



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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 Sosh, and Councilmember Stewart.

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Gonzales, Councilmember Moat, and Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Joe 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 April 13, 2026, Budget Work Session & Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for April 12, 2026, in the amount of \$99,126.58.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve National Police Week, May 10 – 16, 2026, Proclamation.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve the 57th Annual Municipal Clerk Week Proclamation.

Mayor Madrid reads aloud both proclamations. 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 – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; 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 April 3, 2026, to April 16, 2026, in the amount of \$119,980.27.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for April 3, 2026, through April 16, 2026, in the amount of \$119,980.27. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera gives an update on the APS/Phoenix Suns basketball renovation project. Update on the electrical upgrades for the Police Department building. Town Manager Rivera states he is in the process of preparing a job description and making modifications to the current Economic Development Director position. He has a meeting scheduled for the week of May 4th with Wilson, Tiffany, and a representative from the Town of Miami to discuss phase one of the NRCS project. Announces all the roofing has been finalized at the Police Department and Library.

- B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid congratulated our events manager on a very well-executed event two weeks ago. Announces that the Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee had its second meeting. Mayor Madrid gives a brief report of that meeting. Comments on the flood mitigation meeting that was held on the 22nd to review the scope of work and mapping of locations of Phase I of that project.

Councilmember Medina states that he has had some criticism of his history report during the Council meeting. He states that he uses them to market the town. If you don't listen to past events, you will repeat them. Councilmember Medina stated that he will continue to give his history report and encourage people to visit this town. We are in competition with surrounding small towns to draw tourism with their history.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, states that the criticism regarding the historic section given at the Council meeting is coming from him. He does not see any value in it and feels it is a waste of time and a waste of taxpayer money.

Mrs. Celia Kenyon, Miami resident, questions when the parking lot at the Senior Center will be paved.

Ms. Susan Hanson, Miami resident, comments that the meetings are recorded and are online, and everything spoken is heard and repeated. Ms. Hanson comments on how she came to be a resident and business owner in the Town of Miami. She supports hearing the history of Miami.

Mr. Joe Sanchez, Miami resident, comments on a disturbing news report he watched on Channel 12 regarding the smelter and Freeport. Mr. Sanchez comments on the need to be positive about good things in town.

Mr. Lobb Instagon, Miami Arts Commission, thanks the Town Manager and Police Department for the support given to Miami Loco this past weekend. Everyone had a great time with very few incidents. There were small issues with parking, but was taken care of by the Town.

Mr. Doug Berry, a Miami resident, comments that he loves this town and thinks it is beautiful. Mr. Berry states his concerns regarding the Police Department. He does not feel it would be okay to not have local police service here. He states that it appears to him that micromanaging of the Police Department is to get officers to leave so that the Town can close the Police Department. He feels the residents of Miami do not want that to happen.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Amendment No. 2 – 22-157-27 to the agreement between the Town of Miami and Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry (ADCRR).

Town Manager Rivera presents this agreement to the Council and explains that this is to increase inmate labor pay from \$.50 cents an hour to \$1.50 per hour. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Amendment No. 2 – 22-157-27 to the agreement between the Town of Miami and Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry (ADCRR). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

- B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of The Miami's Mile High Car Show, Saturday, September 5, 2026, on East Sullivan Street from Miami Avenue to Keystone, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Susan Hanson presented this request to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve The Miami's Mile High Car Show, Saturday, September 5, 2026, on East Sullivan Street from Miami Avenue to Keystone, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat –

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

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Miami Genesis to manage the Miami Fiesta 2026 at Veterans' Park the evening of Friday, September 4, 2026, and Saturday, September 5, 2026.

Ms. Susan Hanson presented this request to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Miami Genesis to manage the Miami Fiesta 2026 at Veterans' Park the evening of Friday, September 4, 2026, and Saturday, September 5, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval to amend the order of business on the Council agenda by moving Item no. 7 – Call to the Public to Item No. 6, and renumbering Item No. 6 – Reports/Recognitions to Item No. 7

Councilmember Sosh moved to table this item until the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

E. Information, discussion, and possible action: Progress report, Council discussion, and possible action regarding HVAC for the Police Department.

Mayor Madrid reads a letter outlining his serious concern regarding the Police Department's HVAC system and electrical repairs, and the possible loss of police officers due to this ongoing issue. Mayor Madrid explains that he wants to speed this up so that the police officers have a good and comfortable place to stay while working up here. Mayor Madrid moved to approve this. Councilmember Sosh states that the Council can approve this, but it will not speed up the process if the building is not ready to put the system in. Councilmember Stewart comments that there are procurement issues here as well, and moving forward can cause additional issues and possible trouble. Town Manager Rivera explains that we are moving forward on this project. We are working on the infrastructure and being mindful of the procurement process. We need to follow the procurement process to maintain our audits in good standing. Brief discussion regarding the wrong information that was provided in the 2025 procurement process for this project. Mayor Madrid comments on the cost of the project, which is not a big project, \$15,000 to \$20,000. Town Attorney Estes explains that there are procurement procedures and laws that must be followed regardless of the source of funds. There are procurement codes in the Town Code and procurement laws in state statute that have to be followed. Mayor Madrid asks how do we follow the rules and get this done in May. Open discussion and comments regarding the need to get this project done and the proper process that needs to be followed. Discussion regarding having a bid package prepared for contractors to bid on. Discussion

regarding the RFP process. Discussion regarding how the Town can do this project faster if it can find an HVAC contractor through a State Cooperative Procurement agreement. Town Manager Rivera states he is going to bring a contractor from the State of Arizona administration procurement that we used for the roofing and other projects, and will provide, no later than May 6th, and provide some quotes for the electrical. Town Manager Rivera suggests that the Council approve it with the first quote to be provided no later than May 6th. Mayor Madrid moved to go forward to work first on the electrical using procurement system of the State of Arizona, and present to the Council no later than May 6th, and once approved by the Council, staff will move forward with the RFP for the HVAC project. Councilmember Stewart asks if we can set a premise for the HVAC contractor that says you will be provided a panel with this specification and in this location, please quote accordingly. Town Manager Rivera states that it is a good recommendation, and we can do that. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Town Attorney Estes states that if the Town can find an HVAC contractor who is on a cooperative purchase agreement, then you can avoid the whole process altogether. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

F. Information, discussion, and possible action: Discussion and possible action regarding filling the Economic Development Director position.

Mayor Madrid states that it has been over a month and a half since our Economic Development Director announced her retirement, and the Town has yet to post an opening for this position. We must proceed with filling this extremely important position. Not only do we need to fill this position, but we also need to seek a well-experienced grant manager, full-time. Along with this, we need to hire two lobbyists, which was discussed earlier in our budget meeting. Town Manager Rivera states he is currently making modifications regarding the capacity of the Economic Development Director position. Discussion regarding the need to analyze our budget to see how much we can afford. Town Manager Rivera states he wants to revise the position to Economic Development Director/Assistant Town Manager, which will include economic development and writing the smaller grants. Brief discussion regarding what type of salary this type of position will require. Town Manager Rivera explains that the revised job description will be on the next agenda for Council review and possible approval.

G. Executive Session: An Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) and (4) for discussions or consultations for legal advice with the Town Attorney regarding Notice of claim, Anthony Glover and Dustin R. Sanders vs. Town of Miami.

Councilmember Sosh moved to adjourn to executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:18 p.m.

Councilmember Sosh moved to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice

Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – excused; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED. 8:39 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting. Councilmember Medina requested an agenda item to discuss how to increase fines/penalties or signage warning of hefty fines for speeding.

Mayor Madrid requested an agenda item for an update on the Economic Development Director position.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 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 27th day of April, 2026.

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

DATED this 11th day of May, 2026.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Gil Madrid, Mayor