



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 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. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas 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 December 8, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for December 7, 2025, for \$96,128.72 and December 21, 2025, for \$98,705.67.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve National Human Trafficking Prevention Month – January 2026 Proclamation.

Mayor Madrid reads the National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation aloud. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. 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.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for November 28, 2025, to January 1, 2026, for \$409,362.06.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for November 28, 2025, to January 1, 2026, for \$409,362.06. 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 informs the Council that he has provided them with communications from CAG regarding the 30th Annual Legislative Day. Update on the partnership between the Town and ATLAS Engineering in regards to the preparation of the ADEQ & EPA Grant. The Town is applying for the 2026 grant cycle (GRIC Grant) from the Gila River Grant for equipment, infrastructure, and vehicles. In addition, the Town is applying to the AZ Department of Homeland Security for safety equipment. Reports that, within the next 45 days, the Town will begin the RFP process for the police department heating and cooling system and the swimming pool concession stand flooring. Announces that the Town has started the process of obtaining detailed quotes for necessary roof repairs on the police department building, library building, and the senior center building.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid questions why we must wait 45 days for the RFP for the police department heating and cooling, and concession stand floor. Mayor Madrid states he believes we have the money to start this now. We need to start the heating and cooling system at the police department, the senior center, and the library. Mayor Madrid states we have contingency monies, and he checked the definition of contingency as it relates to government business; we have an emergency here. Mayor announces that Freeport was going to be here at the meeting to present the Town with a check and discuss the Resilience Survey. There was some miscommunication, and they will not be here tonight; that item will be rescheduled. Mayor Madrid gives a brief report on the Resolution Copper court hearing. Mayor Madrid gives a brief update on the Strategic Plan - Committees work session that took place this past Saturday.

Councilmember Medina comments on the Mackey's Camp bridge and recommends updating and maintaining the old shortcut road to the Cherry Flats picnic area in case of an emergency. Comments on some of the Town of Miami's history.

Vice Mayor Gonzales comments on a tragic shooting that took place on New Year's Day, in which a high school student was shot and lost his life. There have been numerous threats across the community, especially directed at the local schools. Vice Mayor Gonzales states that he would like to thank Town Manager Rivera for allowing the Miami Police Department to provide additional security at Miami High School. The Miami Police Department could not be there all day, but was available at key moments during the school day.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Noreen Prader, Miami resident, addresses the Council regarding 3 concerns she has with the Town Council and Town Manager. Councilmembers and the Town Manager were absent from the Strategic Plan work session this past Saturday. An unprofessional exchange between and Councilmember and a member of the public she witnessed at the Strategic Plan work session. It is obvious to many of the Town of Miami residents that the Town Council is not united.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments that this past weekend was Tom Foster Day at Bullion Plaza in Miami. Mr. Webb states he feels the event went very well. Mr. Webb offers a few kind words about Mr. Tom Foster and the amazing job he did for the Town of Miami.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation of the Freeport-McMoRan Community Investment Fund Award check to the Town of Miami and discussion regarding the Globe-Miami Resilience Fund Survey.

Due to miscommunication, Mrs. Bradford from Freeport-McMoRan is not in attendance to present this item to the Council. This item will be rescheduled.

- B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible appointment of citizens at large to the Town of Miami Design Review Board as provided for in the Miami Town Code Chapter 17.72.

Town Manager Rivera presented this item to the Council for consideration. Town Manager Rivera recommends appointing Lisa Zaragoza, Rick Hall, LeeAnn Power, Ray Webb and Rick Power to the Design Review Board. The Town will need to review and make necessary changes to the policy. They will be designing and modifying some of the policies we have from 2003. They will also advise the Town on the subjects related to the historic district. Town Manager Rivera confirms that this Board will have no involvement in the Façade Project. Discussion regarding the terms for the Board members. Town Manager Rivera explains that when the Council makes the member appointments, they will assign the terms to the members. Town Attorney Estes explains that this code has been in place for a long time, and it will need to be updated. The Council can make the appointments, assigning one member to a one-year term, two members to a two-year term, and 2 members to a three-year term. This will initiate the staggered rotation of members. Town Attorney Estes states the Council can move forward with the appointments, designating the terms. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to appoint citizens at large to the Town of Miami Design Review Board as provided for in the Miami Town Code Chapter 17.72. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Vice Mayor Gonzales amended his motion to specify the appointments as follows: Lisa Zaragoza and Rick Hall to be appointed for a three-year term; LeeAnn Power and Ray Webb to be appointed for a two-year

term; and Rick Power appointed for a one-year term. Amendment 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.

- C. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Billing Rate Adjustment for Legal Services with Town Attorney Joe Estes, Pierce Coleman.

Town Attorney Estes states that the notice in the Council packets indicates that Pierce Coleman is seeking a rate adjustment. The last rate adjustment was in 2023. The rates quoted in the notice are significantly below the Firm's standard hourly fees. Councilmember Medina moved to approve a billing rate adjustment for legal services with Town Attorney Joe Estes, Pierce Coleman. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- D. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible direction to the Town Manager to move forward with flood damage repairs to the Bechtel Tract area.

Town Manager Rivera presented this item to the Council. The Town requested four quotes for the repairs and received only two; the two are in the packets. Per ADEQ, the Town is required to make the repairs as soon as possible. Vice Mayor Gonzales questions the quotes; they are not really "apples to apples". Town Manager Rivera explains the quotes are for different materials. This will be paid for out of the general fund but the Town will be reimbursed by DEMA and flood insurance. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks which company the Town Manager would recommend. Town Manager Rivera recommends JW Fansler. Councilmember Sosh moved to direct the Town Manager to move forward with flood damage repairs to the Bechtel Tract area using JW Fansler Resources LLC (\$49,565.00). 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.

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

Mr. Patrick Wolf of Wilson and Company explains the change order. The change order is for \$20,000.00. This is to approve bringing Tiffany Construction Company on board as a subconsultant to assist with conceptual flood and sediment-mitigation alternative review and development. Councilmember Medina moved to approve the revised 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 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.

F. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of BHP/Town of Miami Façade Program.

Councilmember Medina moved to table this item. 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 – ITEM TABLED.

G. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1322, appeal of FEMA Denial or Major Disaster Declaration Request – Severe Storms and Flooding (September 25-27 and October 11-12, 2025)

Town Manager Rivera explains that the Council has been given a copy of an updated letter. Town Manager Rivera states that the October flooding occurred only on October 12 and that the correction has been made. Town Manager Rivera reviews a couple of other changes to the letter. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution No. 1322, appeal of FEMA Denial or Major Disaster Declaration Request – Severe Storms and Flooding (September 25-27 and October 12, 2025). 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.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussions or consultations for legal advice with the Town Attorney and discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion, or discipline of Town Clerk, Karen Norris.

Councilmember Sosh moved to adjourn into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vice Mayor Gonzales states he will be recusing himself from entering the executive session. 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 Medina moved to enter into open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:05 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Moat thanks Mr. Keith Kenyon for attending and running the January Neighborhood Watch meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5th, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Madrid would like to add a future agenda item for the Advisory Committee. (Town Clerk Norris will get with Mayor Madrid regarding his agenda item request)

Councilmember Medina states that he attended an important meeting in Payson on Saturday, the same day as the Strategic Plan work session, but he did give notification that he would be absent from the work session. Councilmember Medina states he will be attending an important meeting in Prescott Valley on the 23rd and 24th. Comments that the new addition at the Inspiration School Project looks awesome.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

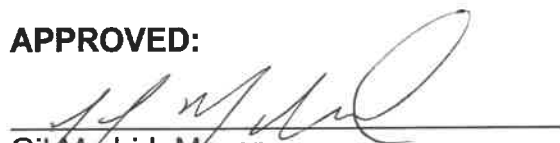
I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the 12th day of January, 2026.

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

DATED this 26th day of January, 2026.


Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Gil Madrid, Mayor