



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Madrid called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Noreen Prater gave the invocation.

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Madrid, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, Councilmember Reiman, and Councilmember Stewart.

**EXCUSED:** Vice Mayor Gonzales and Councilmember Sosh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Attorney Estes, Town Manager Rivera, Town Clerk Norris, and Finance Director Arreguin.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for June 8, 2025 – \$110,666.91.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve the vehicle lease agreement addendum to Contract No. 019-0253 and Funding Agreement No. 019-0253 with Central Arizona Aging, Area Agency on Aging, Region V for the Alicia Garcia Senior Center, July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event for Special Event Liquor License application of Miami Genesis LLC for the Miami Fiesta, to be held Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., to be located at the Miami Veterans Park, 613 Sullivan Street, Miami, AZ.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2025 Independence Day Celebration, including parade, of July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: use of Bullion Plaza Gym and kitchen, street closures (as listed by date), Miami Veterans Park, Bullion Plaza Lawn, Hostetler Pool, lots located at 415 & 417 Sullivan Street and use of barricades for all events, that will be set up and taken down by event volunteers.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moat. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, 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 May 30, 2025, to June 12, 2025 - \$184,438.73.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the demands from May 30, 2025, to June 12, 2025 – \$184,438.73. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A.** Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera states that due to the size of tonight's agenda, he will not be presenting a report.

**B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid reports that the Town is still working on the Façade Project. The Town is currently working to make it similar to the Renaissance Grant Program. Mayor Madrid comments on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events that are planned; it will be a busy weekend. Announces that Freeport will be doing the fireworks show on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. from the tailings. He briefly reports on attending the Helios meeting in the valley. Dr. Richard Ramos from Miami High School was also present, looking forward to collaborating with the school. Reports that the Neighborhood Watch group had its first meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Medina states he has a lengthy report and it was included in the Council packets. Comments on the flags being at half-staff due to the Apache Junction police officer who was recently killed in the line of duty

Councilmember Moat reports on the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July events that are planned for July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>. Announces that the Little League girls are going to the State championship tournament.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mrs. Mary Lou Vargas, Miami resident, comments regarding a road complaint she formally made about a year ago. Mrs. Vargas comments on the condition of the road in front of her house and inquires if there is anything the Town can do to improve it.

Mr. Tim Humphrey, District Supervisor, explains to the Council the procedure and proper channel for requesting grant funding from his contingency fund. As a County Supervisor, their funds are audited, and they have a process they must follow to provide funding.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Cobre Valley Independence Day Celebration, reports on the schedule of events for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

Mr. Keith Kenyon, a Miami resident, requests that the Town make repairs on Cedar Street, which has been bad for over 25 years and currently has no pavement on it.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Public Hearing, discussion and possible action:** Public Hearing regarding the proposed use of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds. After the Public Hearing is closed, the Council will select uses from the proposed list for which to request CDBG funds. Proposed uses include:

1. Street Improvements – repair of asphalt streets with mill and fill.
2. Park Improvements – Demolition of building, addition of stage.
3. Library, Senior Center, Police Department, Bullion Plaza Gym and Town parking lot improvements.
4. Keystone Stairs Rehabilitation Phase 2.

**a) Open Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. 7:11 p.m.**

Mrs. Andrea Robles, Executive Director of CAG states the Town of Miami has \$235,197.00 in CDBG grant funds for its chosen project. Mrs. Robles explains that only those projects discussed at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing can be considered for the Town's next project. Mrs. Robles explains the types of projects for which the Town can use the funds. The Keystone Stairs Project is not a benefit to the community and would have to be completed in Phase 2. Mrs. Robles explains in Item 3 that the only thing that would qualify for the funding would be the Senior Center parking lot, and the remaining funds can be used for street improvements.

**b) Public comments.**

Discussion and comments regarding the Keystone Stairs Rehab Project and that it would need to be completed but there is not enough funding to complete the project in Phase 2. Mr. Ruben Mariscal, Miami resident, urges the Council to select the Park Improvement Project as he feels it

would benefit the whole community. Mr. Keith Kenyon, Miami resident, urges the Council select the Senior Center Parking Lot/Street Improvement Project.

- c) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. **7:21 p.m.**
- d) Council discussion and possible action to select CDBG Grant Project and approve Resolution No. 1314, authorizing the submission of application(s) and implement CBDG Project(s).

Brief discussion regarding the Senior Center/Street Improvement Project. Councilmember Stewart states he would prefer not to demolish the building by the park as he is concerned with preserving the historical value of the Town. Open discussion and comments regarding the proposed park Project. Town Manager Rivera explains that the Town has some street improvement plans ready to proceed if the Council chooses to proceed with the Senior Center/Street Improvement Project. Open discussion on how the Town would decide which street to improve. Town Manager Rivera explains that we can use the 2021 Street Study, and the Council can determine from that study which street they want to improve. Open discussion regarding which project would maximize the grant dollars. Councilmember Medina comments on the safety issues he sees with the Senior Center Parking lot and feels using the funds for this project would remedy those concerns. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Resolution 1314, authorizing the submission of application(s) and implementing the CBDG Project(s) and selecting the Senior Center Parking Lot/Street Improvement Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

**B. Public Hearing:** To hold a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on the proposed Primary Property Tax increase. To raise its Primary Property Taxes over last year's level, Miami is proposing an increase in Primary Property taxes of \$1,712.00 or 4.42%.

