MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, AT 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Madrid called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Pledge of Allegiance, and Mayor Madrid gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Gonzales, Councilmember Moat, and Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Rivera, Town Attorney Estes, 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 Council with the updated grant budget. Town Manager Rivera reviews the grants as listed and grouped into the respective departments. Councilmember Sosh asked what changes had been made to the budget since the last work session. One grant was missing from the previously presented budget, which has been added to this updated budget. Salary increases for the Police Department have been added. Discussion regarding budgeting for new police officers and dispatch. Town Manager Rivera comments on adding Emergency Services/Disaster to the budget; this is required if the Town is going to apply for Federal assistance. Mayor Madrid remarks on the need for a lobbyist and asks if the Town has budgeted for that. Town Manager Rivera states there is some funding available for that. Discussion and comments regarding the proposed increase to the sewer and garbage rates. Discussion regarding programs to assist with sewer/garbage bills for those who are considered low-income. Discussion regarding the budget showing wastewater revenues decreasing and expenses increasing. Town Manager Rivera states the expense increase is

due to system repairs, but he does not have any data for the lost revenue. Finance Director Arreguin explains the addition of GL codes for the septic receiving station. This is to break it apart from the Wastewater GL code to identify it separately from the wastewater revenues and expenses. Discussing regarding Phase II of the Keystone Stairs Project. Mayor Madrid would like to have funding to at least get the handrails put up. Councilmember Stewart asked what the next action plan for the budget is. Town Manager Rivera comments regarding some things that need to be modified in the grants portion of the budget.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the work session. 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 – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye and Councilmember Stewart - aye. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned 5:36 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 **28th** day of **April**, 2025.

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

DATED this **12th** day of **May** 2025.

Karen Norris

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor