



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 13, 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 Mr. Phil Stewart gave the invocation.

#### 3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Medina, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales and Councilmember Licano.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

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

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of April 22, 2024 Budget Work Session and Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for April 14 and April 28, 2024.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Gila County and Town of Miami Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment No. 3 for Mackey Camp Road grading.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Globe Miami Chamber of Commerce, for Annual Camaraderie Dinner, to be held Friday, May 17, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., to be located at Bullion Plaza, 150 N. Bullion Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Miami Genesis, for Miami Fiesta 2024, to be held Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., to be located at Bullion Plaza Park, 150 N. Bullion Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.
- F. Consideration and possible action to approve Armed Forces Appreciation Day Proclamation.

Mayor Medina reads aloud Armed Forces Appreciation Day Proclamation. Councilmember Black 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 – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:**

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for April 12, 2024 to May 2, 2024.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for April 12, 2024 to May 2, 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 – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera thanks the Senior Center Staff for keeping the park clean and Public Works Department for the work they have been doing at the swimming pool. Announces the Town will be applying for a USDA Grant for the library roof. Reports he has arranged a meeting with Arizona Finance Authority and USDA to discuss funding proposal for the roads project. July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> has been tentatively scheduled for the USDA Grant/Loan days; he will formally announce when the dates are confirmed.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Medina states he has been very busy traveling. Reports on the Phoenix Global Forum Event he attended with Economic Development Director, Evelyn Vargas. Comments briefly on the flags at half-staff. Comments that it has been his tradition to purchase the flags for the Town of Miami, will accept flag donations if anyone would like to donate a flag to the Town. Announces that there is a box in the Town Hall lobby for retired flags.

Councilmember Licano states the State flag at Bullion Plaza needs to be replaced.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident/business owner, thanks Mr. Lobb Instagon and the Miami Arts Commission for another Miami Loco event. Comments regarding meeting new Police Sergeant Mike (Jardine). Mr. Webb comments that he heard a rumor that two of the newly hired police officers are looking to resign already, over lack of leadership at the Police Department. Comments that the Town needs a Police Chief.

Mrs. Evenly Vargas, Town of Miami Economic Development Director, announces the Poppies and Haul Truck Mural Dedication; Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the corner of Live Oak Street and Inspiration.

Mr. Lobb Instagon, Miami Arts Commission, announces that this upcoming Memorial weekend the Skidoo will be having their first real show and invites the public to attend.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Information and discussion only:** Wings of Hope Car Show event report.

Mrs. Monica Perez, Wings of Hope Car Show organizer gives a brief report of the event and explains the event is to raise suicide awareness. They have raised \$20,000.00 to help local students with further education. Mrs. Perez comments that there were a few minor issues with the car show this year but feels they have got those kinks worked out. Mayor Medina comments that Councilmember Sosh had asked him to comment on the noise issue with the car show.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible action to withdraw "Letter of Support" of Tri-City Regional Sanitary District as requested by Citizens Against Higher Taxes.

Ms. Terri Cook, Ms. Dana Hayes and Ms. JoLee Stanneart present this item to Council for consideration. On behalf of Citizens Against Higher Taxes, they are asking the Town of Miami Town Council to rescind its Letter of Support to Tri-City Regional Sanitary District, regarding their wastewater project. Ms. Stanneart states TRSD has plans to build a wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$115 million dollars, 47% of the cost is to be paid by the district property owners. Ms. Stanneart states that TRSD has not been transparent with information about the project. They have questioned where the money that is generated from the plant will go and TRSD will not give them that information. Discussion regarding residents of the district will be required to hook to the TRSD sewer lines, and if they do not, they will still be required to make payments to TRSD. Mr. JoLee Stanneart states they have tried to get support from Supervisor Humphrey and he will not give them his support. They would like to have these issues go to the voters in this district, let them vote as to if they want it or not. They would ultimately like to have their sewer lines tied into the Town of Miami's system. This would be the most affordable solution. Open discussion and comments regarding the lack of transparency and basic respect from TRSD. Discussion regarding Bechtel Tract and the fact that they have 35 homes that are already hooked to Town of Miami's system, but will be required to pay and connect to TRSD. Discussion and comments regarding the cost of TRSD's proposed wastewater treatment plant and how much it will cost the property owners. Brief discussion regarding TRSD's USDA loan. Mr. Gil Madrid comments on some information he has obtained and it backs up the Citizens Against Higher Taxes issues and concerns. Ms. Cook states that they would like Miami Town Council to rescind their Letter of Support and to be tied into Town

