



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Madrid called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. Chuck Broeder gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Madrid, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Reiman, Councilmember Sosh and Councilmember Stewart.

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Gonzales and Councilmember Moat.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Estes, Town Manager Rivera, Finance Director Arreguin, and Public Works Director Derhammer.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of November 25, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for November 24, 2024.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for November 15, 2024 to November 28, 2024.

Mayor Madrid moved to approve the demands for November 15, 2024 to November 28, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor

Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports the date change for the Polar Plunge: February 14, 2025. He thanks the Community Services Director and her staff for decorating Veterans Park. He has received a lot of positive feedback.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid gives an update on the Façade Program. He says he really loves the park and that Community Services Director Duarte and her staff did a very nice job.

Councilmember Medina thanks all who expressed kind words in memory of former Councilman Robert Licano. Comments regarding the flags being half-staff in his honor. Comments on the Newly Elected Official Training and feels the Town Manager should join those attending the training. He comments on his expectations of accurate timelines for all projects. Would like to see an official report regarding first responders, rather than hear of it in the form of rumors or hearsay. He comments that he currently holds a seat on the executive board of CAG and feels that seat should be filled by the current Mayor and a seat at the League's Executive Board.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Kate Mclynn asks everyone to stand for a standing ovation for the Council.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion and possible action: Update and possible direction to staff regarding recruiting and hiring a Police Chief for the Miami Police Department.

Town Manager Rivera introduces Police Chief candidate Scott Veach. Town Manager Rivera comments briefly on Mr. Veach's work experience. He explains that he had an informal meeting with Mr. Veach and our Police Sergeant to discuss some of the Police Department's challenges. Mr. Veach is aware of the salary that is being offered and is accepting it. Mr. Veach introduces himself and briefly explains his career to the Council. Town Manager Rivera states that we have 2 applicants for the position and would like the second applicant to introduce herself to the Council as well. No action was taken.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing: Regarding variance request for property located at 181 S. Franz Avenue.

- a) Open public hearing: 7:01 p.m.
- b) Public comments:

Mr. Leveque is present and explains why he is requesting a variance for this property. He would like to build a two-car garage on the property. He will park his box trucks in the garage, which will help with the congestion on this street. Open discussion and comments regarding the width of the proposed garage. Discussion regarding the legal setbacks and what setbacks he is requesting the variance for. Discussion regarding what materials he will use to build the garage. Discussion regarding concerns with the firewall. Discussion regarding the adjoining properties. Public Works Director Derhammer explains his concerns are with the retention wall, south on Forrest Avenue, and the lot side structure and condition of the neighboring house. Discussion and comments regarding fire concerns. Town Attorney Estes explains the variance process to the Council and what the Council has to do by State statute to grant the variance. A variance cannot just be granted; it has to be based on special circumstances with regard to the property itself. The Council has to make specific findings of fact detailing why the variance falls within statutory requirements and is able to be granted.

- c) Close public hearing: 7:20 p.m.
- d) Council discussion and possible action regarding variance request by Mr. Gary Leveque, owner of such property, to build a 2.5 car garage on the lot. Size of proposed structure does not conform Town of Miami Building Code regarding minimum setback requirements. Requesting a variance to accommodate the size of the structure he is proposing

Councilmember Stewart moved to table this item for 45 days. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

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 or add additional bus stop at this location.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to Council and states he has provided a Letter of Support from the City of Globe in the Council packets. Town Manager Rivera states former Councilmember Black requested adding an additional stop. Staff has researched it, and it would be costly to add an additional stop. Transit Manager Melinda Baeza, comments regarding adding the additional stop and the increased personnel time it will add, and additional cost associated with adding the stop. Ms. Baeza explained route deviation to Council and how this will allow riders to be dropped off at Safeway if need be. Globe City Manager, Paul Jepson, comments on the Hill Street bus stop proposal. He states he feels this would up the ridership of the Copper Mountain Transit. Globe supports relocating the bus stop. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve relocating the Copper Mountain Transit location at Safeway to the Hill Street and South Sutherland location. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused,

Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding implementing a Town of Miami Neighborhood Watch Program.

Mayor Madrid explains that some residents on Adonis Avenue asked if the Town of Miami would support a neighborhood watch program. He suggests working together and notifying Miami residents of this proposed program and schedule a work session to see how many neighborhoods would be interested in moving a program like this forward. This approach would give the Town a good idea of who is serious about the program. Councilmember Reiman moved to direct the Town Manager to organize a community meeting in February with the view point of establishing a neighborhood watch program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information and discussion only: Inspiration School Project update.

Town Manager Rivera states Mr. Fidelis Garcia, of CPLC, is not present, but Dr. Dorathy of the Miami School District is present and will give a brief update. Dr. Dorathy states CPLC is still in the process of finalizing the contract with the new contractor. When the new contract is finalized, the permits will need to be updated with the new contractor's information. The school district still owns the property. Mayor Madrid states that the Town will not put up the parking signage until we are sure everything is going through. A brief discussion regarding the Rose Road issue. No action has been taken on this item.

E. Information, discussion and possible action: Possible action to move into 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 Medina moved to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

Councilmember XXX moved to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session. Motion seconded by Councilmember XXX. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

XXXX.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember XXX moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember XXX. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – excused, 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 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the **9th** day of **December**, 2024.

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

DATED this **13th** day of **January** 2025.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor