



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 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:

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 Licano and Councilmember Reiman.

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Gonzales and Councilmember Sosh.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney 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 November 27, 2023 Work Session and Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for November 26, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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 – 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 November 17, 2023 to November 30, 2023.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for November 17, 2023 to November 30, 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera informs Council that the budget financial report is now in the Council packets. This report will show Council where we are to date in the budget. Town Manager Rivera reports on the Veterans Park Project funding; construction is to start January 6th. Brief update on the Vandal Park Project. Reports on Freeport-McMoRan Project funding for downtown beautification, disc golf course, textmygov and Keystone Stairs. Will be meeting with AZDEMA regarding Mackey's Camp Bridge Project. Reports he will be meeting with Representative Gallego to make an appointment to go to Washington to request funding for the streets and wastewater infrastructure. Reports there will be a meeting with Freeport in regards to the land exchange in the Mackey Camp area. Councilmember Black asks when will we get the soil reports from U of A. Town Manager Rivera states we should have them on February 1st. Councilmember Black asks how close are we to getting the bridge done at Mackey's Camp. Town Manager Rivera explains that he has a meeting with AZDEMA on the 17th to provide them with additional data for the project.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Reiman states there was quite a few people in town over the weekend. Comments briefly on the 2nd Saturday event of this past weekend. Reports on attending the Business Coalition meeting. States the park looks great; looking Christmasy again.

Councilmember Licano comments that Saturday was a busy day in Town. Comments on the Christmas Bizarre at the "Y". The park is looking great.

Mayor Medina states he is still waiting to hear back on the flag half-staff issue. He did hear back in regards to the big flag on the tailing not being at half-staff; they brought it down to half-staff. Mayor Medina reports that in his written reports he is including an "Events Countdown" list. Reminds Council of when to submit Council reports. Comments on being corrected by the Town Attorney that we are a Council/Manager form of government. Announces the team that will be representing the Town, in regards to the Tri-City Sanitation issue, himself as Mayor, 2 Councilmembers, Town Manager Rivera and Town Attorney Estes. Comments that he hopes Council looks closely at cancelling the last meeting in December as many residents and Council Members will be traveling for the holiday.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, states his comment is in regards to the last agenda item, the executive session. Mr. Webb comments on how several citizens of the Town are affected by

this property line issue. Comments on his research and that he is disappointed with the County's property records.

Mr. Gil Madrid, Miami resident, expresses his concern about our Police Department, or lack thereof. Mr. Madrid asks if anyone can tell him where we are with it. Mr. Madrid is directed to meet with Town Manager Rivera for that information. Mr. Madrid comments the he has noticed that half of Miami has been taken over by Globe. Comments regarding Walmart towards Central Heights and out towards Roosevelt Lake as well as North of Frys, that was all Miami and all of a sudden it is now Globe. Mr. Madrid asks where he can find out more information on this, what can we do to research it and do something about it. Mr. Madrid is again, directed to talk to the Town Manager regarding this question.

Supervisor Humphrey comments briefly on the Industrial Development Authority and the Discover Gila County website. This year the National Association of Counties recently awarded Gila County with the 2023 Achievement Award for the Discover Gila County website. Supervisor Humphrey comments on the website and direct commerce it has drawn to Gila County. Gila County is becoming a "destination", instead of a "pass through".

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Sourcewell Design-Build Agreement for skate path to be located at Bullion Plaza Park.

Town Manager Rivera presents this agreement to Council. He is looking for approval of the project and the design-build agreement. The cost for the path is going to be approximately \$100,000.00, provided through a grant from BHP. The annual cost for insurance is \$2,000.00. Town Attorney Estes has reviewed the proposed agreement. Brief discussion regarding the exact location of the skate path; north corner close to the dump trucks. Councilmember Reiman asks how this will fit in with the disc golf course. Town Manager Rivera explains the disc golf course will be in a different location and will not interfere with the path. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the design-build agreement for the skate path to be located at Bullion Plaza Park contingent upon receipt of the grant funds for construction. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Presentation and possible acceptance of \$10,000 donation from Resolution Copper for the "Welcome Sign" to be located on the east side of the Town of Miami.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, explains that she has been working to get a Welcome sign for about three months. The original idea was to paint the Welcome sign on a wall on BHP land, near the railroad tracks. BHP has recently told her that they are unable

to donate the land with the wall at this time. Mrs. Vargas states that they are working on two alternative areas for placement of the Welcome sign, which she has already obtained funding for. Mr. Bryan Seppala, Principal Advisor for Economic Development and Social Investment, Resolution Copper, states that he has been working with Mrs. Vargas since she started looking for an economic development project that Resolution could partner with the Town on a long term scale. Mr. Seppala states that he identified funds he still had for a smaller project for 2023 and could get the funds out before the end of the 2023 year. This is when they agreed on the Welcome sign project. Mr. Seppala comments on economic development and what Resolution looks at for funding. He is requesting Council to approve the donation of funds and the agreement for acceptance of the funding. Councilmember Black moved to accept the \$10,000.00 donation from Resolution Copper for the "Welcome Sign" to be located wherever Mrs. Vargas finds a place and to execute the agreement upon review by the Town Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rieman. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion and possible action: Direction to staff regarding canceling Regular Council meeting of Monday, December 25, 2023 or to reschedule it to Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Councilmember Black moved to cancel the Regular Council meeting of Monday, December 25, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Ordinance No. 392 amending the Code of Miami, Arizona Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04 Town Council, by amending Section 2.04.040 Regular Meetings regarding when Council meetings fall on legal holidays; and providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances.

Town Attorney Estes presents Ordinance No. 392 to Council and explains this is to clarify the Town Code in regards to Federal holidays and holidays recognized by the Town of Miami. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve Ordinance No. 392 amending the Code of Miami, Arizona Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04 Town Council, by amending Section 2.04.040 Regular Meetings regarding when Council meetings fall on legal holidays; and providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: To recess into and hold an executive session:

- a) Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3) and (7) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney for legal advice and discussion with designated representatives of the Town to consider the Town's position regarding various property line disputes affecting Town rights-of-ways.

Councilmember Black moved to convene in executive session. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:21 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to reconvene from executive session. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED. 7:53 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Medina thanks Bryan Seppala from Resolution Copper for the box of copper Christmas tree ornaments they donated to the Town for the Small Town Christmas Event. Mayor Medina wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mayor Medina reminds everyone of the Our Lady of Guadalupe walk up Sullivan Street tomorrow night.

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 – excused, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 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 December, 2023.

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

DATED this 8th day of January, 2024.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor