



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Medina calls the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Councilmember Reiman 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 August 14, 2023 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for August 06, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Barbara Holtzen, for Berry/Odom Concert Day (10/14/23) and Megan's Wedding (10/28/23), to be held Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. to be located at Miami Mercantile & More, Inc.; 155 N. Miami Avenue.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.
- E. Consideration and possible approval of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September Proclamation.
- F. To approve request from Miami High School to close Sullivan Street to traffic, starting at Miami Avenue and ending at Bullion Plaza, and to use Town electricity and restrooms at the Miami Veterans Memorial Park, all for a Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 15, 2023 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m., with the Town to provide traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department.

Mayor Medina reads aloud National Hispanic Heritage Month and Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Proclamations. Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Gonzales requests to remove Item F for discussion and a separate vote. Councilmember Black amends his motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item F. Amendment 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

ITEM F – Ms. Akasha Garrett of Miami High School is present to request approval of the MHS Homecoming Parade and approval use of the Town of Miami’s sound system for the event. Community Services Director, Christine Duarte states they can use the Community Services sound system for their parade. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Item F with approval for the Miami High School to use the sound system for their event. 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 - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**5. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET REPORTS:**

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for August 4, 2023 to August 17, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for August 4, 2023 to August 17, 2023. 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 - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera gives a brief report and update on the fire that happened last Thursday. Town Manager Rivera reports the Town will be pursuing a fire restoration grant in the event the owner does not have insurance. Reports that the Police Department has received their new radios. The approximate annual licensing cost is \$4,000.00.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Sosh comments on the incorrect information put in the Town of Miami advertisement in the Globe Miami Community Guide. They did not update the information from last year, still has Councilmember Gonzales as the Mayor and the wrong date for the upcoming car show. He is not happy with it. Comments how the fire last week has hit home, we could have lost a lot of homes.

Mayor Medina comments on the fire that happened last week. Comments on all the dry brush around town and how it needs to be cleaned up. Mayor Medina comments on being impressed by Town staff during this incident and how they stepped up and helped with whatever they could. Mayor Medina suggests Disaster Preparedness training for Town staff.

Councilmember Black feels the abandoned buildings need to be inspected, boarded up and secured to keep people out of them.

Councilmember Reiman feels the Town needs to go beyond citing trespassers who enter the abandoned buildings. The Town needs to take positive action and see to it the buildings are boarded up. He requests that Town Manager Rivera look into doing this and report back to Council.

Vice Mayor Moat states that he agrees with Councilmember Reiman and that he also agrees with enforcement of the curfew.

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

Mr. Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Museum Executive Director, thanks Town staff for assisting with the pre-work stage of the museum abatement. Mr. Foster reports on the asbestos abatement project at the museum; the building is now clear of asbestos. Mr. Foster comments on some USDA Grants up to \$10,000.00 and fairly easy to acquire. These grants are for community blight. He is working on having a work shop/presentation at Bullion Plaza regarding these grants and applying for them.

Mrs. Sherry Olafson, Miami resident, comments on the tree limbs and debris that fall from the hill behind her home. The property is owned by the State and feels they should have to clean it up. Reminds every one of the Labor Day event on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of ratification of Resolution 1292 FY 2023/2024 Tax Levy; correcting the dollar amount to be assessed on each \$100 of assessed valuation from \$4.50 to \$4.49.

Town Clerk, Karen Norris presents this resolution to Council explaining that she made a mistake on the dollar amount to be assessed. The correct dollar amount is \$4.49, this is to ratify Resolution No. 1292 to reflect the correct amount. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve ratification of Resolution 1292 FY 2023/2024 Tax Levy; correcting the dollar amount to be assessed on each \$100 of assessed valuation from \$4.50 to \$4.49. 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**B. Information and discussion only:** Presentation and discussion of Bullion Plaza Disc Golf.

Mr. Steven Palmer presents the Bullion Plaza Disc Golf course presentation to Council. Mr. Palmer explains the course overview as shown in the Council packets. It shows a bird's eye view of the proposed tee and basket locations at the Bullion Plaza Park. There are a couple of different options of how the course can be set up. Mr. Palmer explains the layout of the proposed course. Mr. Palmer comments on the community benefits a disc golf course can provide. Mr. Palmer comments on the disc baskets and explains that they are relatively inexpensive and durable. Mr. Palmer reviews the estimated cost to install a 3-basket disc golf course at the Bullion Plaza Park and explains that the Miami High School construction class can install it, if approved by the Town. Brief discussion regarding funding sources for this project. Councilmember Black states he feels this is good idea. It is asked if Mr. Tom Foster of Bullion Plaza Museum is aware of this. Mr. Palmer states that he has talked to Mr. Foster about this, Mr. Foster suggested he talk to the Town Council. Open discussion and comments regarding the placement of the baskets and are they removable. Discussion regarding the possibility of vandalism and/or damage to the baskets. Mr. Palmer briefly comments on positive points of having a disc golf course: it is affordable and accessible, promotes health and well-being, serves more of the community and stimulates the local economy. Open discussion and comments regarding funding sources for this project and getting permission from the Town to put in the disc golf course at the park. No action taken on this item.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** To approve Sisterhood Agreement between Trincheras of the State of Sonora of the United Mexican States and the Town of Miami of the State of Arizona of the United States of America.

Councilmember Reiman asks why do this? There is no commonality of regulations, revenue sources are not the same as theirs, nothing about our governments are the same. He is not necessarily opposed to it, just does not see the point of it. Councilmember Reiman states he is having a hard time seeing the benefits. Councilmember Black agrees with Councilmember Reiman, what are the benefits for the Town of Miami and what are the benefits for Trincheras. Councilmember Black states he is not saying he does not want to do it, he wants to know what all is involved with it. Town Attorney Estes explains Article 8 of the Agreement regarding financing. There is a financial obligation and it talks about activities, a list of some very broad modalities of cooperation but there is no detail. That is his concern from a legal aspect. If you are going to enter an agreement, you are going to want to know what you are going to be doing with the agreement. Town Attorney Estes explain the Agreement also talks about cooperation between public and private companies, what does that entail. In a contract, you want things identifiable and as detailed as possible because it does say there is going to be financial obligations in regards to these areas of cooperation. Town Manager Rivera confirms there is nothing provided for in the budget for this agreement for this fiscal year. Councilmember Sosh would like to have the financial obligation defined in the agreement. Town Attorney Estes states Council needs to define what it wants to do, the areas listed are just very broad, they need to be detailed and specific. Mayor Medina suggests inviting Ms. Natalia Mena de la O back via Zoom to answer Council's questions raised here tonight. Councilmember Black

moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Gonzales comments on how vague this agreement is and that Council needs more information, does not feel that two weeks is enough time to be ready for the next Council meeting, need to have another work session. Councilmember Black amends his motion to table until after Council has had an opportunity to conduct a work session to discuss and quantify the areas of modalities that Council wants to approve. Amendment 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**D. 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 in regards to employment of Chief of Police candidate Louis Scichilone.

Councilmember Black moved to enter into an executive session. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Medina moved to adjourn the executive session and return to 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:49 p.m.

#### **10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Black requests to be excused from the Council meetings next month.

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Licano moved to adjourn the 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 - aye. MOTION PASSED.

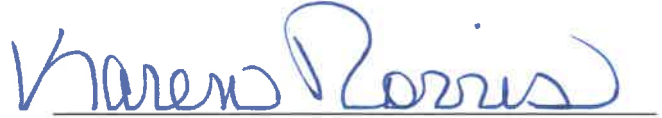
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

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

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor