



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 13, 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. Mayor Madrid 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 Jon Paladini, 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 June 15, 2026, Special Meeting and June 22, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for June 21, 2026, in the amount of \$110,623.37.

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 – 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 June 12, 2026, to July 2, 2026, in the amount of \$464,676.23.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for June 12, 2026, through July 2, 2026, in the amount of \$474,676.23. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stewart. 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 reports a slight delay in moving forward with the Façade Program as he was working to complete a deadline to comply with DEMA reports for emergency expenses on the September 2025 disaster. He will complete the action for the Façade Program by Monday, July 20th. Brief report on the action taken to gain the right of entry to perform the necessary operations on the Adonis Basin. Reports that Interstate Mechanical will start the mobilization this Thursday, the 16th, for the Police Department HVAC Project. Phase 1 consists of the replacement of the ductwork and the 2.5-ton A/C unit. Phase 2 is on the evaluation of the quotes and preparation of the purchase orders. Reports the Town is applying for two grants, one for recreation and the other for the Council Chamber renovation and equipment upgrades. The Town has received 5 applications for the Economic Development Director/Assistant Town Manager position; the applications are currently under review. The Town of Miami, in partnership with CPLC, is in conversations on a street renovation project around the Inspiration Apartment Project. The Town will begin street renovations on July 31st. Public Works will dedicate Fridays to working on this project. Brief CDBG Grant Project update: the list of streets that need repair has been sent to CAG. This project is slated to begin late August 2026.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid speaks of the 4th of July Celebration and thanks everyone who put this event together. Comments on a Blight Grant in the amount of \$1.5 to 2 million dollars. He has notified the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, as the blight committee oversees residential and commercial blight.

Councilmember Medina states that a copy of his report has been provided to the Council in the Council packets. Councilmember Medina comments regarding Council meetings being open to the public, but not being public meetings. Councilmember Medina comments on the definition of a dais. Flag half-staff report.

Councilmember Moat congratulates Supervisor Humphrey in his new position as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Councilmember Moat reports on the 4th of July Coin Dive event for the kids and thanks Mr. David Stanley for the donation to the Town for this event. Comments that the event has been a long tradition in the Town, and everyone had lots of fun.

Councilmember Stewart explains he will be absent from the next Council meeting as he has a family commitment. Councilmember Stewart explains that he is sharing his view and opinion on the Request to Speak Card issue that is scheduled for the next meeting date.

Vice Mayor Gonzales thanks Gila County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mr. Tim Humphrey for providing the Youth Summer Work Program. This program is a great opportunity for the kids to

work and to learn a skill. Vice Mayor Gonzales gives “kudos” to the Public Works Department for the training of the kids working on the garbage truck. They did a great job and learned about taking pride in our community and the work that they did.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Joe Sanchez, Miami resident, comments regarding an Arizona Silverbelt article on June 24th regarding flood mitigation and how the Town of Miami used a lobbyist to get funding for this project. Mr. Sanches states this brought back memories of how the Town used to do things. Mr. Sanchez comments on the Inspiration School Apartment Project and comments that he graduated from that school in 1950. Mr. Sanchaz announces that they are now accepting leasing applications.

Mr. Don Rigdon, Miami resident, comments on the rain this afternoon and that he checked the ditch in town, and it looked good. The Town is doing a great job.

Mrs. Carol Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, comments regarding a letter she and her husband wrote to the town council members. This letter was to address some issues of a June event they were not aware of and included street closures that affected their business. They are looking forward to a response from the Council. Mrs. Broeder comments briefly on another event that impacted their business and that the Town Manager and Miami Police Department assisted with that incident.

Mrs. Beatrice Quintana, the mother of Julian Quintana, whose life was taken a few months ago. Mrs. Quintana reports on Julian’s Peace Project, a community event they held in the Miami Veterans Park in order to provide school supplies to the youth of the community. This event is to remind the youth that they are seen, valued, and supported, and to encourage kindness. They will be having future school supply drives, and their goal is to continue building a legacy that honors her son Julian.

Gila County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Mr. Humphrey, states that grant and low-income loan packets are still available for flood victims. The packets must be completed and turned in by July 21st. USDA will be present to assist with the application paperwork. These funds are for residential flood victims only. Chairman Humphrey comments briefly on the Youth Summer Work Program.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Mayor Madrid questions when this project will be completed. Town Manager Rivera states that, as his report states, Interstate Mechanical will start the mobilization this Thursday, the 16th. Phase I consists of the replacement of ductwork and the 2.5-ton AC unit. Phase II is the evaluation of the quotes and preparation of the purchase orders. Thursday, we will know when Phase I will be finalized, and will have a meeting regarding Phase II.

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

Mayor Madrid explains he heard the update regarding this during the Town Manager's report. Mayor Madrid states with the heat we are having, it may not hurt to wait a few months to start painting. It should not be over 92 degrees when painting.

C. Information and discussion only: Update on the ADOT Highway 60 Plan through the Town of Miami.

Councilmember Reiman states that he requested this item be placed on the agenda to receive an update on the project. Town Manager Rivera reports that he received an email from ADOT earlier in the day regarding a new project and is awaiting additional information. He recommends postponing further discussion until more details are available. The Council discusses the proposed addition of left-turn lanes and the potential impact on local businesses if parking lanes are removed. Councilmember Sosh explains that he requested the left-turn lanes to improve community safety. The Council also discusses the possibility of installing left-turn signals and the need for additional public input before any decisions are made. Town Manager Rivera reiterates that the Town is awaiting further information from ADOT before taking any action. The Council discusses the Town's role in providing input on the project. Councilmember Sosh explains that while ADOT has the authority to proceed without the Town's approval, it has requested input from the Town regarding the project. The Council reaches a consensus to bring the item back for discussion in approximately two Council meetings to determine whether additional information has been received from ADOT.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of the Miami Jr./Sr. High School Vandal Bash to be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., including use of the Hostetler Pool, basketball court, and Veterans Park; closure of Inspiration Avenue; installation and removal of barricades by the Public Works department; and police presence for the duration of the event.

Ms. Joy Wilson with the Miami Jr./Sr. High School, along with students Hector Mariscal and Elise Combs, present this request to the Council. A correction is made to the requested road closure; they need Cordova closed, not Inspiration, and they request support of the Town of Miami sound system. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Miami Jr./Sr. High School Vandal Bash to be held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., including use of the Hostetler Pool, basketball court, and Veterans Park; support of the Town of Miami sound system, closure of Cordova Avenue; installation and removal of barricades by the Public Works department; and police presence for the duration of the event. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales. 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 and discussion only: Progress report regarding the Emergency Watershed program (EWP) Project.

Mr. Brian Schalk and Mr. Patrick Wolf of Wilson and Company present an update on the Emergency Watershed Protection Project to the Council. They report that the project is progressing well and provide an overview of the sediment removal taking place in the creek to increase water flow capacity. A discussion is held regarding sediment removal, ongoing maintenance, and efforts to mitigate future flood risk. Mr. Wolf reports that sediment and brush removal in Bloody Tanks Wash is expected to be completed by the end of the week, after which work will begin on the Latham Avenue basin. A brief discussion follows regarding the water catchment basins, with emphasis placed on the importance of routine maintenance to ensure their continued effectiveness. An update is provided on the Adonis Street basin, including challenges associated with obtaining right-of-entry agreements. Discussion is also held regarding the NRCS grant deadline and extension, as well as the Schultz Ranch Project. Mr. Mike Garrison of Tiffany's Construction provides an update on the construction activities taking place within the creek and explains that excavated material is being hauled to the J&B Trucking property. The Council then discusses Phase II of the project.

C. Information and discussion only: Presentation by Jet Cleaning LLC regarding assisting with blight clean-up.

Mr. Joseph Castaneda, owner/operator of Jett Cleaning LLC, states he was born and raised in the Town of Miami and gives a brief overview of his business. Mr. Castaneda states that he recently partnered with the San Carlos Tribe to clean up lots, blighted, and abandoned properties. Mr. Castaneda states he is here tonight to inform the Council of his business and that he would like to do business with the Town of Miami at a discounted rate. Mr. Castaneda explains that he would like to coordinate a bulk clean-up in the Town, and he would pay the dumping fees. Vice Mayor Gonzales explains that this falls under the Town Manager's jurisdiction and suggests that Mr. Castaneda meet with the Town Manager regarding organizing the cleanup.

D. Information and discussion only: Gila County Safe Streets for All Presentation.

Town Manager Rivera states that the report has been provided in the Council packets. The report was provided by a grant from the Federal Department of Transportation and is intended to create safe roads for all of Gila County. Town Manager Rivera reviews the highlights of the report. Vice Mayor Gonzales comments on the data and material contained in the report, stating that it will be very useful when applying for grants.

E. Information, discussion, and possible action: Possible approval of closure of Sullivan Street from Miami Avenue to Cordova Avenue on Saturday, October 3, 2026, for the Town of Miami Mining Expo Event.

Ms. Maria Arreguin, Town of Miami Finance Director, and Mrs. Evelyn Vargas present this request to the Town Council. Ms. Arreguin gives a brief overview of the planned Mining Expo. Mrs. Vargas explains that there will need to be some coordination with Miami High School, as

the Homecoming parade is scheduled for October 2nd, and they do not anticipate any issues. Mrs. Vargas comments on the planned events, participants, and sponsors. It is a celebration of copper in our area. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the closure of Sullivan Street from Miami Avenue to Cordova Avenue on Saturday, October 3, 2026, for the Town of Miami Mining Expo Event. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales. 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.

F. Information and discussion only: Information and project report regarding the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park.

Mr. Pat Ramos explains that last October, the Class of 1973 was given permission to start repairing the Veterans Monument in the Veterans Memorial Park. They have the funds to do the repairs and will not need assistance from the Town. They are looking at starting the repairs on October 8th – 11th. Mr. Ramos states that the Class of 1973 will not be doing the Memorial Day Ceremony this year. They just wanted to give the Town enough notice in case they have someone who will do the event this year.

G. Information, discussion, and possible action: Discussion and possible direction to the Town Manager to move forward with the purchase of a 2027 Ford F-750 w/equipment (garbage truck), in the amount of \$202,673.51.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council for consideration. He explains that the Town's 2001 garbage truck has experienced multiple breakdowns and costly repairs, making replacement necessary. The proposed purchase includes a \$75,000 down payment followed by three annual payments of \$46,000. The Council discusses concerns regarding the engine identified in the price quote. Councilmember Stewart comments on known issues with the engine type, including problems associated with the high-pressure fuel pump. The Council also discusses quotes received through other state procurement providers and the possibility of obtaining a price quote for the same model equipped with a different engine. Councilmember Stewart moved to table this item until the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. 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.

H. Information, discussion, and possible action: Discussion and possible approval of ratification of the Police Department HVAC agreement, Statewide General Contracting JOC in the amount of \$17,275.58.

Town Manager Rivera presents this item to the Council. Mayor Madrid questions what are we getting for this money. Town Manager Rivera explains this is the cost for Interstate Mechanical and for Phase I for the Police Department HVAC Project. Mayor Madrid states that his understanding was that the price was for the whole project, to get the air conditioning at the Police Department up and running. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve ratification of the

Police Department HVAC agreement, Statewide General Contracting JOC in the amount of \$17,275.58. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. 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.

- I. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Discussion and possible approval of “Second amendment to employment agreement” with Town Manager Alexis Rivera, as directed by Council on September 22, 2025.

Mayor Madrid states he did not know this item was going to be on the agenda. He would like time to review everything and would like to table it. Town Manager Rivera explains why this item was placed on the agenda. In September 2025, in an executive session, the Council directed the Town Attorney to draft this amendment to his contract and bring it back to the Council for formal approval. The contract was not brought back before the Council as directed. Mayor Madrid states that he needs time to review this information. Mayor Madrid comments on the issue he has with Town Manager Rivera, stating that the Town Manager does not work with him and does not respect him. Mayor Madrid moved to table this item. MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND. Discussion regarding this being discussed in executive session in September and direction given to the Town Attorney to draft an amendment to the contract for formal approval by the Council. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve “Second amendment to employment agreement” with Town Manager Alexis Rivera, as directed by Council on September 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moat. 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.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Madrid states he would like to place on the next agenda, the first item is an update regarding the Globe/Miami/Freeport IGA status, and the second item is the recruitment status of the Economic Development Director/Assistant Town Manager position.

Vice Mayor Gonzales announces that school resumes on the 21st of this month and reminds everyone to watch for the kids and school buses in the mornings and afternoons. Requested that the Police Department provide extra patrol on bus routes and on Highway 60, and he will give the Police Department an updated bus route and times.

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting. He will be providing information regarding dry wells for an upcoming agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Sosh moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzales. 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 8:58 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 13th day of July, 2026.

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

DATED this 27th day of July, 2026.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor