



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 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. 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, and Finance Director Arreguin.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the Council Minutes of January 10, 2026, Work Session and January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for January 4, 2026, for \$98,171.51.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Black History Month – February 2026, Proclamation.

Mayor Madrid reads the Black History 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 January 2, 2026, to January 15, 2026, for \$164,068.37.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for January 2, 2026, to January 15, 2026, for \$164,068.37. 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 provides a report on the USDA Grant NRCS in the amount of \$11.3 million. Reported on the flood recovery efforts. Progress report on the Bechtel Tract flood damage repairs. Update on the CDBG project grant and timeline. Reported that a team of contractors led by Gordian conducted a thorough assessment of several key facilities, including the Police Department, the Senior Center, and the Miami Library. This site visit was to gather the insights and information needed to obtain detailed quotes for the required renovations following the storm in September 2025.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid comments on the Small Town Christmas event, stating that staff did a magnificent job. Reports that the FEMA appeal letter has gone out, and we really need to get them on board with us.

Councilmember Medina comments on the importance of hazard mitigation planning. Councilmember Medina explains his absence from some of the Council meetings due to his attendance at other very important meetings. Gives a brief history of the Town of Miami, citing a weekend in Miami in 1963.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, asks about the funds that were donated to the Town for repairs to the library roof. Mr. Webb comments on a police incident at his home in which someone called in a false report. Mr. Webb states that it was beyond upsetting, and he just wanted to bring the incident to the Council's attention.

Mr. John Soderman, Miami resident, expressed concerns regarding safety on Prospect Avenue. Mr. Soderman stated that the roadway has not been cleaned, that trash cans are frequently in the roadway, and that he is concerned an accident may occur.

Mr. Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, comments regarding Council meetings being open to the public and the public's right to speak to the Town Council at the meetings. Mr. Huerta comments on Councilmember Reiman's statements to him at a previous Council meeting and questions whether the Council has a problem with freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Presentation and review of the proposed APS Franchise Agreement.

Ms. Jessica Perry and Mr. Richard Rosales of APS present this item to the Council. Ms. Perry comments on the APS Service Territory and explains what an APS franchise agreement is. The franchise is a contract between the Town and APS. The agreement gives APS a non-exclusive right to use the municipal streets, alleys, and other public rights-of-way to construct, maintain, and operate our electric facilities safely and efficiently serve customers. The franchise grants utilities permission to use the public right-of-way, where the utilities should be. Utilities must comply with local regulation. Utilities must relocate from the public right-of-way to accommodate a governmental project. Franchise agreements shall not exceed 25 years and must be approved by a majority vote of the voters. Franchise fees are 2% or less, based on the franchise agreement. The fees are included on the customer's bill and paid back to the Town via quarterly payments.

B. PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION: To hold a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 1321, supporting the continued administration and operation of the Copper Mountain Transit program and an application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5311 rural Public Transportation Program Funds to provide public transportation services via the Town of Miami and the Copper Mountain Transit System.

- 1) Open Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. 7:13 p.m.
- 2) Public Comments:

Ms. Melinda Baeza, Transit Coordinator, explains this application is for the operation of the Copper Mountain Transit System. The Town applies for this grant every two years. Ms. Baeza states that she has received signed petitions from transit users requesting that the transit system operate on Saturdays.

Councilmember Stewart questions whether there has been a study of the economic impact of operating on Saturdays. Town Manager Rivera states that a study has been started regarding operating on Saturdays.

- 3) Close Public Hearing – Mayor Madrid. 7:18 p.m.
- 4) Council discussion, motion, and action.

Councilmember Reiman moved to adopt Resolution No. 1321, supporting the continued administration and operation of the Copper Mountain Transit program and an application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program Funds to provide public transportation services via the Town of Miami and the Copper Mountain Transit System. 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.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible direction to the Town Manager to take immediate and concurrent action on installing HVAC equipment, roofing as needed, and all other necessary repairs for the safety of the following: Miami Police Department, Alicia Garcia Senior Center, and the Miami Memorial Library, to be paid for with contingency funds and declaring it an emergency.

Mayor Madrid discussed the Town's contingency reserves, explaining their purpose and use, and noted that funds used must be replenished. He outlined the reasons he believed the needed repairs constitute an emergency, including safety concerns related to the use of space heaters at the senior center, the potential loss of police officers if repairs to the police department are not completed, and the repair needs of the library. Councilmember Stewart moved pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4) to adjourn into executive session to seek guidance from the Town Attorney on this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – nay; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Madrid moved to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular 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. 8:23 p.m.

Councilmember Stewart moved to table this item and bring back the financial information at the next meeting and bring back the estimates for the repair costs. The motion was 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 – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible appointment of 5 members from the public at large to the advisory committee for Economic Development, Housing and Blight, and Annexation.

Mayor Madrid explains that they have five people they want to appoint to this committee; there may be two or three more seats. If anyone else is interested in serving on this committee, they may submit a letter of interest. Town Attorney Estes explains that the Council needs to establish the committee, so staff can prepare a resolution establishing the committee. Once the committee is established, the appointments can be made. Councilmember Stewart moved to table this item until the next meeting so that a resolution can be considered and approved. If the resolution is approved, the Council will have the opportunity to appoint committee

members. 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 – ITEM TABLED.

E. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of First Amendment to Employment Agreement with Karen Norris, Town Clerk.

Vice Mayor Gonzales states that he will abstain from voting on this item. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Karen Norris, Town Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – abstain; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Madrid would like to add the resolution for the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Façade Program to the next meeting agenda.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

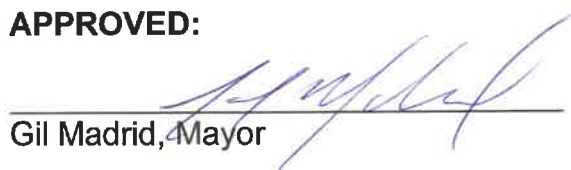
I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ held on the **26th** day of **January**, 2026.

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

DATED this **9th** day of **February**, 2026.


Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Gil Madrid, Mayor