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to be located Bullion Plaza Gym 150 N. Plaza Circle.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, 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 July 14, 2023 to August 03, 2023.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the demands for July 14, 2023 to August 03, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, 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 reports on a project in conjunction with Capstone Mining, to start the first week in October. The project will be installation of a volleyball court and new playground equipment with padding in Miami Veterans Memorial Park. Will be meeting with Chicanos Por La Causa this Friday in regards to the home repair grant under the Colonia funding. On August 23<sup>rd</sup> will be having a community engagement meeting with ADEQ on the Brownfield grant. Report on the Police Department radios through CM Network, the cost to the Town is \$700 per year for the licensing. Reports will be meeting with ADC Wastewater Engineering in regards to a new contract for engineering services. Met with WIFA last Friday, will be requesting 1.1 million dollars with up to 85% forgiveness; will provide more details regarding this next week. Brief update on the CDBG Keystone Stairs project. Update on the FEMA Notice of Intent for a 1.2-million-dollar grant for Mackey's Camp, for a second bridge. Reports on Letter of Intent for a grant with US Army Corp of Engineers for engineering for the creek; flooding deviation and flood alarm.

### **B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Gonzales comments on the playground equipment to be installed in Veterans Park; asks that it not be orange and black. Comments briefly on Music in the Park this past Saturday, as well as, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday event; both were well attended.

Councilmember Licano asks what happened to all the "No U Turn" signs on Sullivan Street.

Mayor Medina reminds everyone that we are ambassadors of this town. Has had many comments on how friendly this town is. Thanks Public Works for all the hard work they have been doing and for filling potholes in certain areas of town. Announces that Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer and APS are working on repairing the lighting at the Senior Center parking areas and other locations in town. Gives thanks to the ADOC inmates for all their work and skilled labor. Gives thanks to Mrs. Duarte for all the events she has been working on. Comments briefly on the Local First event.

## **7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mrs. Sherry Olafson and Rob Shultz, Miami residents, comments that the Bullion Plaza Park can use more water as the tree they planted is dying because it is not getting watered enough. Comments on the strong sewer smell on Sullivan and Inspiration. Comments on the first Monday in September being Labor Day. Would like to revive Labor Day, the Democrats of

Cobre Valley, Democrats of Gila County, IDEW and Arizona Educational Association will be having a breakfast and lunch and some music in celebration of Labor Day. The public is invited to attend and it will be Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Miami Veterans Park.

Mr. Richard Ramos, Miami School District, Assistant Superintendent, reports that he and Town Manager Rivera have been working with ASU Digital and are announcing that we have become partners to provide teachers with professional training, support teachers and students with the effective use of technology. Will also be supporting students with pathways to collage and career. When up and running, it is the intent to work along side the Town of Miami and to invite and include members of the Copper Corridor be to partners along side of us. Miami will be the leaders out front and the hub of the Copper Corridor.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner expresses thanks and appreciation in regards to removing the smoke from the smoke stack on the new Town of Miami branding logo. Comments on the success of this past 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday event.

## **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.

Town Manager Rivera asks Council to table this item as Freeport is obtaining more information on this item. Councilmember Reiman moved to remove this item from the Council agenda until Freeport is ready to present this item to Council. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzales. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation regarding available scholarships for residents of the Copper Corridor funded by BHP, offered by CPLC.

Presenter is not present. Councilmember Gonzales moved to table this item to the next Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED - TABLED.

Mrs. Lisa Gonzales has connected via Zoom to present this item to Council. Mrs. Gonzales states that BHP and CPLC are offering academic scholarships to residents of the Copper Corridor. The scholarships can be used at community colleges, universities as well as, trade schools. The scholarships are available to residents of the Copper Corridor – Miami, Superior, Kearny, Hayden, Winkelman, Globe, Oracle and San Manuel. Councilmember Gonzales asks if they have made contact with the local schools to notify them of the available scholarships. Mrs. Gonzales states they she has and has set up a meeting with them. Councilmember Gonzales

asks if this is open to all nationalities. Mrs. Gonzales states that it is. The scholarships will be available for the next semester. \*\*\*due to technical difficulties the presentation ends.

**B. 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 Attorney, Guest Rosenfeld through Joe Estes.

Councilmember Licano moved to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:20 p.m.

Councilmember Licano moved to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:50 p.m.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Vice Mayor Moat recognizes Miami High School football coach Mr. Powell is present.

Mayor Medina comments regarding kids being out in numbers, reminds everyone to watch for them and be careful.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor

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