



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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. Chuck Broeder gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Mayor Madrid, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, Councilmember Sosh and Councilmember Stewart.

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Gonzales 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 May 26, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for May 24, 2026, in the amount of \$97,259.57.

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 – aye; 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 May 15, 2026, to May 28, 2026, in the amount of \$271,452.39.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for May 15, 2026, through May 28, 2026, in the amount of \$271,452.39. 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 – aye; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera announces the two new police units are officially in operation. Brief update on the HVAC for the Police Department: the electrical contractor is experiencing a delay in getting materials. We are awaiting the detailed estimate from the mechanical contractor. Announces that the \$2.5 million in matching funds for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program have officially been confirmed as essential funds and are included in the upcoming state budget. We have received several applications for the Façade Program and are currently assessing each application. Our objective is to issue letters of engagement no later than June 26th.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid thanks Library Director Sue Pontel and the artist who painted the mural at the library. He was sorry he missed the ribbon-cutting event, but he had a prior appointment. Briefly reports on meetings with Freeport and Capstone, and they expressed their interest in working with the Town of Miami. There will be future meetings. Brief update on the Advisory Committee meeting, their next meeting will be on June 17th at 10:00 a.m. and open to the public.

Councilmember Medina stated that his full report was included in the Council packets. He commented on the concept of a paradigm shift and how unexpected events can alter perspectives and plans. He also discussed conditions at El Maguey, including the need to clean it up, road conditions, and his thoughts regarding the future of the area. Councilmember Medina commented on both positive and negative prejudices. He further discussed road conditions in Miami and Globe and shared his thoughts regarding the signal light at the east end of Highway 60.

Councilmember Moat comments on the rising cost of copper. Comments on the mine tour he took and a conversation with one of the mine employees, Mr. David Stanley, about how they can help the Town of Miami. Councilmember Moat states he mentioned we need help with repairing the roads and some of the dilapidated homes in the town.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. John Soderman, a Miami resident, stated that he does not agree with the use of speaker cards. He also commented that, in his opinion, the Council had not accomplished much in recent years, but now that it is an election year, it appears that things are getting done.

Mr. Richard Huerta, a Gilbert resident, stated that the Town previously had access to a grant writer at no cost to the Town. Mr. Huerta explained that two local professionals had offered their assistance to the Town and expressed concern that neither the Town Manager nor a Councilmember who had been contacted by these individuals responded to their offers to help with grant writing efforts.

Mr. Doug Berry, a Miami resident, commented on the HVAC installation project at the Miami Police Department. Mr. Berry stated that it is good to see the new police vehicles finally being utilized and also commented on the quick purchase and deployment of the new Public Works vehicle.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion, and possible action: Discussion and possible action regarding setting up a speed meter on Highway 60 to warn traffic entering the Town of Miami.

Councilmember Medina explains that he has heard that the Town will be putting out a traffic speed meter sign. Councilmember Medina states his concern is with pursuing fines and posting signs clearly stating the fines if caught speeding. Councilmember Medina explained that he envisions something like the HOV lane signs.

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.

Mayor Madrid states he would like to postpone this item. This is a full agenda, and this item is going to take some time and discussion. Councilmember Moat states that he is fine with that. Mayor Madrid moved to postpone this item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Town Manager Rivera recommends scheduling a work session for this item. Brief discussion regarding having a work session for this item. Open discussion and comments regarding this subject. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – nay; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

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

Mayor Madrid explains that this has been taking a very long time and feels we have to get this project done. Mayor Madrid explains his concern about losing police officers due to this issue. Town Manager Rivera explains that the electrical contractor had a delay in getting some of the materials for this project, and we are waiting for a detailed quote on the mechanical portion of this project. Discussion regarding this project is taking too long. Town Manager Rivera explains that he is following the government procurement process and the importance of this project being done correctly.

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

Town Manager Rivera states that the Town has received multiple applications for this program. We are currently in the review and verification process of this program.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Update on the flood mitigation project.

Mr. Patrick Wolf with Wilson and Company presents the project update to the Council. The design survey was completed last week. The Environmental clearance report was submitted and approved last Friday. This will be sent to all municipalities and tribes in the area to submit their comments on this project. They are hoping to have all clearance by next Monday. Brief review of the timeline and project phases. Tiffany Construction is ready to start work next Tuesday, after all clearances are received. Brief discussion regarding a Notice to Proceed from the Town. Discussion regarding Bloody Tanks Wash being the most crucial part of this project, as we are coming up on the monsoon season. Brief discussion and clarification of the extension to the 220-day time limit.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of DeMenna Public Affairs Letter of Agreement for Lobbying and Government Relations Services.

Mr. Ryan DeMenna gives a brief overview of DeMenna Public Affairs' background and qualifications. He will be working on behalf of the Town to secure the state resources to draw down federal matching funds to be used for flood relief efforts, including flood cleanup, prevention and restoration. Councilmember Medina moved to approve DeMenna Public Affairs Letter of Agreement for Lobbying and Government Relations Services. 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 – aye; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County, the City of Globe, and the Town of Miami to Collaborate in the Development of a Long-Term Regional Flood Mitigation Plan for Globe-Miami Region.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council. Globe Mayor Al Gameros and Gila County Supervisor Humprey speak to the Council in favor of this agreement and express that it is vital to our region's future. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Gila County, the City of Globe, and the Town of Miami to Collaborate in the Development of a Long-Term Regional Flood Mitigation Plan for the Globe-Miami Region, with potential minor amendments by the Town Attorney. 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 – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of the Olde Town Fair and Chili Cookoff, Friday, July 3, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and requested road closures.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, President of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association, presents this item to the Council for consideration. Councilmember Medina moved to approve the Olde Town Fair and Chili Cookoff, Friday, July 3, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and requested road closures. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Cobre Valley Independence Day Parade, including staging area, and Celebration in the Park on Saturday, July 4, 2026, staging beginning at 6:00 a.m., parade beginning at 10:00 a.m., with Celebration in the Park ending at 5:00 p.m., including the Town of Miami setting up and removing the road closure barricades.

Mr. Jesse Bryant, President of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association, presents this item to the Council for consideration. Mr. Bryant explains that the parade will be begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 10:00 a.m. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Cobre Valley Independence Day Parade, including the staging area, and Celebration in the Park on Saturday, July 4, 2026, staging beginning at 6:00 a.m., parade beginning at 8:00 a.m., with Celebration in the Park ending at 5:00 p.m., including the Town of Miami setting up and removing the road closure barricades. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. Mayor Madrid calls for a vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – excused; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

F. Information, discussion, and possible action: Discussion and possible action regarding investigating a possible emergency escape route from Mackey's Camp through Cherry Flats Road.

Councilmember Medina presented this item to the Council and reported on his recent drive up to Cherry Flats Road using the Mackey's Camp entrance area. Councilmember Medina states that it was rough and he drove a Four-Wheel Drive vehicle, but it is a possible route in the event there needs to be an emergency exit or entrance to the area. Councilmember Medina states he contacted Gila County and learned that some of the property may be forestry land. Councilmember Medina commented that it would be nice to have an agreement to use the road and to be able to put up some signage. He also commented regarding naming the road. Councilmember Medina will do some more research on this item.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Madrid states he would like to place the agenda item regarding the HVAC at the Police Department and Façade Program on the next agenda.

Councilmember Medina requested an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss a local company that does clean-up work and wants to help residents who can't afford it.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 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 8th day of June, 2026.


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

DATED this 22nd day of June, 2026.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Gil Madrid, Mayor