



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION AND ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, AT 10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 10:16 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:

Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Rustin Shinn, Gary Wilson (telephonically), Philo Carter, Celia Kenyon, Douglas Berry, and Evelyn Vargas.

Note: Jennie Campos resigned from the Committee.

EXCUSED: Tim Elinski, John Ramirez, and Carole McNamus.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Clerk Karen Norris.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 22, 2026.

Doug Berry moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026, meeting. Motion seconded by Philo Carter. Vote – all in favor.

5. BUSINESS:

1. Report and updates from the blight and abatement group.

Mrs. Evelyn Vargas explained that this group discussed various aspects of commercial and residential properties. Bringing in a commercial realtor to help determine fair market value on certain properties. Discussed blighted properties and provided the list of identified blighted properties to the Committee members. They discussed how to approach properties that have liens. Discussed making it easier for investors who are interested in investing and bringing businesses and housing to Miami. Discussed advertising to bring in investors.

Report and Updates from the annexation and expansion group.

This group has not met yet to discuss annexation and expansion. They would like time to review the annexation guidelines as provided by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns. They will plan to meet before the next Committee meeting.

2. Discussion regarding creating a plan of action for putting the Strategic Plan into action.

The Committee discussed still being in the discovery phase of this process. They do not feel they are at the point to recommend a plan of action yet. They have a vague idea of what they need to do.

3. Discussion and planning of future agenda items.

Next meeting is June 17th at 10:00 a.m. No changes to the agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Doug Berry moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Philo Carter. Vote – all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Rustin Shinn, Chairman