



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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:

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

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Medina, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales (arriving at 7:15 p.m.), Councilmember Licano and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Moat and Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Rivera, Public Works Director Derhammer and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of October 23, 2023 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for October 15 and October 29, 2023.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1295 designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY 2021 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Economic Development Grant Agreement No. 10042023 between Gila County and Town of Miami for the Copper Mountain Transit System.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve closure of Keystone Avenue, Sullivan Street to Gibson, for Second Saturday events January through June 2024, with Public Works staff setting up and taking down barricades at 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. as well as Town to use digital sign at each end of town to advertise the Second Saturday event in advance of the event.

Councilmember Sosh moved to remove item E for more discussion as an agenda item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina –

aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM REMOVED.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda Items A - D. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, 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 October 13, 2023 to November 02, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for October 13, 2023 to November 02, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera comments on applying for a grant to purchase the TextMyGov software. This software allows for citizen communications and alerts. Reports on letter to Tri-City Regional Sanitary District in regards to the Town’s non support of the development or construction plans of the Tri-City Sanitary District. Brief update on the planned construction in the Miami Veterans Park and the Keystone Stairs Project.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Medina reports with regard to being busy with meetings. Meeting with the Governors staff regarding grant information. Attending a meeting at Boyce Thompson Arboretum; Resolution Copper. Roundtable meeting with Governors Chief of Staff, Rafael (?) in Superior. Reports briefly on the Veterans Day event and thanks those who participated and helped out with the event. Comments on the Catholic Church event and thanks staff who helped out with some last-minute needs for the event. Comments on a health emergency event that happened during church. Comments on the call to 9-1-1 and gives “kudos” to Officer Merritt who was very professional during this event. Mayor Medina reports there may be some issues with the Inspiration School Project and would like to have a work session to discuss concerns.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Fred Barcon, Miami resident, comments that for the last several years he has been representing residents in the Tri-City Wastewater District. Comments on a Zoom meeting that took place a few weeks ago with Tri-City, County officials, Globe officials and CAG, CAG has come up with a new wastewater plan, CAG Plan 208. Mr. Barcon comments regarding the Town of Miami standing its ground, and now it is a whole new ballgame. Town of Miami Manager has brought up an issue that County and Globe officials have tried to blow off, which is that the Town of Miami has easements from the shopping center up to Southwest Gas and up to the high school; the Town of Miami controls that area. Their wastewater lines cannot go over the easements without the Town of Miami's permission.

Susan Hanson, Miami business owner, comments regarding the local non-profit agencies, they believe in the Town of Miami. They are here to serve the Town and they do it for free year after year. Comments how much Town Manager Rivera has supported the non-profit agencies.

Mr. Lob Instagon, Miami resident and member of the Miami Arts Commission, comments on the art scene in Miami. The Miami Arts Commission is working to do more in the Town. Comments on 2nd Saturday and how it continues to grow. Comments on Town Manager Rivera being credited for helping with the events, he is involved and invested in the Town of Miami.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, states he feels Mr. Rivera is a wonderful manager and thinks about the community. Comments on Mr. Rivera's support of the Town.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident and business owner, gives thank to Town Manager Rivera for his help during some troubling times with the Town. Feels Mr. Rivera is supportive of the local businesses.

Mr. Fernando Shipley, Miami resident, states his support of Town Manager Rivera. Comments that Mr. Rivera has a passion for this community and works hard for the community. Looks for what he can do best for the community.

Christine Duarte, Town of Miami Community Services Director, gives thanks and appreciation to Town Manager Rivera for his support of the Senior Center.

Melinda Baeza, Copper Mountain Transit Manager, expresses her and her staffs support of Town Manager Rivera. Comments on issues he has resolved for the Transit Department and how well he takes care of his staff. He is a positive working manager that believes in his staff.

Evelyn Vargas, Economic Director, expresses her support of Town Manager Rivera. He is responsible and committed to the Town of Miami and he truly cares about all his employees.

Tom Foster, Bullion Plaza Executive Director and Miami resident, comments that Town Manager Rivera has brought ASU to the Town and now ASU is working with both the Town and the Museum. Feels Mr. Rivera is a communicator, communication is key. Feels Mr. Rivera is an asset to the Town of Miami.

