



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, Councilmember Reiman, Councilmember Sosh and Councilmember Stewart.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Rodney States, 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 May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for May 10, 2026, in the amount of \$89,818.88.

Councilmember Stewart 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 – aye; 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 May 1, 2026, to May 14, 2026, in the amount of \$195,106.12.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for May 1, 2026, through May 14, 2026, in the amount of \$195,106.12. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera reported meeting with Capstone regarding support for the award-winning “Flooding and Flourishing” project design between ASU and the Town of Miami. He also provided an update on new police vehicles and the Police Department electrical and HVAC system improvements. Town Manager Rivera announced that the Bloody Tanks/Mackey’s Camp Project will begin June 1st. He further reported that the Town has received confirmation that the \$2.5 million in matching funds for the Emergency Watershed Protection project has officially been incorporated into the State’s upcoming budget, effective July 1st.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid commented on the house that collapsed on Nash Street and stated that it has broadened his understanding of the task the Town faces moving forward regarding dilapidated homes and buildings. Mayor Madrid also provided a brief update on the Economic Development Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee meeting. He noted that the committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and are open to the public.

Councilmember Medina commented on his extensive history and knowledge of state and local government. He noted that his full report is included in the Council packet for anyone wishing to obtain a copy. Councilmember Medina also commented on the dilapidated house on Nash Street and provided background information regarding the owner, who had previously requested assistance in having the home demolished due to safety concerns.

Councilmember Moat provided an update on the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. Councilmember Moat also commented on an issue that occurred during the May 11th Council meeting involving Mr. Richard Huerta holding up “stop” signs during the reports portion of the meeting. Councilmember Moat further addressed allegations made by Mr. Huerta claiming that Councilmember Moat was campaigning and using Town resources by posting a photograph of himself, the Police Chief, and the police vehicles. Councilmember Moat stated that he was not campaigning, but rather promoting the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program.

Councilmember Stewart made a statement regarding how the Town of Miami government operates under a Council/Manager form of government. He commented on the Council supporting the Mayor and addressed issues regarding “Call to the Public.” Councilmember Stewart also commented on statements alleging that the Town Manager’s salary is excessive and discussed the Town Manager’s responsibilities and the grants he has obtained for the Town. He further commented on the Town’s long-term decline and the challenges that must be overcome in order to turn the community around.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, voices his concern with the Town Manager's resistance to the proposed Strategic Plan. Commented that the people did not elect the Council to give them a history lesson. Mr. Huerta comments why he feels Councilmember Moat violated election codes with posting a picture of his self, the Police Chief and police vehicles. Questions the budget and audits that have not been completed.

Mr. Richard Ramos, Superintendent of the Miami Unified School District, announced that the District will be hosting an AI Summit and bringing speakers from across the State of Arizona to participate in the event. The Summit will be held on July 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dr. Ramos commented on the keynote speakers who will be presenting at the Summit and expressed the need for members of the Council and community to attend and help make the event a success.

Mrs. Trinity Murchie, Miami resident, comments regarding the recent sewer and garbage rate increase and that she feels it is fair. Mrs. Murchie states that her concern is that the rates have gone up but the service has gone down. The trash is thrown all over her driveway and they do not pick up all the trash; they leave bags in the containers. She feels we are paying more for a lot less.

Councilmember Moat responds to Mr. Huerta's comments at Call to the Public. Councilmember Moat comments regarding Mr. Huerta slandering him on social media and states again that the photo mentioned was strictly related to the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program.

Councilmember Reiman responds to Mr. Huerta's comments regarding the Town audits that he made at the Call to the Public. Councilmember Reiman explains that the Council gets a detailed financial report of the Town on a monthly basis. Councilmember Reiman explains the circumstances regarding the financial audits being behind. It is not uncommon for this to happen to municipalities and a number of circumstances led to the audits falling behind. The Town is currently working to bring all the audits current.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Town Manager Rivera presented this item to the Council and reviewed his proposed updates to the position. He explained that he would like grants under \$50,000 to be included in the job description. He also proposed adding agency and stakeholder liaison duties, citizen response and issue resolution, and procurement and contract oversight responsibilities to the position. Discussion followed regarding the proposed salary for the updated position. Town Manager Rivera stated that the position would begin at \$53,500 plus benefits. Vice Mayor Gonzales expressed concern regarding the position also serving as Assistant Town Manager. He stated that, as Assistant Town Manager, the Town Council should have authority to communicate with and provide direction to the position, and he felt the position should fall under the Town Council.

Open discussion and comments followed regarding who the position would report to and under what circumstances. Mayor Madrid commented on the need for both a full-time grant writer and a lobbyist. Brief discussion took place regarding those two positions. Town Manager Rivera stated that the Town currently has a lobbyist at the State level. Mayor Madrid also commented on the importance of having a full-time Economic Development Director. Additional discussion occurred regarding obtaining various grants and utilizing grant administration fees from awarded grants to help pay for a grant writer position. The Council then returned to discussion of a full-time grant writer position and various aspects of how the Town would fund that role. Vice Mayor Gonzales explained that he was not opposed to the proposal itself, but rather to whom the position would report. He reiterated that he believes the Council should be able to communicate with and provide direction to the position. Open discussion and comments continued regarding the Assistant Town Manager portion of the position and the specific duties that would be assigned. It was explained that, in the absence of the Town Manager, the Assistant would step in and, at that point, the Council would have authority to communicate with and provide direction to the Assistant. Discussion also took place regarding the Town Clerk filling in for the Town Manager during his absence. It was explained that, without designation from the Town Manager or during a long-term absence of the Town Manager, the Town Clerk would assume those duties. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the revised and updated Economic Development Director job description. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – nay; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

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

Mayor Madrid questions if we are still on for the target date of the middle of June. Town Manager Rivera states the electrical is set to commence this week and the and a site visit from Gordian is scheduled for this upcoming Friday.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of FY 2026/2027 tentative budget.

Town Manager Rivera presents the tentative budget to the Council stating that funding for a lobbyist is included in this budget under grants. Brief discussion regarding the lobbyist funding included in the budget. Vice Mayor Gonzales asks if the Town is anticipating purchasing more vehicles for the Police Department. Town Manager Rivera states yes, a 4x4 truck and a Ford Interceptor. Mayor Madrid moved to approve the FY 2026/2027 tentative budget. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of the Call to the Public – Request to Speak Card and rules for addressing the Town Council.

Councilmember Moat moved to table this item. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Madrid states he would like Old Business Item B - Progress report, Council discussion, and possible action regarding HVAC for the Police Department be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting. He requests an agenda item following up on the speed meter and discussion regarding the escape route for Mackey's Camp through Cherry Flats. States his concerns regarding the road at El Maguey Trailer Park.

Councilmember Reiman requested an item on the next agenda to discuss the ADOT Highway 60 Plan.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. 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 – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 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 26th day of May, 2026.

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

DATED this 8th day of June, 2026.


Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Gil Madrid, Mayor