



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT 6:30 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:**

Pledge of Allegiance. Treyshawn Kumparak gave the invocation.

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

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

**EXCUSED:** Mayor Madrid, Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Stewart.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Attorney Estes, 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 February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for February 2, 2025.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 6 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 012219 between Gila County and the Town of Miami for consolidated administration and operation of Limited Jurisdiction Courts.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Sullivan Street closures for the Town of Miami 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show to be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Bullion Plaza Museum for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, to be held Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to be located at 150 n. Plaza Circle, Miami, AZ.

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

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

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

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for January 31, 2025 to February 13, 2025.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for January 31, 2025 to February 13, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilmember Moat. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – excused, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

- A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports on meeting with CAG to explore opportunities for a road project to enhance connectivity and safety within the community. The grant amount is \$2 million. The Town of Miami is applying for a \$300,000.00 grant from the Gila River Indian Community for essential resources and special police units. In partnership with ASU's Sustainable Cities Network and the Project Cities Program, the Town of Miami successfully finalized the Emergency Preparedness Plan. A brief update on the LED Lighting Project. Community Watch Program update. A brief update on the annexation process. Reports that the Town of Miami will convene with the Apache Gold Casino Enterprise to seek authorization for modifying the 2024 grant of \$12,274.98, reallocating it from police accessories to building enhancements; air conditioning.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports:

Councilmember Medina comments regarding using caliche to fill potholes and that he is continuing to research this.

Vice Mayor Gonzales gives thanks to the Town of Miami, the Town Manager, and the Chamber of Commerce for the Polar Plunge event. Vice Mayor Gonzales felt the event was well attended.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, gives thanks to the sponsors who donated to the Polar Plunge event. Gives special thanks to the Globe-Miami Chamber of Commerce for doing all the "leg" work and supporting the event. Mrs. Vargas states that \$3,825.00 was raised for the Friends of the Miami Memorial Library, which allows them to buy books and supplies for the library.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Globe resident, is speaking on behalf of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association. Mr. Bryant states that a monument is being built that will record all the names of public safety personnel who have died in the line of duty serving Gila County since 1881. Mr. Bryant wants to make Council aware of two names that will be on the memorial, Victor Hermes, Assistant Chief of the Miami Fire Department, date of passing was May 13, 1942 and George Edward Hicks, Special Officer with the Miami PD, date of passing was January 31, 1943. Mr. Bryant invites everyone to a ceremony on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Gila County Historical Museum, where the monument will be placed.

Mr. Treyshawn Kumparak, Miami High School sophomore class, gives a brief update on the "M" Hill Project and invites everyone to attend the picnic at the Veteran's park after working on the project.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, invites everyone to the Mardi Graus and Boomtown event, starting on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Broeder gives a brief overview of the event schedule.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** Approval of letter of support from the Town of Miami supporting Miami Unified School District Grant application to secure technology to close the digital divide and provide access to telemedicine for each of their student in our rural community.

Vice Mayor Gonzales reads the letter of support aloud. Councilmember Medina moved to approve letter of support from the Town of Miami supporting Miami Unified School District Grant application to secure technology to close the digital divide and provide access to telemedicine for each of their student in our rural community. Motion seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Vice Mayor Gonzales calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – excused, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information and discussion only:** Discussion and clarification from the Town Attorney regarding the Town Council's power to approve the freeze on expenditures, including staff wage increase.

Town Attorney Estes explain the Town Manager has implemented certain spending freezes in light of statements coming out of Washington D.C. regarding federal funding and grants. The question had come up, if the Council as a whole, disagreed with the policy implementations, is there a process to address that with the Town Manager. The Town Manager is essentially the CEO and has the authority to run the town as he sees fit. With that said, the Council oversees the Town Manager. If there is a disagreement, it needs to be brought to a Council meeting for discussion and possible direction to the Town Manager if the majority of the Council is not in

agreement with how those matters are being handled. Town Attorney Estes suggests discussing these types of issues at the strategic planning meeting, so Council can establish goal and objectives for the manager to accomplish. Town Attorney Estes also comments on the question of retroactive pay when the salary freeze is over. Town Attorney Estes states that yes, they can be paid retroactive but it will be a Council decision. Vice Mayor Gonzales clarifies that the raises have to be allocated for in the budget, if not then it wouldn't apply. Town Attorney Estes states yes, that is correct. Open discussion and comments regarding how something like this would be an impact depending on the budget as well as what happens in emergency cases, such as what is happening with federal funding right now.

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

Councilmember Moat states his thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Christine Duarte's family as her daughter and her family were in a car accident this past weekend. There were some injuries, but everyone was okay.

Councilmember Medina comments on the passing of Annie Madrid, a long-time employee of the Catholic Church here in Miami. He extends his appreciation for the department reports and states he is very impressed with our Code Enforcement Officer, Ruben Mariscal. He thanks the public for attending the meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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 **24th** day of **February**, 2025.

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

DATED this **10th** day of **March** 2025.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Gil Madrid, Mayor