



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 08, 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, Councilmember Reiman, Councilmember Sosh and one vacancy.

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

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of June 24, 2024 Regular Meeting, Public Hearing and Special meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for June 23 2024.

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 – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

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

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for June 14, 2024 to June 27, 2024.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for June 14, 2024 to June 27, 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 Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Rivera presents Council with a copy of the ASU Sustainable Cities Network; Project Cities Report. This report is the Fall 2023 Collaborative Project with ASU's Project Cities and the Town of Miami. Announces that USDA Day is set for July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with the participation of other federal agencies and the Office of Senator Krysten Sinema. Reports the Town is requesting funding from Gila County to begin construction of the Keystone Stairs Project and rehabilitation of the Veterans Park wall along the creek. Town Manager Rivera states he has provided Council with some information on a design for a community gym and is requesting their feedback on the proposed design.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Reiman comments on the pronunciation of "Miami"; the only city with the name "Miami" that is actually pronounced "Miami" is Miami, FL; all the others are pronounced "Miama".

Mayor Medina reports on the flags being half-staff. Mayor states he has been busy this past week with meetings and celebration. Comments briefly on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Vice Mayor Moat states he is still saving his coins and goggles for the opening of the Hostetler pool.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami business owner, thanks the Town, staff and members of the community for their support and help with the memorial for Mr. Tom Foster.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Globe resident, gives a brief report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and gives thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

Dr. Ramos, Miami Jr./Sr. High School, states he is here tonight to invite Council to the Convocation 2024, which is the Miami School Districts celebration for the start of the school year. This event will be led by the students and will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Resolution Copper Funding Agreement for lease of two billboards to drive traffic to the downtown area of Miami for businesses there to capitalize on the vehicle traffic and increase sales revenue for the Town.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, presents this item to Council and points out that this funding agreement is for 1 billboard, not two. Mrs. Vargas introduces Mr. Bryan Seppala, Principal Advisor, Economic Development and Social Investment, Resolution Copper and Mr. Louis Scott, Sales Executive for Del Outdoor Advertising. Mrs. Vargas reviews the breakdown of the cost of the billboard for one year, and details the discounts given by Del Outdoor Advertising. Mrs. Vargas explains this agreement is the funding agreement with Resolution Copper for the cost of the billboard. Councilmember Gonzales thanks Mr. Seppala and Mr. Scott for working together and with Mrs. Vargas to get this billboard funded. Councilmember Gonzales moved to approve of Resolution Copper Funding Agreement for lease of one (1) billboard to drive traffic to the downtown area of Miami for businesses there to capitalize on the vehicle traffic and increase sales revenue for the Town. 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 Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Review of Keystone Stairs Project Preliminary Renovation Costing Report and possible direction to staff as to which projects to move forward with for improvements to be designed and constructed, with the available CDBG funds

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council explaining that it is the Preliminary Renovation Costing Report for the Keystone Stair Project and was put together by Rick Engineering. There is \$148,500.00 available in CDBG funds. Town Manager Rivera states he is requesting additional funding for this project from Gila County in the amount of \$235,000.00 to complete the cost of this project and the Veterans Park Wall Project. If the Town does not get the project funding from the County, the project funding can be completed using one or two more allocation of CDBG funding cycles depending on the funding amount. Councilmember Gonzales asks if there will be just one or will there be 2 viewpoints. Town Manager Rivera states there will be just one. Councilmember Gonzales comments on the thoroughness of the report given by Rick Engineering, very impressive. Vice Mayor Moat asks if the lighting will be solar lighting. It is stated, yes, the lighting is solar. Town Manager Rivera explains that CAG will prepare the RFP (Request for Proposal) when the Town has all the funding. Councilmember Black moved that staff continue moving forward with the project. 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 Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

**C. Public Hearing, discussion and possible action:** To conduct hearing and consider approval of a Series 006 (bar) Liquor License Application for Thomas Victor Lopez, Wilton Lounge L.L.C, located at 123 N. Miami Avenue, Miami, AZ:

Mr. Thomas Lopez is present to answer any questions regarding this application. Mr. Lopez gives a brief description of the business and how they came to purchase the building and open a business in the Town of Miami. Mr. Lopez states they are planning to be done with the building and opening the business in about a year.

1. Open Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **7:16 p.m.**
2. Open discussion and public comments regarding Liquor License Application for Wilton Lounge L.L.C.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami business owner and resident asks if there are any plans for entertainment at the establishment. Mr. Lopez states there may be but only acoustic/mellow performances.

3. Close Public Hearing – Mayor Medina. **7:18 p.m.**
4. Council discussion, motion and action.

Councilmember Black states he is impressed with the proposed design of the establishment and would love to see this as an added gem to the Town. Councilmember Black moved to recommend approval of a Series 006 (bar) Liquor License Application for Thomas Victor Lopez, Wilton Lounge L.L.C, located at 123 N. Miami Avenue, Miami, AZ. 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 Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one vacancy. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Councilmember Reiman comments regarding the last item; this is the first proposal that he as seen that makes him a real believer (inaudible).

Mayor Medina asks Town Attorney Estes to research Town policy regarding parking of RVs on Town streets.

#### **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 – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one seat vacant. **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular meeting and Public Hearing of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor

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