



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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:

Vice Mayor Moat led the pledge of allegiance and Mr. Phil Stewart 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 and Finance Director Lopez.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of March 11, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for March 3, 2024.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve AZ Poppy Fest Proclamation.
- D.** Consideration and possible action to approve National Library Week Proclamation.
- E.** Consideration and possible action to approve National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
- F.** Consideration and possible action to approve Week of the Young Child Proclamation.

Mayor Medina read aloud each of the proclamations. 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 March 1, 2024 to March 14, 2024.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for March 1, 2024 to March 14, 2024. 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.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera asks for continued prayers for our museum director, Mr. Tom Foster. Gives thanks to the staff of the Senior Center for with assistance with the 100 Year Celebration of Bullion Plaza Museum. Reports on live streaming cameras being installed at the Veteran Park. The cameras will be live streamed and people can access the streaming video by clicking a link. Have a scheduled upcoming meeting with Arizona Local First in regards to a grant for the Town of Miami Police Department. Reports the first meeting for the Town Hall and Police Department roof repairs will be on April 15th. Downtown rehabilitation is scheduled to start the first week of April and anticipated to be completed by June 6th. Beginning this week, the coordination for the Vandal Park renovation will begin.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Vice Mayor Moat comments that in light of the Week of the Young Child, he has a young child growing up in Miami, she is excited about the swimming pool, skate park and new equipment in the park. Feels this is going to be a breakout year Miami, having things to do for young children here in Miami.

Councilmember Reiman states in his travels to quilt shows, the Town of Miami is beginning to get recognized as a town going through a transformation. It is encouraging to travel around and hear feedback that there is a difference being made.

Councilmember Black states he would like to thank Alexis and staff for all the work done on the park. Comments that he had his grandkids here for 10 days and they loved the park. The only drawback was that it needs a swing.

Mayor Medina comments on his concerns with the local housing and ascetics, a lot of houses need a lot of attention. Someone is buying housing and flipping them and they look beautiful. One drawback is the roads. Reports on attending the 100 Anniversary of Bullion Plaza Museum event. Gives thanks to those who helped bring this together and those who participated in the event.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments regarding an incident involving local law enforcement; a Gila County sheriff deputy and 2 Maimi Police officers. Mr. Webb states that the sheriff deputy implied that the County has authority over the Town of Maimi roads within the town. Mr. Webb continues to describe the interaction with the officers in regards to parking on Arthur Street. Mr. Webb explains that his wife was told that she could not park there as it is privately owned by someone else. Mr. Webb expresses his concern with the Town of Miami not having a Police Chief. Mr. Webb states he thinks we need our Police Department and dispatch back at the police station and also, to be guided by a Police Chief.

Mrs. Karen Donaldson-Webb, Miami resident, comments on the incident in which she was told by the sheriff deputy that she cannot park on Arthur Street as she would be blocking traffic. Mrs. Donaldson-Webb comments on the street being wide enough for traffic to pass through. In regards to access to their home, she was told to "park elsewhere and walk up to her home" by the sheriff deputy, and this was supported by the Miami police officer.

Mrs. Sherry Olfson, Miami resident, comments regarding someone buying properties and fixing them up, they look nice, hers does not, because she does not have the money to do the whole house at once. Mrs. Olfson states that she does not have off street parking and the curb is crumbling. Mrs. Olfson states it would be nice, if when they are fixing these houses, they could fix the curbs.

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami resident, comments on behalf of Bullion Plaza Museum, he would like to give thanks to everyone who showed up to the 100 Year Anniversary event. Mr. Stewart gives thanks to the Town of Miami and the Senior Center staff for all they did for the event, they are appreciated.

Mr. Gil Madrid, Miami resident, gives an update on M Hill. They have cut a good pathway to the top of the hill, just in time for Good Friday. Phase two of improvements will start after Easter. They plan to reinforce the path and put something down to help with drainage. Mr. Madrid comments that the Knights of Columbus and many others are helping with the project. Mr. Madrid states they are also looking for volunteers to help as well.

Mr. R.D. Fields, Claypool resident, comments that he enjoyed the Bullion Plaza Museum event this past Saturday and would like to thank the Town Council for helping with this event.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation and discussion regarding USDA Rural Development U.S Department of Agriculture 504 Home Repair Program in the Town of Miami.

Ms. Charlene Fernandez, State Director, Rural Development, gives the presentation to Council. Ms. Fernandez gives an overview of the 504 Home Repair Program. Ms. Fernandez states the grant amount is \$10,000.00. Review of the qualifying requirements for the grant. Brief discussion regarding the age limit, income limit and qualifying requirements for the program. Their goal is to help the residents to rebuild their homes. Review and discussion of the loan part of the Program, which along with the grant funds could allow people up to \$50,000.00 to upgrade their homes. Open discussion regarding the Program and other funding options through USDA.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of street closure at Miami Avenue and Live Oak Street, Sullivan Street and Keystone Avenue and North side of Sullivan Street and Miami Avenue; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Industry and Small Business Days event on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, presents this item to Council and introduces Mrs. Theresa Hernandez, Business Development Lead, Capital Readiness Program, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Vargas explains the Industry Day Program event to Council and what they hope to achieve by having this event. Mrs. Hernandez explains that this is a federally funded program for minority business owners and woman owned businesses. Mrs. Vargas explains that many local businesses will be participating in this event and comments regarding the sponsors, program partners and resource providers. Mrs. Vargas states they are requesting the street closures for the event as the vendors will be outside. Brief discussion regarding the reason for the street closure. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve street closure at Miami Avenue and Live Oak Street, Sullivan Street and Keystone Avenue and North side of Sullivan Street and Miami Avenue; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Industry and Small Business Days event on Thursday, April 11, 2024. 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.

- C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of the 2024 Town of Miami Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show to be held Saturday, October 5, 2024 including the following:

- 1) approval of street closures Saturday, October 5, 2024; Sullivan Street at Miami Avenue and Cordova Avenue, Inspiration Avenue Hwy 60 to Sullivan Street, Keystone Avenue Hwy 60 to the Senior Center parking entrance 6:00 a.m. to TBD;
- 2) approval to use Veterans Park including snack bar, restrooms and electricity Friday, October 4, 2024; 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 5, 2024 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- 3) approval to use the Senior Center parking lot Saturday, October 5, 2024 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Phil Stewart presents this item to Council explaining this will be the 3rd annual event to raise funds for the Miami School District. Everything is essentially the same as the past two car shows. Brief discussion regarding the number of cars that would be entered and types of vendors that will be there. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the 2024 Town of Miami Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show as presented. 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.

- D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Resolution No. 1299, adopting a Fair Housing Policy of the Town of Miami, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing action it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.

Town Manager Rivera presents Resolution No. 1299 for possible approval by Council. Brief discussion regarding the resolution. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Resolution No. 1299, adopting a Fair Housing Policy of the Town of Miami, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing action it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing. 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.

- E. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 012219 Amendment No. 5 between Gila County and the Town of Miami for consolidated administration and operation of Limited Jurisdiction Courts.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council for consideration. Open discussion regarding the agreement dollar amount increase. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) No. 012219 Amendment No. 5 between Gila County and the Town of Miami for consolidated administration and operation of Limited Jurisdiction Courts. 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.

- F. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Ordinance No. 393, amending the Code of Miami, Arizona, Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04 Town Council, by amending Section 2.04.010 Selection of Mayor, allowing for removal procedures; amending Section 2.04.090 Order of Business, updating the order of business; adding a new Chapter 2.9 Vice-Mayor, providing for the creation of the position of Vice-Mayor and allowing for the removal of the Mayor or Vice-Mayor.

Town Attorney Estes presents this item to Council for consideration. This provides procedures for the removal of the Mayor or Vice Mayor. Town Attorney Estes explains that he found there was nothing in the Town Code providing for the Vice Mayor so he included wording for that and cleaned up that Section of the Town Code. Councilmember Black moved to approve Ordinance No. 393, amending the Code of Miami, Arizona, Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04 Town Council, by amending Section 2.04.010 Selection of Mayor, allowing for removal procedures; amending Section 2.04.090 Order of Business, updating the order of business; adding a new Chapter 2.9 Vice-Mayor, providing for the creation of the position of Vice-Mayor and allowing for the removal of the Mayor or Vice-Mayor. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – abstain, 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: Possible approval of Resolution No. 1300, amending the Town of Miami Town Council Rules and Procedures Section 3 Meetings of Town Council and Boards, Commissions and Committees, adding Subsection 9 Removal of Mayor or Vice Mayor and removing Section 5 Order of Business for Town Council Meetings.

Town Attorney Estes presents this item to Council explaining that it is to update the Council Procedures Policy. Town Attorney Estes explains the conflicting Sections of Council Policy he cleaned up and included in this resolution as well. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1300, amending the Town of Miami Town Council Rules and Procedures Section 3 Meetings of Town Council and Boards, Commissions and Committees, adding Subsection 9 Removal of Mayor or Vice Mayor and removing Section 5 Order of Business for Town Council Meetings. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – abstain, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

H. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of contract for professional services with Anderson Design Consulting Inc. dba ADC Wastewater Engineering and approval of the agreement to provide services pursuant to a Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Wastewater Engineering Services.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council and explains the purpose of this contract. Mayor Medina moved to approve contract for professional services with Anderson Design Consulting Inc. dba ADC Wastewater Engineering and approval of the agreement to provide services pursuant to a Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Wastewater Engineering Services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Councilmember Gonzales comments regarding the Veregy report on the wastewater treatment plant from a couple years ago, did we use any of that information for this contract. Town Manager Rivera states yes and explains what will be used and how it is placed in the Scope of Work in this contract. Councilmember Gonzales asks about the location placement of the grit separator, is that included in the Scope of Work of this agreement? Public Works Director, Josh Derhammer, states a screen will be put in right before

the lift station and this will cover the screening issues identified previously. 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.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL:

Town Manager Rivera comments briefly as to why the swimming pool was losing so much water in the past. A complete report will be given to Council regarding this issue.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gonzales moved to adjourn the meeting. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 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 25th day of March, 2024.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.
DATED this 8th day of April, 2024.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Jose “Angel” Medina Sr., Mayor