



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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. Chuck Broeder gave the invocation.

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Medina, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

**EXCUSED:** Vice Mayor Moat and Councilmember Licano.

**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 May 13, 2024 Regular meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for May 12, 2024.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Gila County Library District Library Service Agreement July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Cobre Valley Youth Club, for Miami Cornhole Tournament, to be held Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to be located at Bullion Plaza Park, 150 N. Bullion Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Cobre Valley Youth Club, for Copper Carne Cook Off, to be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to be located at Bullion Plaza Park, 150 N. Bullion Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

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

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for May 3, 2024 to May 16, 2024.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for May 3, 2024 to May 16, 2024. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

- A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera states that he has been very busy working on grants. Announces that the disc golf course construction has begun. Town Manager Rivera states he will be giving a pool construction report at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. USDA has sent the grant paperwork to start the grant for the library roof grant application. Announces that staff will begin cleaning up the sidewalk at the fire site on US 60.

- B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Medina comments briefly on the Memorial Day event at Veterans Park; he was pleased with as it was small and relaxed.

Councilmember Gonzales thanks Mayor Medina for putting on the Memorial Day event, it is great that we recognize the fallen soldiers. Gives thanks to the Senior Center staff for the food and being part of this event.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Jesse Bryant gives an update on the planning of the Independence Day events. Mr. Bryant states there are a lot of great things lined up for this event.

Mr. Jose Martinez and Nick Smith of Chicanos Por La Causa, give a brief update on the Inspiration School Project; they are working hard to get it done. Mr. Martinez asks the Town to make them a priority as they are struggling to meet their deadlines. They will be inviting the Town Council and staff to their groundbreaking ceremony.

Mr. David Berrey, Miami resident, comments regarding comments made about him, by a current candidate for Council, sign in name RJDIDIO, on Instagram. The comments are

regarding where Mr. Berrey is parking his vehicle. Mr. Berrey also states some of the comments are threatening to him. Mr. Berrey also shows photos that were taken and shared as well. Mr. Berrey would like to know what the Town Council's comments are on this candidate's comments.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve the tentative budget with an additional \$10,000.00 added to the amount. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**Mayor Medina states that without objection, he would like to move Unfinished Business Items B & C to the end of the agenda. No objections stated.**

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible action to enter into executive session pursuant to:

- a) A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (a)(3) for discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding Tri City Regional Sanitary District; and
- b) 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 and property disputes with David Berrey

Councilmember Black moved to enter into executive session. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. 7:39 p.m.

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:39 p.m.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval to withdraw "Letter of Support" to Tri-City Regional Sanitary District.

Mayor Medina states Council has previously taken action on this item and will not take any further action.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Information and discussion only:** Bullion Plaza Gym Quarterly Reports for October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

Town Clerk Norris states that Ms. Hanson is running behind due to a traffic accident so Mrs. Christine Duarte, a member of Miami Genesis can address any questions Council may have regarding the reports. Mrs. Duarte states that usage of the building was down in these quarters due to youth sports, they have priority use of the facility.

**B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Gila County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), Gila County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Miami Police Department for use of Spillman Mobile Application.

Town Attorney Estes presents this item to Council and explains what the Spillman App is. Councilmember Sosh asks if Gila County can exclude someone from use of the Spillman App as he does not see anything in the agreement referencing that. Town Attorney Estes states he did not see any restrictions in the agreement. Town Attorney Estes states there must be guidelines or a policy by Spillman or ACJIS or DPS. Discussion regarding limiting access to the Spillman App. Brief discussion regarding the cost for use of the Spillman App. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve Gila County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), Gila County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Miami Police Department for use of Spillman Mobile Application. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

**C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding recruitment and hiring a Chief of Police for the Miami Police Department.

Councilmember Gonzales states that it has been about 2 years since the Town has had a Chief of Police and would like to find out where we are in that process or if we have a plan for hiring a Chief. Town Manager Rivera presents Council with a proposed salary package for Chief of Police and is considering making the offer to Christopher Bender. He is currently employed in Colorado. Councilmember Gonzales questions if Mr. Bender was the only applicant we had. Town Manager Rivera explains that he has contacted applicants from the last job posting and did not have any luck. Discussion regarding if staff has reposted the Police Chief job ad. Town Clerk Norris states that a new ad was not posted. Councilmember Gonzales asks if the salary increase of this position was budgeted for. Town Manager Rivera states yes, it is in the new budget. Brief discussion regarding the ability to use contingent funds if we fall short in that area. Discussion regarding a "take home" vehicle. Discussion regarding the requirement to live in the Town or a certain perimeter of the area. Councilmember Black states he would like the ad to be reposted and hopefully get applicants from the local area. Councilmember Black

moved to approve the Chief of Police salary package, with a 45 mile out of town vehicle usage, and to re-advertise the Chief of Police position for 30 days. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED

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

Mayor Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Black moved to adjourn the meeting. 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 – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor