



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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. Richard Huerta gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

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 the Council Minutes of November 24, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for November 23, 2025, for \$99,596.26.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 091423 between Gila County and the Town of Miami for fuel purchases.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for November 14, 2025, to November 27, 2025, for \$136,697.74.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for November 14, 2025, to November 27, 2025, for \$136,697.74. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera provided an update on the progress of the USDA grant application and discussed ongoing coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding the buy-out program. These efforts are focused on mitigating flood risks and improving long-term resilience for affected areas. An update was provided on the flood recovery efforts, specifically the renovation of the Bechtel Tracts. Significant progress has been made, and the Town is continuing to work towards completing the necessary repairs and improvements. Additionally, a proposal for funding has been prepared, which includes plans for roadwork, sidewalk upgrades, retention walls, and sewer infrastructure renovations. This proposal is being submitted to FEMA for consideration and funding. Town Manager Rivera reported on a recent meeting with the Police Department to assess critical equipment and infrastructure needs. The discussion focused on identifying the most pressing upgrades and enhancements required to ensure the continued effectiveness and safety of the department. A meeting was held with Mrs. Carol Macis, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Reiman to further discuss and refine the Town's Strategic Plan. The conversation centered on setting key priorities and goals to guide the community's growth and development over the coming years. An update was provided on the ongoing sewer line study, which is aimed at identifying necessary repairs and upgrades to the Town's sewer system. This study is a critical step in ensuring the sustainability of the Town's infrastructure for the future. Town Manager Rivera announced that he will be meeting virtually with Senator Mark Kelly, along with the Assistant Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to discuss several pressing local issues. This meeting will provide an opportunity to address the Town's immediate concerns and seek support for ongoing initiatives.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid addressed recent citizen feedback regarding the Town's blight program, specifically the issue of dilapidated and abandoned properties. He acknowledged concerns about the potential risks posed by these structures, including fire hazards and criminal activity, and emphasized the urgent need to address the situation. The Mayor suggested that the Town consider designating the issue as an emergency to expedite cleanup and remediation efforts.

In addition, Mayor Madrid reflected on the success of the Vandals Christmas Program, highlighting it as a well-organized and enjoyable event for the community. He also praised the Cowboy Christmas event, expressing gratitude to all those who contributed to its planning and execution, noting the strong turnout.

Councilmember Medina stated that his report is included in the Council packets. He provided comments regarding his recent letter to the editor addressing the Town of Miami Mayor's interest in donating "M" Hill to the Town. He also expressed concerns about the significant brush and shrubbery on the southern hill and the challenges the Fire Department would face in accessing that area in the event of a fire. Additionally, Councilmember Medina offered a brief comment regarding Miami's history.

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No response.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Information and discussion only: Consideration and possible approval of agreement to provide services, Wilson & Company, Inc., pursuant to a Cooperative Purchasing Contract Task Order No. 2 – Post-Flood Grant Assistance Services.

Mayor Madrid comments that it is clear that they will be helping us with the grant application. Mayor Madrid states his concerns with the proposal regarding manhours to complete the scope of work and the six-month schedule to complete the work. Town Manager Rivera explains that the Town is applying for technical assistance from USDA for 100 percent funding. Town Manager Rivera explains what the grant will cover. Mr. Patrick Wolf of Wilson and Company explains the staffing allocations and the deadline. Mr. Wolf comments on other grants they will be helping the Town apply for. Brief discussion regarding the number of manhours that will be necessary to complete this process and what they need to do to meet the deadline. Brief discussion regarding excluded services, Mr. Wolf explains that a lot of those have already been done. Town Attorney Estes explains what the Council is actually approving tonight, which is the cooperative purchasing agreement. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve agreement to provide services, Wilson & Company, Inc., pursuant to a Cooperative Purchasing Contract Task Order No. 2 – Post-Flood Grant Assistance Services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks how long will the data collected be valid for? Mr. Wolf states that they may have to update some minor things and might need some additional surveying if there are any major changes or developments. Any data they develop should remain relevant. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

B. PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION: To hold a public hearing and adopt Ordinance No. 396 amending the Miami Town Code Title 8 Health and Safety, Chapter 8.08 Garbage and Trash Collection and Disposal, Section 8.08.040 Rates for Garbage and Bulk Trash Collection Services and Title 13 Public Services amending Chapter 13.04 Sewer System Use Regulations, Section 13.04.124 Rates for Sewage Collection, related to increasing rates and charges for Sanitation and Wastewater Services.

1) Open Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. 7:12 p.m.

2) Public Comments.

Mr. John Violette, Miami resident, comments against the rate increase. Mr. Violette states residents are already paying a lot and he does not feel they are getting the service they should be getting. Mr. Violette comments regarding the rocks on Chisolm Street, they have been there since the flood. Mr. Violette comments on being unable to get in contact with the Police Department when he calls the direct line.

Mr. Shane Long, Miami resident, stated his opposition to raising the sewer and sanitation rates. Mr. Long comments that there are two reasons he feels this way 1) services rendered and 2) people going through his trash.

3) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. 7:21 p.m.

4) Council discussion, motion, and action.

Council discussion regarding raising the rates as part of the agreement with USDA to get the loan to build the sewer system. The Town agreed to raise rates to account for inflation and increased operational costs. All the rates go back into the sewer system and treatment plant. Brief discussion regarding the garbage rate increase, which is due to Gila County Landfill raising its rates. Discussion and comments regarding the surrounding communities having lower rates than the Town of Miami, and why the Town of Miami's rates are so high. Council discussion regarding the enterprise fund and how that works. Discussion regarding the Town having sufficient reserves for unexpected and/or expected repairs. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Ordinance No. 396 amending the Miami Town Code Title 8 Health and Safety, Chapter 8.08 Garbage and Trash Collection and Disposal, Section 8.08.040 Rates for Garbage and Bulk Trash Collection Services and Title 13 Public Services amending Chapter 13.04 Sewer System Use Regulations, Section 13.04.124 Rates for Sewage Collection, related to increasing rates and charges for Sanitation and Wastewater Services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussions or consultations for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding Notice of Claim, Dustin Sanders.

Councilmember Sosh moved to enter into executive session. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 7:43 p.m.

Councilmember Sosh moved to enter into open session. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:00 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Madrid states he would like to have an agenda item to talk about setting a work session on Saturday, January 10th, to discuss the Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Moat announces the next Neighborhood Watch Program meeting on January 8th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m at the Miami Library. Thanks the Miami Police Department for their cooperation with the Neighborhood Watch Program.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 8th day of December, 2025.

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

DATED this 12th day of January 2026.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor