



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025, AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Richard Huarta gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED: Mayor Madrid and Councilmember Reiman.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Vice Mayor Gonzales called for the vote.

Vote – Mayor Madrid – excused, 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 July 18, 2025, to July 31, 2025 - \$161,206.52.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for July 18, 2025, to July 31, 2025 – \$161,206.52. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – excused, 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.

Town Manager Rivera gives a brief update on the WIFA funding for the sewer in the downtown area. Will be meeting with Senator Gallego today to discuss the infrastructure of the Town of Miami. We are still awaiting quotes for the asbestos removal at the library.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Vice Mayor Gonzales reminds everyone that the Strategic Plan workshop will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at the Bullion Plaza Museum, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Inspiration room. Provides a brief report on Vandal Bash, stating that it was a huge success. Reports that the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference is scheduled for next week. The Miami School Board approved the students' attendance at the youth program at the conference and expressed gratitude to the Board for that approval. Vice Mayor Gonzales shares that Miami School Superintendent Dr. Ramos has implemented COP for half an hour each day and recently discussed the history of the Town of Miami and the school.

Councilmember Moat gives a brief update on the Pershing Circle Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be holding a meeting at the Miami library on August 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Medina comments on the loss of Mr. Ruben Duarte, sharing that he will be missed. Councilmember Medina explains that his report is quite lengthy, and he will review the highlights of the report. Reports that the three-minute speaking time limit at meetings is not being adhered to. Gives thanks to Mrs. Mary Lou Vargas and Mr. Keith Kenyon, who showed courage and Fortitude in reminding the Council of the street condition existing in their neighborhood. Comments briefly on the caliche and granite options for road repairs. Bullion Plaza Museum is in dire need of water, as many of the plants and shrubbery seem to be dying or dead. Councilmember Medina comments on the Strategic Plan and shares his opinion on how planning and actions revolve around the Town budget. He feels that a permanent segment should be added to the agenda, where Strategic Plan items can be added to the agenda in sequential order, allowing each item to be addressed for a few minutes, and possibly adding an action to future agendas.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Don Wilson, Globe resident, comments positively on the police presence at Vandal Bash. Mr. Wilson states that he and many members from the Class of '73 will be at the Strategic Planning workshop.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, of the Cobre Valley Independence Day Celebration, comments that they hope to have something truly special for our 250th Anniversary of Independence next year. Mr. Bryant explains that they hope to have Sergeant Lopez be a guest at the event, and if anyone knows how to get in contact with him, please let him know.

Mr. Richard Huarta, a non-Miami resident, comments on his disapproval of how the filming issue was handled by the Town Manager. Mr. Huarta comments on issues he feels are mismanagement by the Town Manager. Mr. Huarta commented regarding the Town Manager receiving a massage in the Town Hall building and requested that this not happen again.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, corrects Mr. Huarta for the record, explaining that the Town Manager did not receive a massage in the Town Hall. He brought in a masseuse for all the staff, giving each of them 10 minutes, and that's all it was.

Mr. Fidelis Garcia, Chicanos Por La Causa, provides a brief update on the progress of the Inspiration Housing Project. The project is coming along very well

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swearing in of Town of Miami Police Chief Manuel Hernandez.

Judge Jordan Reardon performs the swearing-in of Police Chief Manuel Hernandez.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the Town of Miami and San Tan Auto Partners DBA: San Tan Ford for the purchase of a 2025 F250 4x4 SD Super Cab truck for the amount of \$70,956.26.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the Town of Miami and San Tan Auto Partners DBA: San Tan Ford for the purchase of a 2025 F250 4x4 SD Super Cab truck for the amount of \$70,956.26. Motion seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales called for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – excused, Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye, Councilmember Medina – aye, Councilmember Moat – aye, Councilmember Reiman – excused, Councilmember Sosh – aye, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina comments that, having been involved with the Town Council and politics for many years, he feels that Town Manager Rivera is the best Town Manager we have ever had. Councilmember Medina advises being careful with Alexis because he is getting vibes that other municipalities want him really bad.

Vice Mayor Gonzales thanks the public for attending and recognizes Judge Reardon, Miami Schools Superintendent, Dr. Ramos, Miami School District Governing Board Member, Mr. Paul Licano, and local business owners, as well as the press. Reminds everyone that next week is the League of Cities and Towns Conference, so some staff members will be absent to attend the conference.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Vice Mayor Gonzales called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – excused, 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 7:08 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 **11th** day of **August**, 2025.

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

DATED this **25th** day of **August** 2025.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor