



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Madrid called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

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

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Madrid, Vice Mayor Gonzales, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, and Councilmember Stewart.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman and Councilmember Sosh.

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 April 21, 2025, Work Session and April 28, 2025, Budget Work Session and Regular Meeting & Public Hearing.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for April 27, 2025 – \$111,936.35.

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

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for April 18, 2025 to May 1, 2025 - \$101,163.21.

Councilmember Moat moved to approve the demands from April 18, 2025, to May 1, 2025 – \$101,163.21. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Mayor Madrid calls for the vote.

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

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports that the Town is putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the HVAC system for the Police Department Building. He will be meeting with FMI and Representative Marshall to discuss important elements for the Town of Miami with the support of FMI. He will meet with Gordian on the 16th to do a walk-through and study the automatic generator for the Bullion Plaza Gym and the Senior Center.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid comments on the Façade Project as discussed at the last Council meeting. The Town had a similar program, the Renaissance Grant, that was relatively successful, and they will be looking into that route for the Façade Project. Brief comments regarding the Miami High School baseball team being heroes, and they are on the agenda to be honored at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Stewart comments that he met with Transit Manager Melinda Baeza and took a ride on the Copper Mountain Transit route. He reports on his experience on the Copper Mountain Transit ride, stating he learned a lot about our transit system and what our drivers experience. Councilmember Stewart recommends riding the bus; they are clean, comfortable, and courteous.

Vice Mayor Gonzales reports on the success of the Miami High School Spring sports. The boys' and girls' varsity tennis teams qualified for the state tournament. The track team competed in the State competition and had our first 400-meter State champion, Rider Guerrero, in approximately 38-40 years. The girls' softball team played in the State tournament as well. Vice Mayor Gonzales thanked Town Manager Rivera for allowing staff to give the girls softball team a public escort to the Miami town limits and permitting staff to go to Highway 60 to cheer them on as they were escorted through town.

Councilmember Medina expressed his frustration with ADOT and the road conditions in the construction area. He commented on his experience driving on the Apache Trail. They went 22 miles to find that the road had been closed and there was no prior warning. Councilmember Medina felt it was a bit embarrassing, as many tourists also traveled that road and had to turn around and return. He reported that he is working on the Memorial Day event and plans to keep it a low-key event. Councilmember Medina states that he would like to invite our hometown, Sorrin Garcia, Miss Cactus Blossom AZ 2025, to our next Council meeting so that the public may interact and support her in her efforts to become Miss Arizona and then Miss America.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jesse Bryant, President of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association, invites the Council, Miami Police Officers, and staff to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Gila County Public Safety Monument on Thursday, May 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Bryant also gives a brief update on the Independence Day parade and events.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion and possible action:** update and possible direction to staff regarding BHP/Town of Miami Façade Program.

Mayor Madrid stated that due to the issues discussed at the last Council meeting, the Town will move forward with the new idea of modeling this project in a way that is similar to the Renaissance Grant Program. They are currently working on the details and expressed that this project will happen.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Recognition of the Miami Vandals boys' baseball team for their valiant efforts in assisting with putting out a fire and saving a home.**

Mayor Madrid commented on the fire and how the baseball team had run off the field to notify the residents and help extinguish the fire. These boys are true heroes and are being recognized tonight for their bravery. Coach Rico comments on that day and how the boys left the field to help the residents. The homeowner was present at the meeting, commented on the incident, and stated that he appreciates the boys and what they did; it was a brave thing to do. The AZ ABC 15 News segment on this story was shown to the public. Mayor Madrid commented that this story also made national news. Miami High School Superintendent, Mr. Ramos, comments on the kids' actions and congratulates them. Gila County Supervisor, Tim Humphrey, briefly comments that he is proud of the boys and thanks them for their efforts.

- B. Information and discussion only:** Presentation of utility analysis report providing the basis for the proposed sewer/garbage rate increase.

Mr. Karl Pennock, with RCAC Environmental and Community Services, presented the utility analysis report to the Council. Mr. Pennock reviews the purpose and scope of this presentation. Brief review of the community background and utility background. Mr. Pennock reviews typical utility challenges such as aging, vulnerable, inadequate infrastructure, compliance issues, and lack of adequate revenue. Review of the current monthly sewer rates. Review of economic trends in reference to inflation. Mr. Pennock briefly reviews the Town's current financial snapshot. Mr. Pennock discussed the rate and revenue needs of the Town, sources of revenue, and revenue needs. Discussion regarding the projected funding scenario for fiscal years 2026-2030. Brief discussion regarding recommended reserves. Review of the current reserve profile and capital reserve summary. Review of the 5-year revenue forecast with phased rate increases. Discussion regarding the key outcomes of the proposed rate

increase, such as maintaining sustainable operations, accommodating additional projected needs, and stabilizing rate adjustments. Brief discussion and comments regarding the anticipated growth in the Town of Miami. Review of the next steps in this process.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible direction to Town Manager to proceed with the purchase of two police units for the Miami Police Department.

Town Manager Rivera requested that the Council table this item so that he can get more information regarding the State purchasing agreement and the contract between San Tan Ford and Dacite. Councilmember Medina moved to table this item as requested by the Town Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moat. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

D. Information, discussion and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of purchase agreement with the highest bidder for Gila County Parcel Number 206-21-178A located at Pershing Circle and Pinal Avenue.

Town Manager Rivera presented this item to the Council and requested approval of this agreement. There was one bid for the property, in the amount of \$1,200.00, which is stated to be for residential use. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the purchase agreement with the highest bidder for Gila County Parcel Number 206-21-178A located at Pershing Circle and Pinal Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina requests that Miss Sorrin Garcia, Miss Cactus Blossom AZ, be on the next agenda to speak to the Council. Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

Mayor Madrid would like something on the next agenda to address the parking and traffic issues on Rose Road, the Inspiration School Project.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 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 **12th** day of **May**, 2025.

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

DATED this **27th** day of **May** 2025.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor