



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Broeder gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Paladini, Town Manager Rivera and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve Minutes of June 23, 2025, Work Session and Regular Meeting/Public Hearing & Special Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for June 22, 2025 – \$115,342.37.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1316, adopting a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan for FY 2025/2026, as required under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and providing for repeal of conflicting resolution.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. 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 – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for June 13, 2025 to July 3, 2025 - \$226,907.25.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for June 13, 2025, to July 3, 2025 – \$226,907.25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. 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 – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

No report presented.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid gave a brief report of the Independence Day event. Announces the upcoming Moonshot Event on July 17th at Dacite/Miami Flats. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, gave a brief update on the Miami Façade Program.

Councilmember Medina gave a brief report of the Independence Day event. Councilmember Medina extends thanks to Miami residents Mary Lou Vargas and Keith Kenyon for reminding the Council of the poor street conditions in their neighborhoods. Councilmember Medina shares that he and his wife took a ride up Cherry Flats and were astonished to experience that the caliche roads were in better condition than the average street in the Town of Miami. Some time ago, a layer of tar-like material, followed by a layer of ABC (spec) Aggregate Base Course, which is composed of a well-graded mixture of crushed stone, gravel, and sand, was placed on Pine Avenue without disturbing the old dilapidated asphalt at a fraction of the cost of repaving. Councilmember Medina challenges anyone to take a ride up Pine Avenue and see the outcome of the treatment. States that the Bullion Plaza Museum greenery is in dire need of watering, and many of the plants and shrubbery seem to be dying or dead. Suggests the Public Works Department work a whole week and concentrate on general maintenance jobs like this. Councilmember Medina reminds the Council of the power and necessity of the gavel, and reminds them that the Mayor and Vice Mayor serve at the pleasure of the Council as a whole; they can be voted out of these positions and revert to being Council Members.

Councilmember Moat thanks Mrs. Evelyn Vargas for live streaming the July 4th activities and gives a brief report of the pool activities.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Cobre Valley Independence Day Celebration, explains that he will be at the next Council meeting to give feedback on the Independence Day Celebration, present awards, and give a brief planning update for next year's celebration.

Mr. Tim Gonzalez, Homeless Coalition of Cobre Valley, announces the Jason Sanchez Connect Day on August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lee Kornegay Intermediate School.

Mr. Gilbert Sierah, Mesa resident, comments briefly on the Town's strategic plan, he likes what he sees. Mr. Sierah explains that he has a project he thinks will add to it. He would like to open a non-profit music school in Miami. Mr. Sierah shares his vision for the music school and would like to have it as a future Council agenda item for further discussion.

Mr. Richard Huerta, a former Miami resident, announces his support for the Town of Miami Strategic Plan and expresses his willingness to help in any way he can; he feels that in working together, we can accomplish a lot more.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, states that he agrees that a music program in Miami would be great. Mr. Webb also clarifies that the cliché on Pine Street was done by the mining company, not the Town of Miami. Announces that he will be representing the Town of Miami in the Moonshot competition.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Miami Jr./Sr. High School Vandal Bash on Thursday, July 31, 2025, 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with use of the Hostetler Pool, basketball court, and Veterans Park.

Mr. Noah Combs, Miami High School Student Body President, and Ms. Joy Wilson, Student Council Sponsor, present this request to the Council. Mr. Combs states they are requesting use of the pool and basketball courts for the Miami Vandal Bash. Ms. Wilson comments on the Vandal Bash, it is an annual event. This event is a welcome-back-to-school event and also a fundraiser for the student council. Vice Mayor Gonzales states that in the past, the Town has waived the fees for this event. Will we do that again this year? Town Manager Rivera states, yes, the Town will waive the fees. Town Manager Rivera asks if they will need the use of a sound system. Ms. Wilson answers yes. Brief discussion regarding the event. Ms. Wilson also requested that the Miami Police Department be present as much as possible for this event, as it is a well-attended event. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks how late do the lights stay on at the pool? The Town Manager states that we can set the timer for the lights to 9:30 p.m. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the Miami Jr./Sr. High School Vandal Bash on Thursday, July 31, 2025, 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with use of the Hostetler Pool, basketball court, Veterans

Park, the Town of Miami sound system, and Miami Police Department presence. Motion 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 – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1315, fixing, levying and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for FY 2025/2026 and providing for severability.

Town Clerk Karen Norris presents this resolution to the Council for consideration. Mayor Madrid moved to approve Resolution No. 1315, fixing, levying, and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for FY 2025/2026 and providing for severability. Motion 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 – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- C. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Adonis Avenue Block Watch area; Adonis Avenue, starting at US 60 and ending at 413 Mulberry Drive, approval of block watch sign placement, and approval to register on the National Neighborhood Watch Registry.

Mr. Joe Sanchez, Miami resident, presents this request to the Council. Mr. Sanchez stated they are already seeing results with this program. Mr. Sanchez introduces the Block Watch Captain and Vice-Captain. Mr. Sanchez comments on the responsibilities of property owners and areas of concern. Mr. Sanchez states that the signs are ready to go, and they are seeking approval for the locations of sign placement. Discussion and comments regarding this catching on in other areas of the town, and more Block Watch Programs become established. Brief discussion regarding past Block Watch programs in the Town and their success, part of which is getting to know your neighbors. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the Adonis Avenue Block Watch area; Adonis Avenue, starting at US 60 and ending at 413 Mulberry Drive, approval of block watch sign placement, and approval to register on the National Neighborhood Watch Registry. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval to participate in the Direct Settlement (opioid settlement); Purdue Pharma L.P. & Sackler Family Settlement, and direct the Town Manager to complete and submit the participation form.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council and requests permission to submit the participation forms. Brief discussion regarding the parameters for the proper use of these funds. Town Manager Rivera states this is for 18 years of funding. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve participation in the Direct Settlement (opioid settlement); Purdue Pharma L.P. & Sackler Family Settlement, and direct the Town Manager to complete and submit the participation form. 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 – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information and discussion only: Discussion regarding the reinstatement of the Town of Miami's dispatching services.

Town Manager Rivera stated that he has researched options for the Town of Miami to bring back the 9-1-1 dispatch services. He has provided the options that were given to him by the Arizona Department of Public Safety, and they include three potential options. Town Manager Rivera reviews the options as stated to him. Town Manager Rivera comments on the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) system as presented to him. The Town will be creating a financial plan and a strategic plan on the technology that will be necessary in order to comply with this. Town Manager Rivera explains that the first phase that we want to start is to obtain a phone number that residents can call and leave a message for the Miami Police Department. These messages will be monitored and responded to. The Town would like to implement this phase in 2025. Town Manager Rivera states that our goal is to finalize the process by November 2026.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Gonzales stated that school starts on July 22nd, and he is requesting that the Miami Police Department monitor the school buses as much as possible throughout the year, in the morning and afternoon, as they stop to pick up and drop off students.

Councilmember Medina thanked the public for attending the meeting.

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 – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 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 **14th** day of **July**, 2025.

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

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



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Gil Madrid, Mayor