



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 23, 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, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, Councilmember Reiman, Councilmember Sosh, and Councilmember Stewart.

**EXCUSED:** Vice Mayor Gonzales.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Attorney Estes, 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 March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for March 1, 2026, for \$96,932.41.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve the Week of the Young Child Proclamation.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1325, adopting a Fair Housing Policy, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing the action it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.

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 – excused; 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 February 27, 2026, to March 12, 2026, for \$216,901.69.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for February 27, 2026, through March 12, 2026, in the amount of \$216,901.69. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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 reports that APS, in partnership with the Phoenix Suns, will be remodeling the downtown basketball courts. Provides a brief update on the wastewater project. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Miami presented to the office of Senator Kelly and Gallego the grant application for \$1.3 million dedicated to the restructuring of the police department. Roof repairs at the Miami Library and the Police Department are nearing completion. The procurement process for the Police Department's HVAC system has begun. Reports that the current partial government shutdown has resulted in delays at the Senior Center parking lot and roads, CDBG Grant Project. Reports that the Police Department has acquired a 2019 Mustang and it will be dedicated to policing the highways. The two new police units should be completed by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Brief update on the Mackey's Camp Project, delayed due to the partial government shutdown. Will be meeting with FEMA and DEMA on March 31<sup>st</sup> to review the repair project for the September 2025 disaster. The Town of Miami is collaborating with DEMA on the emergency damage report from September 2025. ADOT will be reimbursing the Town for damage repairs on Adonis Avenue. Reports that the Town is beginning the procurement process for ceiling fans in the Miami Library. The Town is continuing conversations with Gila Community College to identify a building to offer various educational and recreational programs designed for senior citizens. The Town is awaiting a response from the governor's Office on the petition for \$2.1 million in matching funds for the post-flood recovery project. The Town has been invited to join a pro-bono workshop in Flagstaff hosted by Public Finance Initiative's Rural and Small Cities Program in partnership with the Greater Arizona Development Authority and the Government Finance Officers Association. Announces that the Town will be participating in the Arizona Brownfields Conference in Tucson to explore grant opportunities for our region.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid gives thanks to all family and friends who worked with them this weekend to fix up M Hill for Good Friday and Easter.

Councilmember Medina states that he provided an extensive written report on political grandstanding and its effects on the town. Comments on the verbiage provided on the Council agenda regarding Call to the Public.

Councilmember Moat comments that the Neighborhood Watch program has revised its meeting communications to a group chat and a monthly newsletter format. They hope to share more information with the community and keep everyone informed. Councilmember Moat comments on the drug problem in the Town and shares how drug addiction has affected his family. Thanks to the Miami Police Department for the support and help with the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Councilmember Sosh announces that the Car Show is just three short weeks away. Announces that ADOT has provided communication that they are looking to extend the eastern limits of Mountain Breeze Memorial Gardens to Reppy Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project to just west of Latham Blvd. The scope that ADOT is looking to add between Reppy Avenue and just west of Latham Blvd. is to do a surface treatment and then to restripe that segment to add a two-way left turn lane while still maintaining two through lanes in each direction. ADOT would like to know if this is something the Town is still in support of.

## **7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. John Soderman, Miami resident, comments on the Town not getting things done for the past two years. He now sees them trying to do a lot, and he is proud of them.

Evelyn Vargas, Economic Development Director, announces that the Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee (EDAAA Committee) has scheduled two upcoming meetings. April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Façade Program will be rolling out this Thursday. Announces that the Arizona Commerce Authority has produced a video highlighting mining, flooding, and investing in Miami. Update on the Community Partnership Project on post flooding.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, states the Town Council should look at a franchise agreement with CenturyLink. They have the worst safety issues around town. Mr. Webb states that he has brought this to the Council's attention two years ago.

Mr. Doug Berrey, Miami resident, questions if the Town promised Officer Hernandez a pay raise for taking on the Police Chief position, and if so, has that been followed through with. Mr. Berrey comments regarding the Police Department having very limited resources and the need for them to be given control of their own department and budget.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1326, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a franchise

with Arizona Public Service beneficial for the Town of Miami; calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Miami the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Arizona Public Service Company; authorizing and directing the Town Clerk and Town Manager to publish the proposed franchise; specifying the proposed ballot language; setting forth the informational pamphlet deadline and related matters; establishing the conduct of elections including payment of election expenditures; designating voting rights act requirements; setting forth the voter registration deadline and early voting dates; providing for publication of election notices; designating the election format; and providing for the canvassing of election results.

Town Attorney Estes provides an overview of the franchise agreement, process, and why they are important. Town Attorney Estes informs the Council that Southwest Gas has requested to pull their franchise agreement from tonight's agenda. Town Attorney Estes explains that Southwest Gas has taken issue with some of the language in the resolution and agreement, specifically the agreement to pay its portion of the election fees. They say they are not opposed to it, but do not want it written into the franchise resolution. It has been proposed to draft a separate agreement providing that Southwest Gas will pay its portion of the election fees. Town Attorney Estes states that for now, the Town will do nothing with the Southwest Gas agreement until they reach out to the Town regarding how they would like to move forward. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution No. 1326, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a franchise with Arizona Public Service beneficial for the Town of Miami; calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Miami the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Arizona Public Service Company; authorizing and directing the Town Clerk and Town Manager to publish the proposed franchise; specifying the proposed ballot language; setting forth the informational pamphlet deadline and related matters; establishing the conduct of elections including payment of election expenditures; designating voting rights act requirements; setting forth the voter registration deadline and early voting dates; providing for publication of election notices; designating the election format; and providing for the canvassing of election results. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1327, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a franchise with Arizona Water Company beneficial for the Town of Miami; calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Miami the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Arizona Water Company; authorizing and directing the Town Clerk and Town Manager to publish the proposed franchise; specifying the proposed ballot language; setting forth the informational pamphlet deadline and related matters; establishing the conduct of elections including payment of election expenditures; designating voting rights act requirements; setting forth the voter registration deadline and early voting dates;

providing for publication of election notices; designating the election format; and providing for the canvassing of election results.

Councilmember Medina moved to approve Resolution No. 1327, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a franchise with Arizona Water Company beneficial for the Town of Miami; calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Miami the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Arizona Water Company; authorizing and directing the Town Clerk and Town Manager to publish the proposed franchise; specifying the proposed ballot language; setting forth the informational pamphlet deadline and related matters; establishing the conduct of elections including payment of election expenditures; designating voting rights act requirements; setting forth the voter registration deadline and early voting dates; providing for publication of election notices; designating the election format; and providing for the canvassing of election results. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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 Resolution No. 1328, declaring that the Town Council deems the granting of a franchise with Southwest Gas Corporation beneficial for the Town of Miami; calling an election to be held on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town of Miami the question as to whether or not a franchise shall be granted to Southwest Gas Corporation; authorizing and directing the Town Clerk and Town Manager to publish the proposed franchise; specifying the proposed ballot language; setting forth the informational pamphlet deadline and related matters; establishing the conduct of elections including payment of election expenditures; designating voting rights act requirements; setting forth the voter registration deadline and early voting dates; providing for publication of election notices; designating the election format; and providing for the canvassing of election results.

Councilmember Medina moved to table this item until Southwest Gas is ready to proceed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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 approval of Intergovernmental Agreement No. IGA-2026-0108 between the City of Globe and the Town of Miami for the Copper Mountain Transit System in the amount of \$73,000.00

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement No. IGA-2026-0108 between the City of Globe and the Town of Miami for the Copper Mountain Transit System in the amount of \$73,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused;

Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

**E. Information and discussion only:** Introduction of the “From the Ground Up” Campaign.

Ms. Raluca Mihalcescu, Water Conservation Administrator, Arizona Water Company, gives this presentation to the Council. Ms. Mihalcescu introduces Emelia Cancellieri, Water Conservation Specialist, and Freddy Rios, Division Manager, both with Arizona Water Company. Ms. Mihalcescu gives a brief overview of the AWC (Arizona Water Company) IDMP (Integrated Demand Management Program) approach. Ms. Mihalcescu reviews what is included in an IDMP. Review of the work done to date for the IDMP launch. Overview of the IDMP launch and the next steps. Brief discussion regarding water conservation. Ms. Mihalcescu states the program is called “From the Ground Up” and will launch on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**F. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Information and possible action regarding notice of intention of the Arizona Industrial Development Authority to issue its Single-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds.

Town Attorney Estes explains that this is just a notice to the municipality and does not require a response. There is no impact on the Town or the residents. The only reason the Town would need to take action is if the Town Council objects to this. If there is no objection, the Council will take no action.

**G. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the Town of Miami and Tiffany Construction Company, Inc.

Town Manager Rivera explains this agreement is coming from Coconino County and will allow the Town of Miami to work with Wilson and Company and Tiffany Co. for the NICS USDA Project. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the Town of Miami and Tiffany Construction Company, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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)(3) and (4) for discussions or consultations for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding Notice of Claim, Steven Rodgers.

Councilmember Stewart 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 – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 7:51 p.m.

Councilmember Stewart moved to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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 Stewart requested two future agenda items. Citation wording for Call to the Public. Would like to discuss with the Council and Town Attorney, and make any corrections if deemed necessary. Would like to discuss and possibly take action on the Town's noise regulations.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

**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 – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 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 23rd day of March, 2026.

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

DATED this 13th day of April, 2026.

  
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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Gil Madrid, Mayor