- a) Open Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. **7:34 p.m.**
- b) Public comments.

No comments from the public. Town Attorney Estes explains that the Town is not raising the primary property tax rate, but must go through this process because property values have increased, resulting in the increased dollar amount of primary property tax the Town will receive.

- c) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. **7:36 p.m.**

**C. Public Hearing:** To hold a public hearing on the final budget for the Town of Miami for FY 2025/2026, and approving an alternative expenditure limitation to govern the Town of

Miami budget for FY 2025/2026 in an amount equal to the total amount of budgeted expenditures/expenses as it appears on the annual budget.

a) Open Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. **7:37 p.m.**

b) Public comments.

No comments from the public.

c) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. **7:37 p.m.**

**D. Recess the Regular meeting and convene in a Special meeting.**

Regular meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m.

**E. Special Meeting:** Council discussion, motion, and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1313 adopting the final budget for FY 2025/2026 and setting an expenditure limitation to govern the Town of Miami budget for FY 2025/2026.

Councilmember Moat states he would like to see this budget increased by 10%. Mayor Madrid states he feels there was a misunderstanding when the Council approved the tentative budget. It was regarding the retroactive pay; he believed it was included in the proposed budget, but he found out that it was not included in the budget. The other item was regarding the dispatching services of the Miami Police Department. He believed that there was money in the budget to provide interim dispatching services while the Town works on obtaining funding to get its dispatching services up and running again. Mayor Madrid believes we can utilize the contingency funds to restart the dispatching services. Town Attorney Estes explains that the Town must obtain permission from the State to operate dispatch services. It takes a while because the Town has to have all the equipment in place and all the employees in place. One of the reasons the Town went with the County for dispatch services was that its equipment was outdated and no longer qualified to be able to continue to use. The Town was looking at over a million dollars for the necessary equipment just to bring it up to current standards. The Town also has to have redundancy in employees, and that was going to cost another couple of hundred thousand dollars. The Town was looking at 1.5 million dollars to be able to maintain a Miami dispatch center, as opposed to a couple of hundred thousand it was costing to go with Gila County. Open discussion and comments regarding the cost for the employees and number of employees needed to provide 24/7-hour service. The Town would also need to get the certification to provide dispatching services. Town Manager Rivera states that the Town must wait until 2026 to apply for grant funding to obtain the necessary equipment and certifications to operate a dispatch center. Town Attorney Estes states that we will also need an integrated system that communicates with surrounding agencies. Town Manager Rivera explains that the Town needs to update the electrical system at the Police Department and acquire a generator to run the dispatching services in the event of a power outage, as we would still need to be able to provide dispatching service in the event of a power outage. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution 1313, adopting the final budget for FY 2025/2026 and setting an expenditure limitation to govern the Town of Miami budget for FY 2025/2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat –

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

**F. Adjourn the Special meeting and reconvene in the Regular meeting.**

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the Special meeting and reconvene in the Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:01 p.m.

**G. Information discussion and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval for the Miami High School Class of '73 Alumni to update and make necessary modifications to the existing veterans' monument and conduct a ceremony for all attendees on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in the Veteran Memorial Park.

Becky and Pat Ramos, Miami residents, representing the Class of '73, are requesting to host the Veterans Day Ceremony in the Miami Veterans Park on November 11<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to use the park restrooms and electricity, and to have a Veterans Day Parade from Miami Avenue to the Catholic church. Additionally, they would like to make repairs and improvements to the Veterans Memorial monument in the park. Mrs. Ramos reviews the list of planned events. Mr. Ramos explains they would like to make improvements to the monument so that the water will run off properly, and also move the gate to a more convenient location. They will provide the labor but may need the Town to cover the cost of the materials required for the improvements, approximately \$900.00. Mr. Ramos explains that they are trying to obtain donations for the materials, if they do, they will not need the Town to pay for the materials. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Item 9G as written and approval of the parade. Motion seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – abstain, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**H. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Miami Genesis to manage the Miami Fiesta 2025 and to move the event to the Veterans Park & Hostetler Pool, per the street closure map. Kick off date of Friday, September 5, 2025, with band and food vendors. Saturday, September 6, 2025, full day fiesta events, entertainment, and dance in the evening.

Mrs. Christine Duarte, Miami Genesis, presents the request to the Council. Mrs. Duarte explains they are requesting to move the Fiesta event back to the downtown area. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Item 9H as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. Mrs. Duarte presents each Councilmember with a Miami Fiesta

2025 ball cap. Mrs. Duarte explains the changes to the beer garden layout and states she and several others have received training regarding liquor sales.

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

Mayor Madrid requested a work session regarding the Strategic Plan on July 14<sup>th</sup> just prior to the Regular Council meeting.

Councilmember Medina thanked the public for attending the meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting, Public Hearing & Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the **23rd** day of **June**, 2025.

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

DATED this **14th** day of **July** 2025.

  
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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Gil Madrid, Mayor