



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 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 Ms. Valerie Hill gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Medina, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Reiman (via Zoom, not voting), Councilmember Sosh, and one vacancy.

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 July 22, 2024 Work Session and July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting, Public Hearing and Special Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 21, 2024.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Contract #019-0253, Amendment #9 in the amount of \$80,650.00 for FY 2024/2025 between the Town of Miami and Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens for Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals and Transportation Services.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Vehicle Lease Agreement addendum to Contract No. 019-0253 Amendment No. 9 with Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens; from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Tom Foster Day-January 18, 2025 Proclamation.

Mayor Medina reads aloud Tom Foster Day – January 18, 2025 – Proclamation. Councilmember Sosh 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 Reiman – excused, 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 July 12, 2024 to August 1, 2024.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for July 12, 2024 to August 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 Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports on the anticipated opening date for the swimming pool. Reports on various current grants the Town is receiving and applying for. Reports that the annexation project will be beginning soon and comments briefly on the benefits of the Town of Miami annexing.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Medina thanks Community Services Director Duarte for all her work and states that it is much appreciated. Mayor Medina reports briefly and comments on Music in the Park.

Vice Mayor Moat states that he and Councilmember Black have met with Mr. Fidelis Garcia of Chicanos Por La Causa to get more information on the Inspiration Project.

Councilmember Gonzales comments on the recent loss of beloved community member Mr. Kenny Vargas. Councilmember Gonzales states that he would like to recognize Olympic Archery Silver medalist Brady Ellison. Mr. Ellison is from our small community and his parents live here and owns a business here.

A moment of silence is held in honor of the passing of Mr. Kenny Vargas.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Cobre Valley Independence Day Celebration, stated at the last meeting he failed to recognize two members who assisted with the Fourth of July event. Mr. Bryant thanks Mr. Tanner Hunsaker, owner of Western Reprographics in Globe, AZ and the Arizona Silverbelt. He announced they will be having a roundtable meeting regarding next year's event on August 22, 2024.

Mr. Gil Madrid, Miami resident, comments on letters written to TRSD (Tri-City Regional Sanitary District) regarding the Town's support of their project. Mr. Madrid explains that he understands that TRSD currently has a \$14 million shortage for their project. He suggests the

Town of Miami write a letter to TRSD to let them know we are here and willing to help and he would also like to see this on a future agenda for Council consideration.

Mr. Tim Humphrey, County Supervisor, gives a brief funding update on projects in Miami. Supervisor Humphrey explains that when funding projects, he has to show that they benefit the community.

Ms. Bunney Kessler, Miami resident, explains that she has a list of worries and concerns with the Inspiration Project as she lives in that area. She is concerned with the location of the water and sewer lines and the parking situation. Ms. Kessler also stated her concerns with the infrastructure going into the project.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Resolution No. 1306, fixing, levying and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Maimi subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Town Clerk Norris presents this resolution to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1306, fixing, levying, and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Maimi subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. 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 – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Resolution No. 1307, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Miami, Gila County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 30, 2024 – Canvass the vote.

Town Clerk Norris presents this Resolution to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Black moved to approve Resolution No. 1307, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Miami, Gila County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 30, 2024 – Canvass the vote. 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 – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

- C. Information, discussion and possible action:** Possible approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Economic Development Grant Agreement between Gila County and the Town of Miami for Copper Mountain Transit.

Town Manager Rivera presents this grant agreement to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Economic Development Grant Agreement between Gila County and the Town of Miami for Copper Mountain Transit. 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 – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible approval of Ordinance No. 395, dedicating a parking easement along Rose Road adjacent to Gila Council Assessor Parcel No. 206-22-034A; authorizing the taking of all other action necessary for the consummation of the transaction contemplated by this Ordinance; and providing for severability.

Councilmember Black explains that he initially had some issues with this easement. He went to the school, looked around, and took measurements. He then met with Mr. Garcia of CPLC, who addressed his questions and concerns. Councilmember Black stated he believes there is adequate space for people to get around, provided they leave the upper area. Dr. Sherry Dorathy, Miami School District Superintendent, explains that if the Council does not pass this tonight, they will probably lose all the funding for the project. It is explained this is not Section 8 Housing, it is Medium Income Housing. Councilmember Black moved to approve Ordinance No. 395, dedicating a parking easement along Rose Road adjacent to Gila Council Assessor Parcel No. 206-22-034A; authorizing the taking of all other action necessary for the consummation of the transaction contemplated by this Ordinance; and providing for severability; with an updated legal description for the parking easement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Councilmember Gonzales asks Town Attorney Estes if, after reviewing this ordinance, is it in the best interest of the Town. Town Attorney Estes stated yes, but he does not read legal descriptions, they rely on Public Works and engineers to read the legal descriptions. Mr. Fidelis Garcia of CPLC explains that the survey was already done and it matches the legal description. Mayor Medina calls for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible action to make appointment to fill the vacancy of Councilmember Licano until the November 2024 election. **The Council may vote to discuss this matter in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).**

Councilmember Gonzales moved to appoint Mr. Gil Madrid to fill the vacant seat until November 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 – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-430.03(A)(1) and (3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney and discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion or discipline of Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.

Councilmember Sosh moved to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Moat. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED. 7:34 p.m.

Councilmember Sosh moved to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gonzales. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one vacancy. MOTION PASSED. 8:35 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Medina states he would like to propose looking at the traffic flow direction on Reppy. Would like to consider making it a two-way traffic direction.

Councilmember Gonzales announces Miami High School football scrimmage this Friday at 7:00 p.m. The following Friday will be the home opener. Comments briefly and congratulates the Wilcox Little League team that made it all the way to the Little League World Series.

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 – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and one seat vacant. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 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 12th day of August, 2024.

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

DATED this 26th day of August 2024.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor