MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 28, 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. Mr. Chuck Broeder gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Sosh.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2025, Regular Meeting.
B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 6, 2025 – $105,370.95 and July 20, 2025 - $106,342.25
C. Consideration and possible action to approve participation in the Direct Settlement (opioid settlement); Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Kikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus Opioids Implementation Administrator, Rubris Reference Number CL-1762322, and direct the Town Manager to complete and submit the participation form.
D. Consideration and possible action to approve funding agreement with Resolution Copper for the MIAMI billboard 2025-2026

Councilmember Reiman 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 – 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 July 4, 2025, to July 17, 2025 - $170,974.66.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the demands for July 4, 2025, to July 17, 2025 – $170,974.66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reiman. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, 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 reports that last Thursday, the Town presented a $2.8 million road package to CAG. The asbestos study for the Town library came back positive. The Town, ATLAS Engineering, and AZDEQ will meet to discuss funding and next steps. The community pool movie event was successful and will be continued as long as weather conditions permit. The application for the sewer study has been presented to FMI in the amount of $125,000.00. The application for engineering studies concerning wall retention, drainage, and roads has been submitted to Arizona State under the SMART Program.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid announced the upcoming Vandal Bash on July 31st, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Brief update on the Strategic Plan workshop. Mayor Madrid explains that it will be held at the Bullion Plaza Museum, and he would like to obtain an estimate of the number of people who may attend so that we can determine the size of the room needed. Mayor Madrid states that he would like to respond to Councilmember Medina's comments made at the last Council meeting. Mayor Madrid reads Councilmember Medina's comments regarding the power and necessity of the gavel. He reminds the Council that the Mayor and the Vice Mayor work at the pleasure of the Council, meaning they can be voted out of their said position and back to being Council members. Mayor Madrid states he believes this behavior stemmed from the June 23rd Council meeting in which Councilmember Medina did not address the presiding officer to request to speak. Councilmember Medina was interrupting, yelling, and pointing his finger at the person at the podium talking. The Mayor had asked Councilmember Medina several times to stop it. Then Councilmember Media asked to speak, and the Mayor denied his request to speak. Mayor Madrid comments on decorum and reads from the Council's Rules and Procedures. Mayor Madrid reads from the Council's Rules and Procedures regarding removal of the Mayor and/or Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Medina states that his report is lengthy and he will summarize it. Councilmember Medina notes a correction to his last report regarding Pine Avenue. In speaking with Supervisor Humphrey, Pine Avenue was actually chip-sealed without disturbing the terrible road condition. Comments on homes in Gold Canyon, he saw that when having to be detoured, they have some beautiful homes there. When trying to attract young families, lower-income families, and retirees to our area, there is considerable competition. Councilmember Medina comments on the use of caliche and granite on roads and local walking trails. Comments on ATM machines and suggested that having a centrally located ATM in downtown Miami would be attractive to both residents and tourists.

Councilmember Moat mentions the Neighborhood Watch on Adonis Avenue and states that he would like to get one started on Pershing Circle. He would like to volunteer to be the captain if they can get one going.

Councilmember Reiman states that, due to the size of the crowd present tonight, he would like to move to move the Call to the Public to the end of the agenda so that the Council can attend to business first. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Pat Ramos, Miami resident, comments on the Strategic Plan, transparency, and accountability. If the Council does not get moving on the Strategic Plan now, we will not get anywhere. Feels it will move Miami forward.

Mrs. Becky Ramos, Miami resident, talks about comments made by Councilmember Medina at the last Council meeting. Mrs. Ramos states that the Council is here to listen to the people; they work for the people. She states that all Councilmembers serve at the pleasure of the people.

Mr. Daniel Osteros, Claypool resident, states that although he does not live in Miami, he was born in Miami and went to school in Miami. Mr. Osteros states the Council needs to work together, work as a team. Mr. Osteros states there is no place in the world like Miami. The Town needs the Strategic Plan and he challenges the Council to work as a team.

Mr. Don Wilson, Globe resident, comments regarding being born and raised in the Town of Miami. Mr. Wilson states he has volunteered to serve on any committee that may need his assistance. Mr. Wilson comments regarding statements made about him not living in the Town of Miami. Mr. Wilson states it is important to him to work with the Town, and he does not like the bickering and choosing sides.

Ms. Joy Wilson, Miami resident, comments regarding attending a few Council meetings in her capacity as an educator with the Miami School District. Ms. Wilson asks the Council to keep in mind the young property owners in the Town when building committees for the Strategic Plan. Ms. Wilson comments on the need to stay on task when conducting meetings, getting off topic and ranting is a waste of everyone's time. She thanked the Town of Miami for supporting the kids' functions, such as the homecoming activities and Vandal Bash.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident and business owner, comments on the importance of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Webb comments on the Council communicating with the Town Manager. He states he knows the Town Manager loves this community. Comments on the importance of the Council working together to make things happen. Comments briefly on the incident that took place over the weekend with the filming in the downtown area.

Mr. Richard Shaw, Globe resident, states he is a retired police officer from the Miami Police Department. Mr. Shaw comments on what he considers the deplorable conditions within the police department building. Mr. Shaw comments on the backup generator, noting that it does not power up on its own and that a door must be open when it is in use to allow the fumes to escape.

Ms. Lana Kamps, Miami resident, states she hopes the Council takes Mr. Shaw's comments into consideration. Ms. Kamp comments that Town Manager Rivera never stops working. Ms. Kamps comment on the filming incident over the weekend. She feels it was not well done and not done safely. The public was not given enough notice of the event.

Mr. Richard Hall, Miami resident, shares his concerns with the filming that took place this past weekend. He states he has reviewed the filming permit. Comments regarding only being given two days' notice that the event would be taking place; this was disappointing. Mr. Hall states he feels high-risk events need to be taken into consideration before being approved. He feels the permit application was misrepresented.

Mr. Richard Huerta, non-resident, comments on his support of the Strategic Plan. Commends the Council and staff for adding their names to the Plan and agreeing to support the Plan.

Mr. Keith Kenyon, Miami resident, asks for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Mr. Ruben Duarte and in honor of his wife, Christine Duarte, and their family.

Mr. Vicent Perez, Miami resident, states that the Town is motivated to do well, and he does not understand the division of the Council. The Council has to be a team. Mr. Perez comments on inappropriate public behavior. Mr. Perez states the Council needs to work together and stay on task. He agrees with the Strategic Plan and asks the Council to implement the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Don Rigdon, a Miami resident, comments regarding the Town being a "pass-through" town between Superior and Miami. Mr. Rigdon comments on the filming incident this past weekend and how it affected him. Mr. Rigdon states he came to the Town and talked to the Town Manager regarding his concerns.

Mr. Lobb Instagon, Miami resident, comments regarding collaborating and doing things together. He feels Mr. Rivera has been awesome, always attainable, and returns calls. Mr. Instagon comments regarding the filming incident and states his concerns.

Mrs. Christa Lindblad, Miami business owner, comments regarding the filming incident and how it impacted her business. Mrs. Lindblad suggests a more collaborative approach when considering these types of events.

Mr. Doug Berry, Miami resident and business owner, comments on the filming incident and how it affected him. He states he feels it was ill-conceived and poorly executed. Mr. Berry states that what was communicated to him and what actually took place was inaccurate. Mr. Berry comments on what he witnessed.

Mrs. Pat Ramos, Maimi resident, comments regarding notifying the business people of events taking place in town.

Mrs. Molly Cornwell, Globe resident, comments regarding bringing the filming crew to the Town of Miami location. Mrs. Cornwell provides a brief overview of her role in securing film crews for location shoots. Mrs. Cornwell gives an overview of how this filming project came to be in the Town of Miami. She did not bring them to Miami to cause a "ruckus". Mrs. Cornwell comments on how poorly and disrespectfully the business owners treated the crew, which was embarrassing to her.

Mrs. Amanda Rae, Miami resident, comments on the filming crew being in town and how it affected their business. She states the businesses need more information and communication from the Town.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Discussion of the Independence Day Celebration 2025 and future plans for 2026, and presentation of parade float contest winners.

Mr. Jesse Bryan, Cobre Valley Independence Day Celebration, presents the first, second, and third-place prize money to the winners. Mr. Bryant gives a brief report on the Independence Day events and offers thanks to those who volunteered for the event, participated in the event, and attended the event. Mr. Bryant states they will begin planning for the 2026 Independence Day Event very soon, and anyone wishing to help with the event is welcome to attend their meetings.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval for the Town Manager to proceed with promotion of Sergeant Hernandez to Police Chief.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council. Councilmember Stewart moved to direct the Town Manager to proceed with the promotion of Sergeant Hernandez to Police Chief. 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 – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1317, a resolution of the Town of Miami of Gila County, Arizona, to authorize the application for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona.

Town Manager Rivera presented Resolution No. 1317 to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve Resolution No. 1317, a resolution of the Town of Miami of Gila County, Arizona, to authorize the application for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona. 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 – aye, Councilmember Sosh – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. **Information and discussion only:** Report regarding the Moonshot event of July 17th and the "Places to Explore in Miami, AZ" walking trail.

Economic Development Director Evelyn Vargas gives a brief report on the July 17th Moonshot Event. Miami resident and business owner Ray Webb won first place and will be competing in the state event. Mrs. Vargas thanks the sponsors of the event, the event host, and those who participated in the event. Mrs. Vargas gives a brief update on the "Places to Explore in Miami". Mrs. Vargas states the signs placed at the back of the room will be displayed around the town on or near buildings, indicating places to explore. The signs feature QR codes that direct you to the Town of Miami website, providing information on each location.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Town Manager Rivera has stated that he would like the discussion to be held in the public meeting.

E. **Executive Session:** An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney and discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion, or discipline of Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.

Mayor Madrid states that Mr. Rivera has some good attributes and some that need improvement. Organizational and communication. Mayor Madrid comments on areas he feels Mr. Rivera needs improvement. Mayor Madrid comments on the Strategic Plan and how he feels he has gotten some "push back" on it. Mayor Madrid expresses his opinion on the importance of the Strategic Plan and feels we should all work together to get the Strategic Plan implemented.

Councilmember Moat states that since he has been in office, Mr. Rivera is the only Town Manager who has been getting things done. Councilmember Moat states his pet peeve is excuses and having to ask for information. He would like to see improvements on the roads, but overall feels Mr. Rivera is doing a heck of a job for the Town of Miami.

Councilmember Reiman gives his opinion of the Strategic Plan. He states Mr. Rivera has done a 100 percent better job for the Town of Miami than any other Town Manager. We have money in the bank and the investment fund. Councilmember Reiman feels we need to work on getting the Town's infrastructure cleaned up before we promise wondrous things. He feels Mr. Rivera has a very good sense of how to balance and pursue resources for the Town. Councilmember Reiman states Mr. Rivera is doing a great job, not perfect, but he is working with what he has.

Councilmember Medina states there is a lot of blame to be passed around, and if someone has a complaint, they should bring it before the Council in a Council meeting. Councilmember Medina states that the Council makes the decisions and directs the Town Manager. Councilmember Medina explains that if he has questions, he calls Mr. Rivera, and Mr. Rivera gets answers.

Councilmember Stewart comments on being new to the Council and how Mr. Rivera has helped him transition to the position of Councilmember. He likes that Mr. Rivera always makes time to meet with him. Comments on Mr. Rivera working with stakeholders, and that they trust and respect him. Councilmember Stewart feels we are fortunate and lucky to have his talent, drive, and passion for this community; he has faith in his abilities.

Vice Mayor Gonzales understands that Mr. Rivera has one of the most challenging jobs; he works for seven individuals with different views and perspectives. He has been able to find a balance in that. Vice Mayor Gonzales comments on some of Mr. Rivera's successes for the Town and his involvement with the community. Vice Mayor Gonzales comments on having a full-time job and not always being able to come to Mr. Rivera for information, feels that a lot is going on, and at times, he is not informed. Vice Mayor Gonzales states he believes in the Strategic Plan and thinks that it is important. Overall, he feels Mr. Rivera is doing a good job, although there is always room for improvement.

Mr. Rivera comments on his work for the San Carlos Indian Tribe and why he came to work for the Town of Miami. He promised to do his best for the Town of Miami. He feels the Strategic Plan is important, but some elements need to be addressed now. It is a process and we need to knock on every door of every agency to get the resources we need. Mr. Rivera states that he will continue to work with the same energy to support the Town.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Madrid states he will not be here for the next meeting. The date for the next Strategic Plan workshop will be scheduled for Saturday, August 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bullion Plaza Museum.

Vice Mayor Gonzales reminds everyone of Vandal Bash this coming Thursday. He gives recognition to Resolution Copper for sponsoring the Miami billboard for another year. He thanks Councilmember Medina for bringing pizza and snacks to the meetings; it is appreciated.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the Council meeting. Councilmember Medina issues a warning to business owners, advising them not to discuss living quarters and their business. It has been a source of heartburn for many years.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 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 **28th** day of **July,** 2025.

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

DATED this **11th** day of **August** 2025.

Karen Norris

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

S. Gonzales

Sammy Gonzales, ~~Vice~~ Mayor