



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Medina calls the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Manager Rivera, Town Attorney Estes, and Town Clerk Norris.

#### 4. BUSINESS:

##### A. Information and discussion only: Update and discussion regarding letter of "Sister Cities" Agreement with the municipality of Trincheras in Sonora, Mexico.

Mayor Medina explains that he has been wrestling with this issue for awhile now. He requested a copy of the Sister City Agreement that Cottonwood has in place. Mayor Medina states that he drafted a proposed agreement mirrored from the Cottonwood agreement. Mayor Medina explains that the agreement states "either party may, at any moment, terminate the present agreement by a written notification given to the other party sixty (60) days in advance". Mayor Medina states, with that, he sees no issues with the proposed agreement. The Town of Miami will be working with a town that experiences the same problems as us. Trincheras Mayor is Manuel Nely Duarte. Town Manager Rivera states he has a concern with Article 8 of the proposed agreement as it refers to Financing. Brief discussion regarding the Town of Miami has not budgeted any funds for this agreement, as well as, Council would like to know in advance what would the financial obligations be. Mayor Medina comments briefly on the industry and history of Trincheras. Brief discussion regarding the location of Trincheras. Open discussion and comments regarding how this agreement will benefit the towns and what exactly the collaboration is for. Ms. Natalia Mena de la O, Political Affairs of the Mexico Consulate General is present via Zoom, comments on how both towns will benefit with the agreement. Comments on expanding town projects on an international level, as well as cultural and tourism exchange. Both towns will have to work together to come up with whatever projects they would like to achieve. Brief discussion regarding other Arizona cities/towns that have signed a

"Sister City" agreement and ones who are currently working on "Sister City" agreements. Ms. Natalia Mena de la O comments on the process of signing the agreement and an upcoming meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in which all the Mayors will sign the agreements together.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the work session. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session 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