Joanna 23, Miami resident and business owner, states there is a lot to be said about what Town Manager Rivera has accomplished in the short time he has been here. He is very supportive of her business and always a joy when he goes in her business.

Councilmember Gonzales arrives at 7:15 p.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Presentation of Bullion Plaza Gym Management quarterly report for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Ms. Susan Hanson, Miami Genesis, presents the Bullion Plaza Gym Management quarterly report to Council. Ms. Hanson comments on the community events that Miami Genesis support with the monies they earn from managing the gym.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: Approval of Miami Loco event to be held April 19-21, 2024 with approval of:

- a) Access to electricity in the Veterans Park on Saturday only, parking around the park and use of park restrooms.
- b) Street closure of Keystone between Sullivan Street and Gibson (Sullivan Street will remain open) and street barricades to be set up before and after event by Town staff.
- c) Live music until midnight.
- d) Digital sign to advertise the event on Highway 60 prior to the event and approval to hang event banners at Vandal Park and Hostetler Pool.

Mr. Lob Instagon of the Miami Arts Commission present this request to Council. This will be the 12th year of the Miami Loco event. He is bringing this to Council earlier than normal in order to have more time to plan the event. Councilmember Black moved to approve Miami Loco event to be held April 19-21, 2024 with approval of items a – d, in remembrance of Michael 23. Motion seconded by Councilmember 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Town of Miami.

Town Clerk Norris presents this IGA to Council for consideration. This is a housekeeping type item and it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Councilmember Black moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Town of Miami. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Miami Police Department Reserve Officer Program Policy.

Police Chief Scichilone presents this policy to Council for consideration. Chief Scichilone reviews some points of the policy and explains why he requesting approval of this policy. This policy is a best practice and lowers liability. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Miami Police Department Reserve Officer Program Policy. 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of the proposed Miami Police Department uniform patch and department logo.

Police Chief Scichilone presents this request to Council. Chief Scichilone explains one of the concerns with the current patch is that it is using a copyrighted image. He explains that he understands where this logo came from, Miami Vandals logo. He has presented some designs to his officers and they voted on which ones they felt fit the Town best and pays tribute to the Town. Open discussion and comments regarding the color of the Arizona sunburst. Chief explains that it is a muted color to somewhat pay tribute to fallen officers. Also, when the color was added to the patch it was loud and distracting. Brief discussion regarding adding a mining headframe to the design. Mayor Medina asks if they can add a matte or dull color, red and yellow (the sunburst)? Chief states that is not uncommon to have a subdued sunburst, they can ask if they can add the muted colors. Councilmember Black moved to approve the Miami Police Department uniform patch and department logo with the noted changes (muted sunburst and possible headframe added). 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

F. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of renovation of “Kelly’s Studio Square”, located in Town of Miami parking lot on Sullivan Street between Sweet Memories and Joshua Tree Lampshades.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas of HOME presents this request to Council. Mrs. Vargas reviews the renovation plans for the area. Mrs. Vargas briefly reviews their budget and funding for this project. At the time the material was submitted for the meeting they were in the red for funding, since then, they are now in the black. They will eventually like to add a veranda over the area. Mrs. Vargas recognizes the people and companies that will be doing the project labor. Councilmember Black moved to approve renovation of “Kelly’s Studio Square”, located in Town of Miami parking lot on Sullivan Street between Sweet Memories and Joshua Tree Lampshades. Motion seconded by Councilmember 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

G. To recess into and hold executive session:

- a) Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (1) and (4) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion or discipline and the contract of Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.

Councilmember Black moved to table this item until all the Council Members are present. Motion seconded by Councilmember 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

H. Information, discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible action with regards to the employment of the Town of Miami Town Manager.

Councilmember Black moved to table Item H. Motion seconded by Councilmember 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Councilmember Licano comments that this past 2nd Saturday event seemed to be a success and the event at the “YMCA” was good too.

Mayor Medina comments briefly regarding the Veterans Day Event, he wanted to pay special attention to veterans of the Korean and Vietnam war. Gives thanks to the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember 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 – excused and Councilmember Sosh - aye. 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 13th day of November, 2023.

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

DATED this 27th day of November, 2023.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor