



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Black, Councilmember Licano and Councilmember Reiman.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of August 28, 2023 Work Session and Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for August 20, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta, to be held Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to be located 844 W. Sullivan Street and approval of Sullivan Street closure in front of the church.

Councilmember Sosh 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – excused 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 18, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for August 18, 2023 to August 31, 2023. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera thanks Town of Miami staff that helped out with the fire a couple weeks ago. Announces the newly hired Chief of Police will start on September 25th. Shows a rendition of the layout for the renovations to the Miami Veterans Park and announces that construction will start October 16th. Town Manager Rivera introduces newly hired Economic Development Direct Mrs. Evelyn Vargas. Mrs. Vargas comments briefly on the new position, how important economic development will be to the Town of Miami. Mrs. Vargas comments on some aspects of economic development.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Medina comments on the 2023 Annual League Conference; it was entertaining and educational. Comments briefly on the Sister City issue and states he is continuing to work on it and will be reporting regarding it at the next Council meeting. Announces Miami Fiesta this coming weekend and the upcoming car show.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments regarding a new investor in town that has purchased a lot of property. Comments on some of the issues he has encountered with this person in regards to property lines. Feels this is going to be an issue for many property owners. It is Mr. Webb's experience that this developer is difficult to deal with and explains his encounter with this investor. Mr. Webb comments on issues with property boundaries and how he feels they are not accurately depicted by Gila County.

Mr. AJ Castaneda, Miami business owner, comments on issues he is having with standing water in front of his business since the Town has removed the asphalt, down to the cement, in front of his business. Since the Town removed the asphalt, the streets in that area are not appealing and request the Town consider paving those areas or adding new cement. Mr. Castaneda also comments on the curbs being too high now as well, cars are hitting their doors on the curbs when they park in the area of his business. Mr. Castaneda comments regarding special events in the Town that are held in the area of his business. Mr. Castaneda comments

regarding the placement of the porta john across the street from his business, as well as, the parking issues during events; takes away from his customers parking. Mr. Castaneda suggests that the events be moved to the Veterans Park area.

Ms. Janet Lang, Miami resident, comments regarding the wash that runs through the Town. She is concerned about the integrity of the walls of the wash due to removal of trees that were growing in the wash. (Between Miami Avenue and Keystone) Ms. Lang feels that the trees kept the walls of the wash sturdy. Comments briefly regarding the trees and the natural beauty they bring to the wash.

District Supervisor Humphrey comments regarding an email to County Manager Menlove referencing the need to renew the IGA in support of Copper Mountain Transit. This email was not addressed to him, but apologizes that the email went unanswered by Manager Menlove. Supervisor Humphrey comments briefly regarding getting an item on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: Presentation and possible acceptance of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit Report.

Mr. Matt Bingham of Colby and Powell presents the 2020/2021 Audit report and findings to Council. Mr. Bingham states Council has been given a copy of the complete audit report. Mr. Bingham comments on how they do different multiple audits. Briefly reviews what was audited and the principal purpose of the audit. Mr. Bingham states that the Town did receive a clean opinion but there were some findings. Findings were in regards to internal controls and material weaknesses. Explains the finding of compliance of financial issue with HURF monies. Comments regarding departments that exceeded their budget. Discusses PSPRS pension and the net pension liability of the Town. Mr. Bingham explains that page 5 of the audit report will show the net position of the Town. Councilmember Gonzales moved to accept Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit Report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information and discussion only: Presentation of Bullion Plaza Gym Quarterly Report: April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Lisa Zaragoza of Miami Genesis is present to answer any questions Council may have regarding the quarterly report. Council states they have no questions.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: Approval of IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between Tri-City Fire District, City of Globe Fire Department and Town of Miami for fire protection services.

Town Manager Rivera presents the Fire Protection IGA to Council and explains that the Town has had this IGA in place but it has been expired for some time. This will make it current. There are no changes in costs from the previous IGA services and the IGA has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve (Intergovernmental Agreement) between Tri-City Fire District, City of Globe Fire Department and Town of Miami for fire protection services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: Approval of installation of disc golf course at the Bullion Plaza Park with grant funding from existing local partners.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council and explains that he has had a meeting with Freeport to approve the partnership of this project. Town Manager Rivera states that it will be important to work with Community Development Director Duarte in regards to use of the area. This will be included and specified in the contract for the disc golf course. Any events in regards to the disc golf course will need to be approved through Community Development. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve installation of disc golf course at the Bullion Plaza Park with grant funding from existing local partners with approval of the contract/agreement by the Town Attorney. Motion seconded by Mayor Medina. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – excused, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Gonzales announces Globe/Miami Week; 101-year rivalry. Announces the Homecoming Parade this Friday starting at 1:00 p.m. Encourages everyone to come and show their support by wearing green and white.

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 11th day of September, 2023.

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

DATED this 25th day of September, 2023.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor

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