



MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 27, 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 Reiman, and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Stewart.

ABSENT: Councilmember Moat.

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 July 13, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 5, 2026 (June 21 date on agenda was in error) in the amount of \$104,307.27.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve "Child Support Awareness Month" August 2026 Proclamation.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1330 adopting a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for FY 2026/2027.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 1331 designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the FY 2026 Expenditure Limitation Report to the Arizona Auditor General.

Mayor Madrid read aloud the Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – absent; Councilmember Reiman

– aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for July 3, 2026, to July 16, 2026, in the amount of \$47,851.62.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for July 3, 2026, through July 16, 2026, in the amount of \$47,851.62. 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 – absent; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera provided an update on the Emergency Watershed Project and the Police Department HVAC Project. Town Manager Rivera reported that he distributed a questionnaire to the applicants for the Economic Development Director/Town Manager position to assess their level of interest, as all applicants currently reside outside the Town's jurisdiction. Town Manager Rivera also provided a brief update regarding the Council's concerns about the proposed garbage truck engine discussed at the previous meeting. He reported that the engine issues are primarily associated with models manufactured between 2011 and 2014, as well as certain models produced in 2016.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid commented on the successful Miami High School assembly and the dance performed by students from Miami and Globe High Schools. He briefly summarized the event and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Ramos for inviting him and his wife, Susan, to attend. Mayor Madrid also commented on the decorum at the previous Council meeting. He briefly addressed the Town Manager's contract addendum, stating that he was not present at the September meeting when the matter was discussed. He commented that his absence from that meeting influenced his approach during the previous Council meeting.

Councilmember Medina states that a copy of his report has been provided to the Council in the Council packets.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Becky Ramos, Miami resident, apologizes for speaking out of turn at the last meeting and states her opinions regarding the Council's support of the Mayor.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments on the proposed ADOT Hwy Project through Miami; he does not approve of removing the parking and signal lights and adding left turn lanes. He feels businesses will lose money. Mr. Webb states that if this is proposed, he will fight this.

Mrs. Noreen Prater, Miami resident, comments on the recent election, stating the voters want change. Briefly comments regarding the Mayor working hard to collaborate with the Town Manager and the Council.

Mr. Pat Ramos, Miami resident, questions the cost of the HVAC Project at the Miami Police Department.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 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.

Councilmember Sosh moved to direct 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. 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 – absent; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. 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.

Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to keep Call to the Public the same, no changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – absent; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Presentation and possible acceptance of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Audit Report.

Mr. Matt Bingham, Colby & Powell, PLC, presents the audit report for FY 2023/2024 to the Council. Mr. Bingham gives a brief overview of their audit practice and procedures. Reviews the findings with the FY 23/24 audit report. Brief discussion regarding the Town's audits being behind schedule. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to accept Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Audit Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina –

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

B. Information and discussion only: Presentation and information regarding the Town of Miami's financial procedures and policy.

Mr. Dennis Osuch, of Osuch Consulting PLLC, provided a brief overview of his 29 years of experience in government accounting and noted that he established his consulting business a little over three years ago. Mr. Osuch discussed his work with the Town of Miami, stating that the primary goal is to bring the Town's financial records up to date. He reviewed the state statutory requirements for audited financial statements and discussed the challenges that can arise when audits fall behind schedule. Mr. Osuch also discussed his work with the Finance Department to restore timely financial reporting and ensure the Town's financial statements are prepared for the upcoming audit. He provided an update on the Town's bank reconciliations and stated that he would be working with the Finance Department on Wednesday to prepare for the upcoming audit.

C. Public Hearing: To hold a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on the proposed primary Property Tax. The Town of Miami is proposing a Primary Property Tax of \$1,499 or 4.34%.

- a) Open Public Hearing. Mayor Madrid – 7:42 p.m.
- b) Public Comments: No comments from the public.
- c) Close Public Hearing. Mayor Madrid – 7:42 p.m.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Possible approval of Intergovernmental Agreement No. XXXX2026 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.

Town Manager Rivera explains that Gila County has already approved the agreement. Town Clerk Norris states the documents have now been assigned an agreement number, which is 07082026. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve Intergovernmental Agreement No. 07082026 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. 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 – absent; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information and discussion only: Information and status report regarding filling the position of Economic Development Director/Assistant Town Manager.

Mayor Madrid states he saw the update report in the Town Manager's report. Brief discussion regarding who is going to be on the interview panel. Town Manager Rivera explains he does not have that ready yet but will inform the Council when it is ready. Vice Mayor Gonzales feels

Council should be on the interview panel since this position includes Assistant Town Manager. Discussion regarding Council Members being on the interview panel. Town Attorney Estes explains that three Council Members may be on the panel without violating the Open Meeting Law.

F. Information and discussion only: discussion and status update regarding FEMA's denial of the Town of Miami's request for a Major Disaster Declaration and funding.

Town Manager Rivera comments on the letter received from FEMA. Gives a brief overview of how the Town will move forward to obtain funding. Town Manager Rivera discusses using a lobbyist and applying for grant funding. He will be reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of joining the lawsuit regarding the denial with the City of Globe. Town Manager Rivera explains we are currently reviewing our options to decide how to move forward.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Mayor Gonzales reminds everyone that Vandal Bash is happening this Thursday.

Councilmember Medina would like an agenda item for the next meeting to express a vote of no confidence in the Mayor and to recall the Mayor back to a Council Member position.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting & Public Hearing of the Town Council of the Town of Miami, AZ, held on the 27th day of July, 2026.

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

DATED this 10th day of August, 2026.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Gil Madrid, Mayor