



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Councilmember Gonzales 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 Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Licano.

**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 January 22, 2024 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for January 21, 2024.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Community Donation Small Grant Contract with BHP for renovation of Vandal Park.
- D. Consideration and possible approval of Career & Technical Education Month Proclamation.

Mayor Medina read aloud the Career & Technical Education Month Proclamation. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – excused, 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 January 12, 2024 to February 1, 2024.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for January 12, 2024 to February 1, 2024. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Town Manager Rivera reviews the budget report.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera gives an update on the Veterans Park Playground Project and volleyball sand court, Vandal Park renovations and dog park renovation, disc golf course and skate path projects. Future opportunities are a pump bike track and pickle ball court for FY 2025. Report on the Housing Rehab Project, 504 Program. Reports on the Police Department grant application for new equipment. Announces that the Army Corps of Engineers will be here for two weeks starting in March in regards to the Bloody Tanks Wash. Town Manager Rivera announces that he has sent a letter to Representative Eli Crane requesting \$20 million for our roads. Brief discussion regarding the 504 Housing Program.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Sosh comments on the ADOT meeting he attended regarding the upcoming road/bridge construction project. They will start excavating February through April. May through September is the tentative schedule for road closures on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any road work that will be done on Friday, the road will be opened up at noon. The road will be very congested during construction. Completion is scheduled for October 2026. November 2025 the road will be closed, both directions, for at least a week. Closures for blasting likely won't start until mid-March.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Christine Corkish, Miami resident, introduces herself and states that she is a Catechist teacher at the Miami Catholic Church. Mr. Corkish explains to Council a concerning incident that happened with one of her young students. Ms. Corkish explains the incident in which the student told her about a car following him to class at the church. She was concerned and went to the Police Department to report the incident. She explains the issues she had getting in touch with an officer in order to report the incident, as well as, how poorly, she felt, the officer handled her request to make a report of the issue. She had to practically beg him to at least take a report. Ms. Corkish comments that she talked to Town Manager Rivera and after that,

the problem got resolved. She is asking Council to please implement change as next time we may not be so lucky.

Ms. Francis Yanour, Miami resident, states that she agrees with Mr. Corkish and the issue isn't with just children, but adults as well. Ms. Yanour comments on some other incidents in which the officer would not take a report. Ms. Yanour also comments on the response time of our Police Department and feels something needs to be done.

Mrs. Carol Boeder, Miami resident/business owner, comments on the above mention incident. Mrs. Broeder comments that maybe a crime was not committed but was the officer's response a "caring" response. Would the Mayor or Council want that response if it was their child/grandchild. Mrs. Broeder states she did talk to the Town Manager regarding this and he conveyed that he did talk to the Police Department. She asked if they would do a drive by welfare check while they are having catechism class or extra patrols go by on those days. Town Manager Rivera told her he would arrange for that to happen.

Ms. Terry Cook, Claypool resident, states she is with Citizens Against Higher Taxes, they got to meet some of the Council Members at their meeting the other night. She wanted to tell them thank you for attending their meeting and sharing information. They are excited that Miami wants them on the community waste management program. They did not know about the new plan and there is no one that wants it, they want to go with Town of Miami.

Ms. Aja Dezeeuw, Superior resident, gives thanks to the Mayor, Council and staff for recognizing Career and Technical Education Month. Ms. Dezeeuw is the school counselor for the Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT), which serves hundreds of students throughout the Copper Corridor. The school board chair is present tonight, Franceen Gregovich, as well as, two of her students. Ms. Dezeeuw comments on current statistics of skilled workers today. Ms. Dezeeuw comments on their school and the programs they offer. They are proud to be part the community of Miami and she would be happy to give a more formal presentation to Council.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Information and discussion only: Presentation of Call of the Election.**

Town Clerk, Karen Norris, reads the Call of the Election. Primary election day is Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Town Clerk Norris explains that the Primary election date was moved up this past Friday, from Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The General election day will remain the same; Tuesday, November 5, 2024. There will be 3 Council seats up for election and a proposal to adopt a local Alternative Expenditure Limitation-Home Rule option. Although candidate packets are available now, the official distribution date is Friday, March 1, 2024 and the deadline for filing is Monday, April 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Voter Registration deadline is July 1, 2024. Town Attorney Estes explain the reason for the Primary election date change.

**B. Information and discussion only:** Update and presentation of findings and recommendations from Arizona State University Project Cities, Town of Miami Project.

Ms. Julia Davis, Program Manager Project Cities, ASU, presents this presentation to Council. Ms. Davis explains that Project Cities connects community partners facing sustainability challenges to faculty teaching courses at ASU to provide solutions developed by students through project-based learning. Review of the Project Cities Goals such as producing research-based solution for communities, prepare the next generation of sustainability leaders and provide project-based teaching and learning experiences. Review of the Program Impact from Fall 2017 through Fall 2023. Comments on the Spring 2023 Community Survey and project goals, student recommendations for Town events and engaging youth. Review of the Fall 2023 Community Analysis, project goals. Discusses Fall 2023 strategic framework, project goals and group topics. Review of Spring 2024 Downtown Revitalization Project goals. Ms. Davis introduces the Program Coordinator, Ms. Allison Ulman. Councilmember Gonzales thanks Ms. Davis for their work on this project and providing the Town with the valuable data. Councilmember Gonzales states the Town now has an Economic Development Director, Evelyn Vargas, and comments regarding the team working with her on this project as well.

**C. Information and discussion only:** Discussion and possible approval of Town Clerk Employment Agreement.

Town Clerk Norris presents this item to Council explaining that they met in executive session at the last Council meeting to discuss the contract. Town Attorney has drafted the updated contract that is before Council for approval tonight. Councilmember Gonzales states he will be abstaining from voting on this item. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the Town Clerk Employment Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Black. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – abstain, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval to purchase a 2023 Ford F450 utility/dump truck for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$93,411.40.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council explaining that this purchase will help to renew the Public Works Department fleet of trucks. They are currently using a pick-up truck with a dump trailer as the dump truck has been down with transmission issues. This purchase will limit the amount of travel time and perform better. This purchase is being made through the State of Arizona purchasing contract. Vice Mayor Moat asks if this can be used as a "roll off". Public Works Director Derhammer states no, the bed is attached. Councilmember Gonzales asks the anticipated usage for the truck is. It is stated that the truck will be used for maintenance duties, clearing brush, pothole filling and moving sludge from the wastewater treatment plant. It is clarified that the truck has a 9.6-ton capacity. Councilmember Gonzales asks if this is a budgeted item. This vehicle is not budgeted for this amount, but the Town does have funds set aside for the offset amount. Brief discussion regarding the Town's current dump truck and the issue of it being broke down since 2021. Town Manager Rivera explains that the

funds for this item will be paid out of the HURF Funds and Sewer funds. Councilmember Black moved to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F450 utility/dump truck for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$93,411.40. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**E. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible direction to staff to terminate the Renaissance Grant Program and direction to Town Manager as to allocation of the remaining funds.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council explaining that Source One Meds sold their business to another company. The new owners will not be honoring the agreement of funding for the Renaissance Grant Program. There is currently \$9,347.00 left in the grant account and would like direction from Council as what to do with the funds. Councilmember Black asks how much money was given for each grant. The grant amount is \$9,999.00. Councilmember Black states we should just let businesses apply for these funds and this be the last grant. Town Manager Rivera discusses the possibility of breaking down the funds to smaller amounts for businesses to apply for. Open discussion regarding the agreement with Source One and reason for them giving the Town the funds. It is explained that Source One came before Council to offer the funding as a courtesy, a community outreach. Brief discussion regarding the budget report showing \$14,000.00 still in the grant account. Finance Director Lopez states that the Town made a final payment on the last grant and she failed to remove those funds. When she does that, the correct dollar amount will be in the account. Open discussion and comments regarding possibilities of what to do with the remaining funds. Miami business owner Mrs. Joanna Twenty-three states that they tried to apply for the grant previously and was not able to due to specific parameters of the grant rules. Mrs. Twenty-three states she would like a chance to apply for this last grant for her business. Discussion regarding not doing away with the Renaissance Grant Program altogether in the event the Town comes up with funding in the future. Councilmember Gonzales moved to keep the remaining funds for one or more applicants of the grant (keeping the Renaissance Grant Program dormant). 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**WITHOUT OBJECTION, MAYOR MEDINA MOVES TO TAKE ITEM G BEFORE ITEM F.**

**F. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (“CVRMC”) to authorize CVRMC to move forward with a contract for certain repairs to the Town’s Hostetler Pool.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (“CVRMC”) to authorize CVRMC to move forward with a contract, substantially in form submitted, for certain repairs to the Town’s Hostetler Pool.

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

**G. Information, discussion and possible action:** To recess into and hold executive session:

- a) Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney of the public body regarding amendments to the Town of Miami Town Council Rules and Procedures.
- b) Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3) for discussion or consultation with the Town Attorney of the public body regarding construction contract for the Hostetler swimming pool repair project.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to convene into executive session. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. 7:59 p.m.

Councilmember Gonzales moved to reconvene from executive session. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. 9:04 p.m.

## **COUNCIL MOVES TO ITEM F.**

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

Councilmember Gonzales announces the Miami High School girls' basketball team will be competing in the State championship game this Friday, at the Toyota Center in Prescott. Also, Miami High School has 4 wrestlers that qualified for State competition, they will be competing this Friday at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Councilmember Gonzales invites everyone to come out and support them.

Councilmember Sosh states that ADOT also asked him to let the public know to use caution in the work zones and expect the unexpected.

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending tonight's meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor