



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025, AT 5:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Madrid called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilmember Reiman gave the invocation.

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

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

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Moat.

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

#### 4. BUSINESS:

**A. Presentation and discussion only:** Open discussion between staff and Town Council regarding FY 2025/2026 budget.

Town Manager Rivera presents the proposed budget to the Council and asks if there are any questions regarding the budget as presented. Brief discussion regarding the proposed dollar amount for the total of all funds and how we got that number. Town Manager Rivera explains that the dollar amount includes grants the Town is anticipating applying for. Discussion regarding including all grants the Town will be applying for: if the Town receives funding not included in the budget, we cannot spend it. Finance Director Arreguin briefly reviewed the proposed budget. Brief discussion regarding the funding for the library roof and floor repairs. Brief discussion regarding the Mackey's Camp Dam. Town Manager Rivera explained that it is a retention water dam and gave a brief overview regarding that project. Discussion regarding the upcoming proposal for the wastewater and garbage rate increase per the most recent wastewater rate study. The Town will be looking into increasing the septic receiving rates and courier service rates. Brief discussion regarding the current actual dollar amount in the Enterprise Fund: \$721,798.00. There was a brief discussion regarding these revenue funds being

restricted to the sewer system. There was a brief discussion regarding the revenue we receive for tickets and fines. Finance Director Arreguin explains that those are shown in the Magistrate revenues. Discussion regarding the Police Department's proposed budget and how the Police Department budget is generally the highest of all departments. Discussion regarding the Police Department's proposed salaries. Town Manager Rivera reviews the salary increase schedule for the Police Department. Vice Mayor Gonzales states he would like to prioritize the Police Department and also add another Police officer to their budget. Discussion regarding the contingency fund in the Administration budget and whether we can use those funds for the Police Department instead of Administration. Discussion regarding the budgeted salary for the Police Chief. This budget shows \$55,955.00. Town Manager Rivera is going to request that the amount be increased to \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Mayor Madrid comments on the employee raises; he would like to make sure that is in this budget, along with funds to make them retroactive if the Council should approve. Councilmember Sosh asks where we are with the lease for two more police units. Town Manager Rivera explains that the cost was over budget, but he is working on a grant to get those units. Vice Mayor Gonzales states he would like to increase the uniform allowance for the Police Department as well. Finance Director Arreguin states that staff will check with other municipalities to see what they allocate for uniform allowance and see if we can reach a budget range comparable to other departments. Councilmember Medina comments on the town's flag poles and flags, and briefly discusses recycling and composting our sludge. Mayor Madrid comments on the Strategic Planning Session the Council recently had, and it was determined that the Police Department is the top priority the Town needs to address. Brief review of the Police Department's grants budget.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned 6:14 p.m.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Budget Work Session of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the **14th** day of **April**, 2025.

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

DATED this **28th** day of **April** 2025.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
Gil Madrid, Mayor