



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 Reiman, and Councilmember Stewart.

**Excused:** Councilmember Moat and Councilmember Sosh.

**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 26, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for January 18, 2026, for \$96,035.96.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. 10042023 between Gila County and Town of Miami for Copper Mountain Transit Funding – Grant amount \$73,000.00.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – excused; 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 January 16, 2026, to January 29, 2026, for \$106,582.97.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the demands for January 16, 2026, to January 29, 2026, for \$106,582.97. 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 – excused; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:**

**A. Town Manager Reports.**

Town Manager Rivera provides an update on the USDA Grant NRCS. Reports that today Gordian initiated the mobilization of a contractor to conduct a thorough inspection of the HVAC unit at the Senior Center. Town Manager Rivera will be meeting with League Director Mr. Guillen to explore and discuss potential tax opportunities aimed specifically at municipalities that host mining operations within their jurisdiction. Town Manager Rivera reported that he will be organizing a series of meetings to discuss securing vital funding for a range of critical projects and to address the needs of the Transit Department. The Town of Miami is monitoring the development of HB 2793 regarding annexation of territory: procedures.

**B. Mayor/Council Reports.**

Mayor Madrid announced the new primary election date along with the candidate filing dates. Mayor Madrid congratulated Tamia Pietila, a Miami High School junior and Super Champion on the girls' basketball team, for reaching an incredible milestone of 2,000 career points so far in her MHS career. Mayor Madrid reported that on February 4, he, Town Manager Rivera, and three Councilmembers traveled to the State Capitol, where they joined officials from Globe and Gila County to attend and testify regarding the flood damages that occurred in September and October. The group advocated for much-needed state assistance to address the impacts of those disasters. A brief update was provided on HB 2070, which includes \$25 million in funding for Gila County to help cover disaster-related costs stemming from the recent flooding events. Lastly, Mayor Madrid commented on Resolution 1323, which is included on tonight's agenda, and noted its importance for Council consideration.

Councilmember Medina explains that he has provided a rather lengthy report, which is in the Council packets, if anyone would like a copy. Councilmember Medina gave a brief history of the Town of Miami regarding a place now called Burch on the Roosevelt Dam or Apache Trail road. Councilmember Medina mentioned that the information was obtained from Wilma Gray Sain's 1944 thesis from the University of Arizona Campus Repository.

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Richard Huerta, a Gilbert resident, expresses his dissatisfaction with the actions of Councilmember Stewart and Town Manager Rivera when they entered into executive session at the last Council meeting. Mr. Huerta expresses his dissatisfaction with Town Manager Rivera's job performance and calls for his termination.

Mr. Doug Berrey, Miami resident, comments regarding budgets, executing budgets, and being frugal. Mr. Berrey comments regarding spending budgeted funds on vital things, such as the Police Department. Mr. Berrey suggests giving the Police Department discretion over its own spending.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, Globe resident, comments on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America. Mr. Bryant invites the Council and the public to participate in a day-long class on February 28<sup>th</sup> to learn about the Constitution. The class is \$25.00 and it includes lunch.

Mrs. Sarah Way, Miami resident, comments regarding the Council's decision-making and how it relates to those impacted by those decisions. Mrs. Way comments regarding the crime and drug activity in her neighborhood and how having the Police Department with enough officers has decreased her safety concerns. Mrs. Way encourages the Council not to do anything that would result in any of our police officers leaving.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1323, establishing an advisory committee to be known as the "Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee".

Councilmember Reiman discusses the issue of the Town Code Section 2.04.10 F and G, which states "voting members shall be an elector of the Town, whenever possible". Councilmember Reiman asks for clarification on "voting member". Town Attorney Estes explains that it is someone who can vote in the Town of Miami. Open discussion regarding this wording and limiting board and committee members to be "electors of the town". Town Attorney Estes advises Council on updating the Town Code by ordinance and reviews the process and the 30-day referendum period. Open discussion and comments on how to proceed at this point when appointing members to this Committee. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution No. 1323, establishing an advisory committee to be known as the "Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee". 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 – excused; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible appointment of 7 members from the public at large to the "Economic Development annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee".

Mayor Madrid states that Jennie Campos, Carole McNamus, John Ramirez, Philo Carter, Celia Kenyon, Tim Elnski, and one more to be determined are being recommended for appointment to the Committee. Councilmember Stewart asks Town Attorney Estes whether Council can appoint eligible members tonight and the remaining committee members when the Town Code is modified or wait and appoint the members all at the same time. Town Attorney Estes states

yes, the Council may appoint qualified members tonight. Mayor Madrid explains his frustration with making these people wait to be appointed to the committee. Town Attorney Estes explains how long it would take to appoint members to the committee if Council waited to approve an ordinance. Councilmember Reiman asks about the wording “whenever possible” and how to make the determination Council could appoint someone outside of the jurisdiction. Discussion regarding posting a public notice requesting Letters of Interest from qualified Miami residents who would be interested in sitting on the committee. Councilmember Stewart moved have the Town Clerk post an opening for the committee per Resolution 1323 establishing an advisory committee to be known as the “Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee”, post for 13 days. Town Attorney Estes clarifies that the notice express that the Town is requesting “Letters of Interest” to be appointed to this committee. 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 – excused; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Information and discussion only:** Update presentation on commercial building funding for flood relief.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, introduces Mrs. Susan Guerrero of United Fund. Mrs. Vargas gives a brief overview of the work Mrs. Guerrero has done and thanks her for helping the Town of Miami with this process. Mrs. Guerrero states she has provided the Council with a detailed packet of the Flood Relief Program and gives a brief overview and update of the Residential and Business Programs.

### **B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Information and possible direction to the Town Manager regarding lease of Copper Mountain Transit vehicle parking/storage lot.

Town Manager Rivera present this item to the Council and explains that Mr. Webb is increasing the monthly rate by \$20 per month. Town Manager Rivera states staff is reaching out to ADOT to see if they will allow a 3-year contract for the lease. Town Manager Rivera is requesting a 1-year approval while we get confirmation from ADOT. Vice Mayor Gonzales states he understands that the current contract has expired and in the past ADOT required a 10-year contract. If ADOT does not approve the increase, will the Town pay the difference? Town Manager Rivera states that \$1,000 was budgeted for this. Brief discussion regarding the ADOT requirements for the lease of the property. At this time, we don't have the information from ADOT regarding how long they require for the lease. Vice Mayor Gonzales feels we should wait and find out ADOT requirements before entering into an agreement at this time. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to table this item until we get the information from ADOT. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mr. Ray Webb explains that he may be selling the property and does not want a long-term contract in the event the property does sell. Mr. Webb explains that he is paying the property tax for that lot and would like to get a little more money to help cover that cost. Brief discussion regarding addressing these questions with ADOT.

Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

**10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Vice Mayor Gonzales would like an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss where we are on the budget with existing funding for the A/C units for the Police Department and other areas that need to be addressed.

Councilmember Medina requests an agenda item regarding Public Works Department days and hours of operation. Councilmember Medina comments to Town Manager Rivera to “hang in there” 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 – excused; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

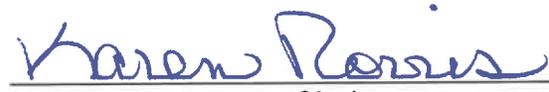
The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Gil Madrid, Mayor