of Miami's system and be annexed by the Town of Miami. Councilmember Black moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of FY 2024/2025 tentative budget.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council. Council has had 2 budget work sessions and staff has made the recommended budgetary changes. Councilmember Gonzales asks about salary increase for the library staff. It is stated that a 3% increase has been put in the budget for library salaries. Councilmember Gonzales states he does not feel that 3% is enough of a raise for that department. Councilmember Black states he would like to see the revenue streams for each employee. Finance Director, Maria Lopez states she can get that information for him. Town Attorney Estes reminds Council that once they approve the tentative budget, they cannot make increases, they can only make decreases and suggests another work session. Councilmember Black moved to table this item. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzales. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**D. Information, discussion and possible action:** Review and possible approval of Renaissance Grant application of Joanna Twenty-Three, for store fronts located at 503, 505 and 509 W. Sullivan Street.

Town Manager Rivera presents this to Council explaining this is the last of the Renaissance Grants funds; \$8,549.62. Councilmember Black comments on Joanna Twenty-Three's businesses and he would love to see her get this grant to help fix up her buildings. Councilmember Black moved to award Renaissance Grant application of Joanna Twenty-Three, for store fronts located at 503, 505 and 509 W. Sullivan Street. 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 – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**E. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of veranda to be constructed at Kelly's Studio Square and project progress update.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas introduces Mr. Mike Karris of HOME to present this item to Council. Mr. Karris comments on the Kelly's Studio Square Project and gives a progress report regarding the project. Mr. Karris states that he noticed how nice the trellis at Miami Flats looked and they would like to do something like that on this project. Mr. Karris explains that once they get approval from Council they will be moving forward with the completion of this project. Councilmember Black states he went over, before the meeting and looked at the progress and

it looks real nice. Councilmember Gonzales commented on how nice the project “flows” with the Miami downtown look. Councilmember Black recommends they go with a metal structure. Brief discussion regarding the structure. Councilmember Black moved to approve veranda to be constructed at Kelly’s Studio Square. Motion seconded by Councilmember Licano. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Licano – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**F. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County and Town of Miami for the Summer Work Program 2024.

Town Clerk Norris presents the IGA to Council for consideration explaining minor changes from prior years. Funds will be given in advance and the Town of Maimi will have 2 more workers this year. Brief discussion regarding the age limits for the program and the cut off date to apply. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County and Town of Miami for the Summer Work Program 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 – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh - excused. MOTION PASSED.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Councilmember Gonzales questions the change to the agenda wording. Town Attorney Estes explains that when he was updating the Town Code, he noticed that the agenda format did not match the Town Code so he included that update to avoid any conflicts. This gives the Council the opportunity, without violating the open meeting law, to suggest recommendations for future agenda items. If any other Councilmember concurs with that, the item will be placed on a future agenda. Councilmember Gonzales states he would like to have an item, that was brought up at Call to the Public, placed on the agenda. The item is to address the situation at the Police Department and the Chief of Police, would like to have the Town Manager come up with a game plan of what we are going to do with hiring a Chief of Police. Councilmember Black concurs.

Councilmember Licano states he would like to make a call to all law enforcement agencies from Miami to San Carlos, the speeding in this area is getting out of hand, would like more of a police presences on the highway.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.



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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor