



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 11, 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 (arriving at 6:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, Councilmember Reiman, and
Councilmember Stewart.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Sosh.

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 22, 2026, Special Meeting, and April 27, 2026, Budget Work Session & Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for April 26, 2026, in the amount of \$78,904.54.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for April 17, 2026, to April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$150,531.75.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the demands for April 17, 2026, through April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$150,531.75. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Reiman. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reports he met with Players15 Group on May 4th regarding the APS and Phoenix Suns basketball renovation project. The Town of Miami and Freeport are currently engaged in negotiations to establish a contract that will facilitate the purchase of 100% of the reclaimed sewer water produced for the Freeport Miami operation. Reports that he is still working with the Governor's office regarding the matching funds for the flood grant. Police Chief Hernandez gives a brief update on the air conditioning and electric at the Police Department. They are in the process of hiring a Police Sergeant.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid reminds the public that the Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and invites the public to attend.

Councilmember Medina states he has an extensive history report, but summarizes it by commenting on the similarities between the communities of Ray-Sonora and the Town of Miami.

Councilmember Moat comments on the Capstone mine tour last Friday: good tour. He would also like to add an agenda item for the next meeting to approve "request to speak" cards.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, voices his disapproval with the Council allowing Councilmember Medina to waste taxpayer money on reports that have nothing to do with Town business.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 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 Moat explains that he would like to change the order of business on the Town Council agenda so that Call to the Public comes before Reports and Recognitions. Brief discussion ensues regarding the Council responding to criticism at the end of the Call to the

Public portion of the agenda. Town Attorney Estes explains that if the Council wishes to change the order of business on the agenda, it would need to be done by ordinance because it would require a Code change. Town Attorney Estes reviews the State statute regarding Call to the Public and explains that the Town is not required to include a Call to the Public on the agenda. He further explains that if the Town does include a Call to the Public, the Council may establish restrictions regarding that portion of the meeting. Discussion continues regarding whether rearranging agenda items would affect the Council's ability to respond to criticism during Call to the Public, with comments that changing the order would make no difference in the Council's ability to respond. Brief discussion also occurs regarding moving Call to the Public to the end of the agenda so that Town business may be addressed first. Councilmember Moat states he feels the agenda process would be more organized by changing the order of business. Mayor Madrid states he sees no reason to change the order because it would not affect the Council's ability to respond to comments made during the Call to the Public. No action taken.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Inspiration School Project update.

Mr. Fidelis Garcia and Mr. Prince Tomasi with Chicanos Por La Causa are present to give this presentation to the Town Council. Mr. Tomasi updates the Council on the project progress to date. The framing is complete, and the drywall is nearly complete. The project completion date is slated for November. Pre-leasing will begin three weeks prior to completion of the project. It is stated that these apartments are not Section 8 housing, but affordable workforce housing. They are currently working on logistics for an open house so the public can tour the complex once it is finished. Brief discussion is held regarding handicapped-accessible apartments, which will be located on the first floor. Property managers will be part-time on-site, and access to the complex will be controlled through a key fob system that will log entry and exit activity within the complex.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible appointment of Sarah Way to a 1-year term on the Design Review Board, as recommended by the Design Review Board.

Town Clerk Karen Norris presents this item to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Stewart moved to appoint Sarah Way to a 1-year term on the Design Review Board, as recommended by the Design Review Board. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible action to increase fines/penalties and put up warning signage of "hefty fines" for speeders.

Councilmember Medina explains that ADOT had a meeting in which they asked the Town of Miami about their major concerns. One of the major concerns was that there is no real control of the speeders through Miami, including Globe. A brief discussion occurred regarding these

issues of speeders and red-light runners, and what the Town of Miami can do about them. Discussion regarding regulations on fines for speeding and that they have to be within Arizona jurisdictional limits. Discussion ensued regarding the State of Arizona limiting what signs can be put out on the highway. Discussion regarding adding funds to the Town's budget to hire a police officer to strictly work Highway 60 for speeding and red-light running enforcement. Discussion regarding having a study done to gather information on how to improve the situation and public safety. Councilmember Medina moved to table this item until further information is available. 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 – ITEM TABLED.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of revised and updated Economic Development Director job description.

Town Manager Rivera requested that the Council table this item to allow the Mayor and Council additional time to review his proposed changes to the job title and description. Councilmember Medina moved to table the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid commented that, rather than combining grant writing duties with the Economic Development Director position, he would prefer the Town employ a full-time grant writer. Brief discussion is held regarding the revenue needed to fund the additional position of grant writer. Discussion also takes place regarding whether grant writers receive a portion or allocation from grants they are successful in obtaining for the Town. It is clarified that some grants provide funding for grant administration, while others do not. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks whether this position would report directly to the Council or function as classified staff, stating that he believes this decision should be made by the Town Council. 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 – ITEM TABLED.

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

Mayor Madrid explained that he wants to keep this item on the agenda for the next couple of meetings so that the Council keeps up to date on this issue. The completion target date is the end of June.

F. Information and discussion only: Status update on the Façade Program.

Town Manager Rivera states that he hopes to receive all applications for this project this week, and then they will be sent to the Council to determine the distribution of funds.

G. 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 Town Attorney communications in reference to Procedure for Abating Code Violations.

Councilmember Stewart moved to adjourn to executive session. 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. 8:04 p.m.

Councilmember Stewart moved to return to open session. 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. 8:13 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Moat states he would like to have a discussion at the next Council meeting regarding implementing the use of “Request to Speak” cards.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Madrid 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 8:15 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 11th day of May, 2026.

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

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor