



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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. Chuck Broeder gave the invocation.

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

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

**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 November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for November 10, 2024.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

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

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for November 1, 2024 to November 14, 2024.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for November 1, 2024 to November 14, 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 Madrid – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye and Councilmember Sosh  
– aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Rivera calls for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Councilmember Licano. Gives a brief report on the WIFA grant application. Town Manager Rivera thanks Councilmember Black for all his years of service to the Town and the opportunity of working with him.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Councilmember Madrid comments that the Schwarz Lumber yard will be cleaned up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

Vice Mayor Moat comments regarding the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor tonight and states may the best man win.

Mayor Medina comments regarding receiving an email from the League inviting local officials to apply to be on the League Executive Board. Mayor Medina urges interested Councilmembers to apply and represent the Town of Miami.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ms. Kate Mclynn, Miami resident, announces that she has moved her non-profit/LLC organization to Miami. Ms. Mclynn explains that she owns a camper van that is the same size of a regular van. This vehicle is her main mode of transportation. Ms. Mclynn is requesting permission to park the van on the street or parking lot. Town of Miami Code Enforcement has asked her not to park in those areas due to it looking a recreational vehicle.

Mr. Phil Stewart, Miami business owner/resident, thanks the person(s) who called the police department when they seen someone on the roof of Bullion Plaza Museum. Mr. Stewart explains that they were working on the roof, preparing for Winterfest, but appreciates the community looking out for the property. Mr. Stewart comments on Winterfest and announces that for the first time Bullion Plaza will be lit for the Christmas holiday. Lighting will take place Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; the public is invited.

Mr. Joe Sanchez, Miami resident, comments on tonight's election of Mayor and Vice Mayor and urges Council to elect Councilmember Madrid for Mayor and Phil Stewart for Vice Mayor.

Mr. Damien Castenada, Miami resident, comments regarding garbage and bulk trash charges on his monthly billing. Mr. Castenada states he has receipts from the County landfill and has been trying to get this resolved for a while. Mr. Castenada would like to know who he should talk to in order to get this resolved.

Globe Mayor, Al Gameros, gives a brief update on the Hill Street School Apartments in Globe. Everyone is eligible to apply for residency and urges anyone interested to apply. On December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. there is going to be a “media only” tour of the facility. Mayor Gameros invites the Council to attend the tour.

Ms. Ann Jeannette Bolinger, Globe resident, explains she is before Council to urge them to vote Councilmember Madrid for Mayor.

County Supervisor, Tim Humphrey, announces the funding grant submitted by the Town for Small Town Christmas will go before the Board of Supervisors tomorrow. Supervisor Humphrey congratulates whoever is voted in for Mayor and Vice Mayor and offers his assistance if needed.

Mr. Vince Perez, residence unknown, states he is here to thank Council for all that they do and to urge Council to vote Councilmember Madrid as Mayor tonight.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Presentation and discussion only:** Miami Genesis presentation of Bullion Plaza Gym quarterly reports for the calendar year 2024, second and third quarter.

Mrs. Lisa Zaragoza, Miami Genesis, is present to answer any questions Council may have. There was no discussion or questions from Council.

**B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Possible approval to distribute incentive funds to Town of Miami employees from funds obtained from public auction sales.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council and is requesting approval of this for the Town of Miami staff. Town Manager Rivera explains that staff has been working very hard to create a better future for our residents. Councilmember Black asks when did the Town auction the vehicles. There were 4 vehicles that were auctioned in November of last year. Councilmember Gonzales states he feels this is a great way to show appreciation to our staff. Councilmember Gonzales states that the distribution form shows that the Town Manager and Town Clerk are left blank, will they be included? Finance Director Arreguin, explains that the total dollar amount requested does include the Town Manager and Town Clerk, they are just noted in the next column over because they are contract employees. Brief discussion and comments on the determination of the employee incentives in the future; years of service to the Town should be considered. Councilmember Black moved to approve to distribute incentive funds to Town of Miami employees from funds obtained from public auction sales. Motion seconded by Councilmember Madrid. Councilmember Reiman asks the Town Attorney if there are any issues with this from a legal standpoint. Town Attorney Estes states no and gives a brief explanation. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**Without objection Council moves to Item F and returns to Item C.**

**C. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Possible approval of Resolution No. 1308, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Miami, Gila County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the General Election held on November 5, 2024 – Canvass the vote.

Town Clerk Norris presents Resolution No. 1308 to Council. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Resolution No. 1308 a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Miami, Gila County, Arizona, declaring and adopting the results of the General Election held on November 5, 2024 – Canvass the vote. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**D. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Magistrate Baeza administered the Oath of Office to Sammy Gonzales, Gil Madrid and Phil Stewart. Councilmembers now resume and/or take their seats.

**E. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR:**

**1) Selection of Mayor:**

Councilmember Stewart nominates Councilmember Madrid for Mayor. Nomination seconded by Councilmember Madrid.

Councilmember Gonzales nominates Councilmember Sosh for Mayor. Nomination seconded by Councilmember Sosh.

Mayor Medina calls for the vote on the nomination of Gil Madrid for Mayor. Vote – Mayor Medina – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – nay, Councilmember Gonzales – nay, Councilmember Madrid – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – nay and Councilmember Stewart - aye. NOMINATION PASSED – Councilmember Madrid elected Mayor.

**2) Selection of Vice Mayor:**

Mayor Madrid nominates Councilmember Stewart for Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Sosh nominates Councilmember Gonzales for Vice Mayor.

Call for the vote for on the nomination of Councilmember Stewart. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Moat – nay, Councilmember Gonzales – nay, Councilmember Medina – nay,

Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – nay and Councilmember Stewart - aye.  
NOMINATION FAILED – Nominated Councilmember Gonzales elected Vice Mayor.

F. Possible appointment of the following members to the Town of Miami Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) Board of Directors each for a 3-year term:

- A. Karen Norris – term to expire November 2027.
- B. Alexis Rivera – term to expire November 2027.
- C. Maria (Lopez) Arreguin – term to expire November 2027.

Town Attorney Estes explains that the ARPA funds were improperly associated with the wrong DUNS number. It was linked to the DUNS number for the Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) instead of the Town of Miami. The MPC went inactive in 2021. The Town was doing the reporting for the ARPA funds and this mistake was discovered. The Federal government will not let the Town just make the correction to the DUNS number. (now known as Unique Identifying Number “UIN”) The proper action needed is to reactivate the MPC and file it’s annual reports for the inactive years in order to use its UIN to file the ARPA funds reports. Brief discussion regarding the role of the MPC and why it was allowed to be inactive. Discussion regarding keeping the MPC active and the costs associated with keeping the MPC active. Consensus of Council is to revisit the issue of the MPC after the new year. Councilmember Black moved to appoint Karen Norris, Alexis Rivera and Maria Arreguin to the Miami Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) Board of Directors for a term of 3 years. 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 – aye and Councilmember Sosh – aye.  
MOTION PASSED.

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

Councilmember Gonzales states that he sees all the department reports in the packets but not one from Public Works Department. He requests that in the future, Public Works Department submit monthly reports.

Councilmember Medina thanked the public for attending the meeting tonight. Also comments regarding how close Home Rule came to not passing.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart - aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 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 **25th** day of **November**, 2024.

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

DATED this **9th** day of **December** 2024.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Gil Madrid, Mayor

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