



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 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. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Sosh.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Estes (via Zoom), Town Manager Rivera, Town Clerk Norris, Public Works Director Derhammer, and Finance Director Arreguin.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the Council Minutes of February 23, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for February 15, 2026, for \$99,043.26.

Vice Mayor Gonzales 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for February 13, 2026, to February 26, 2026, for \$108,006.46.

Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the demands for February 13, 2026, through February 26, 2026, in the amount of \$108,006.46. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera provides a brief update on current grants and grant opportunities. Announces that the Town has begun a dialogue with Gila Community College to explore offering educational and recreational programs tailored for our community, particularly for senior citizens. Update on collaboration with the Governor's Office to secure the necessary \$2.1 million in matching funds for the significant post-flood recovery project. Briefly reviews the financial report, which will be provided at each Council meeting.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid comments on the Globe-Miami Resilience Priorities that were determined based on the findings of the community survey conducted by Freeport McMoRan. There were 145 survey responses, and six main priority areas were identified. The six priorities, listed in order of importance, are: 1) housing, 2) education, 3) infrastructure, 4) community services, 5) economy, and 6) environment. Mayor Madrid announces that Economic Development Director Evelyn Vargas has announced her retirement effective March 31st. Mayor Madrid acknowledges Mrs. Vargas' outstanding dedication and service to the Town of Miami and expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude for her unwavering leadership and ongoing support of the community.

Councilmember Medina provides a brief history of Bloody Tanks. He has been listening to Bullion Plaza Radio, which is a great program.

Councilmember Moat announces that the Neighborhood Watch program has revised their meetings to a group chat and a monthly newsletter format. They hope to share more information with the community and keep everyone informed.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Noreen Prater, Miami resident, comments that it is a privilege to recognize Mrs. Evelyn Vargas and her dedication to the Town of Miami. Mrs. Prater speaks on her hard work as Economic Development Director and her commitment to the people around her.

Mr. Joe Sanchez, a Miami resident, comments on things he has noticed while walking and driving around town. The infrastructure at the Town Hall and Transit buildings both has new roofs. The library roof is currently under construction, and the library's interior lighting is new. Mr. Sanchez comments on the many of the services the library provides to the community. Comments that the Hall of Fame is housed inside the library, too.

Tim Humphrey, District Supervisor, congratulates the Council on the Advisory Committee and offers his assistance if needed. Supervisor Humphrey states he has been doing a lot of work out at the fairgrounds; they will be having a high school rodeo this weekend. Gives a brief update on Bills that are currently in legislation.

Mr. Doug Berrey, Miami resident, speaks about the Police Chief and the ability to be in control of his staff and budget. Comments on the Police Chief hiring his staff. Comments on police officers' wages and the need to offer competitive wages. Comments on the police department's need for equipment and the importance of being well-equipped.

Mr. Rustin Shinn, Miami resident, states that he was recently appointed to the Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee and wanted to introduce himself and looks forward to serving on this committee.

Mr. Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, comments on an individual violating the law by collecting election petition signatures while on Town property. Mr. Huerta states that candidates cannot use city facilities for election purposes.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1324, amending the advisory committee known as the "Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee" for the Town of Miami to increase the number of members that compose the committee to be eleven members.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Resolution No. 1324, amending the advisory committee known as the "Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee" for the Town of Miami to increase the number of members that compose the committee to be eleven 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible appointment of 4 members from the public to the "Economic Development Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee" and assignment of member terms.

A brief discussion was held regarding there being four seats available and only having 2 people to appoint. It was stated that the Council may appoint the two they have tonight, and when they get someone for the remaining vacancies, the Council may appoint them at a later time. Mayor Madrid states that he would like this committee to meet on the 23rd just before the Council meeting. Councilmember Medina moved to appoint Mr. Gary Wilson and Mr. Tim Elinski to a one-year term. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

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

Economic Development Director Evelyn Vargas presents this item to the Council for consideration. Mrs. Vargas explains this has been a long time coming, it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and the Town Manager, and is now ready for the Council's approval. Councilmember Medina moved to approve the BHP/Town of Miami Façade Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Madrid. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moat. 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 – excused, and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 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 **9th** day of **March**, 2026.

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

DATED this **23rd** day of **March**, 2026.


Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Gil Madrid, Mayor