MINUTES



TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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. Mr. Phil Stewart gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Medina, Vice Mayor Moat, Councilmember Black, Councilmember Gonzales, Councilmember Madrid and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Rivera, Town Clerk Norris, Finance Director Arreguin and Public Works Director Derhammer.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- **A.** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- **B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for October 27, 2024.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 091423 with Gila County for Fuel Purchases.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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 Madrid – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for October 18, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

Councilmember Black moved to approve the demands for October 18, 2024 to October 31, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Madrid. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black – aye, Councilmember Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Madrid – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera thanks the Public Works Department and Senior Center staff for cleaning up the brush in the creek. Town Manager Rivera thanks the Miami Police Department for giving the Miami High School football team an escort out of town on their way to the state playoffs. Town Manager Rivera states he has given the Council a copy of the Rose Road Existing Pavement Capacity study; he will be attending a follow-up meeting regarding the findings of the study.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Councilmember Gonzales thanks the Mayor, Councilmembers, Town Manager, staff, and the community for their well wishes and prayers during his illness. He states that he is on the mend and will continue to heal.

Councilmember Madrid welcomes back Councilmember Gonzales. He comments on a call he received from a member of the community regarding an idea to start a neighborhood watch program on Adonis Avenue. Councilmember Madrid feels we should take that idea and implement it throughout Miami; he requests a future agenda item regarding implementing a neighborhood watch program.

Vice Mayor Moat commented on attending the Discover Gila County presentation at Hollis Cinema; it was well attended. He stated he would have liked to see more attention given to Southern Gila County.

Mayor Media thanked those who attended yesterday's Veterans Day event; it turned out very nice. Gives thanks to the Senior Center Staff for the last minutes clean up before the event.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Presentation and discussion only: Presentation by First Things First regarding the quality of local child care and its importance to our community.

Ms. Veronica Gosset and Ms. Caroly Haro with First Things First are present to give the presentation to the Council. Ms. Haro briefly overviews First Things First and what they do for Gila County. Reviews Expanding the Audience and the Community Engagement Strategy. Impact of insufficient early childhood developmental care on Arizona businesses. Review of how quality child care impacts each and every industry and economic sector. Comments on what local leaders can do to help bring awareness to the need for early childhood developmental care. Comments on engagement opportunities and what they are currently working on in Gila County. A brief discussion regarding scholarship opportunities for those wanting to enter early childhood development care. Open discussion and comments regarding the need for early childhood development care.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Possible approval to relocate Copper Mountain Transit, current fixed route bus stop, located at Safeway Shopping Center to Hill Street and S. Sutherland Street.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council, explaining Transit is requesting the relocation of the bus stop due to the upcoming opening of the senior apartments in Globe. The goal is to make a bus stop closer to the senior apartments. Town Manager Rivera shows the Council a map showing the relocation request. Councilmember Black comments on his concerns with moving the bus stop from the Safeway grocery store and suggests requesting from ADOT to add an additional bus stop instead of moving the Safeway bus stop. Town Manager Rivera states he can make that request to ADOT and report back to Council. Councilmember Black moved to request ADOT approval to add an additional bus stop instead of moving the bus stop. Brief discussion regarding the timeframe it would take to make the request to ADOT and bring it back to Council for approval. Town Manager Rivera states he isn't sure, but will contact ADOT tomorrow and report to Council on Friday. Councilmember Gonzales comments his concerns with possible additional costs of adding an additional bus stop and it not being budgeted for. Town Manager Rivera explains that the Town is negotiating with Gila County for a cost increase for 2025 budget year. Motion seconded by Councilmember Madrid. Mayor Medina calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – aye, Councilmember Black - aye, Councilmember Gonzales - aye, Councilmember Madrid - aye, Councilmember Reiman - excused 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 Madrid 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 Madrid – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 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 **November**, 2024.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present. DATED this **25th** day of **November** 2024.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Jose "Angel" Medina Sr., Mayor