



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 Joe Estes, Town Manager Rivera, Public Works Director Derhammer, and Finance Director Arreguin.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the Council Minutes of July 27, 2026, Work Session, July 27, 2026, Regular Meeting & Public Hearing, and July 29, 2026, Special Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for July 19, 2026, in the amount of \$101,201.34.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Overdose Awareness Day - August 31, 2026 Proclamation.
- D.** Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Central Arizona Aging Area Agency on Aging, Region V, Senior Center Funding Agreement (Contract No. 025-0253).
- E.** Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Central Arizona Aging Area Agency on Aging, Region V, Senior Center Vehicle Lease Agreement (Contract No. 019-0253).

Mayor Madrid read aloud the Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation. 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 July 17, 2026, to July 30, 2026, in the amount of \$416,632.06.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for July 17, 2026, through July 31, 2026, in the amount of \$416,632.06. 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.

No report at this time.

- B.** Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid announces upcoming event – Miami Fiesta.

Councilmember Moat comments briefly on the Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation.

Councilmember Medina comments on the removal of chains from the flagpole at Bullion. Comments regarding a memorial that is a tripping hazard and suggests that it be moved to another location.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Becky Ramos, Miami resident, comments regarding bricks that were to be placed in the Veteran's Memorial and the Veteran's Day event in 2024. Comments regarding past actions of Councilmember Medina. Mrs. Ramos, comments in support of Mayor Madrid.

Daniel Osters, non-Miami resident, comments in support of Mayor Madrid and his dedication to the Town of Miami. Comments regarding the inter-turmoil of the Council.

Mr. Don Wilson, Globe resident, comments regarding Councilmember Medina's affidavit and things the Class of '73 has done to help the Town of Miami, with the leadership of Mayor Madrid.

Debbie ?, Miami resident, questions Councilmember Medina if he had issues with Mayor Madrid before he lost the election. Comments that the Class of '73 are not attack dogs; they are watch dogs.

Wilma Phillips, a Globe resident, cites the Arizona Revised Statutes regarding the legal qualifications for running for office. Comments that local towns cannot alter or waive the requirements.

Lonnie ?, with the Sara K. Foundation, comments on the Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation and thanks the Town of Miami for recognizing this day.

Noreen Prater, Miami resident, comments on the affidavits submitted requesting the removal of Mayor Madrid from the Mayor's position. Comments in support of Mayor Madrid.

Jolie Stadard, Globe resident, comments in support of Mayor Madrid and comments on how he helped her with some issues she was experiencing. Comments that he couldn't help her, but he listened when other Councilmembers did not.

Don Holiker, Globe resident, states he is here to show his support of Mayor Madrid. Comments on the Class of '73's support of the Town of Miami. Urges the Council to retain Mayor Madrid.

Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, comments that the Mayor's actions and actions of the Class of '73 have caused a negative impression of the Town of Miami.

Lisa Zaragoza, Miami resident/business owner, comments that the Council's actions are not doing anything for the town; it is just splitting up the town.

Lorina Morrison, Miami resident, comments that it breaks her heart to see the dissension and would love to see everyone work together for the town and the citizens.

Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, comments that he is here because the Council has not been doing a thing. Comments that he is here to request the Council produce the facts.

Ray Webb, Miami resident, comments on the franchise agreement the Town of Miami has with Arizona Water Company. Comments on the water leak on Reppy Avenue and how it is causing damage to the road. Comments on a person doing dirt work up in the county area; since then, they have had more debris coming down the roadway. Mr. Webb has requested a copy of the permit for that work from the county, and they denied it.

Pat Ramos, Miami resident, comments regarding the affidavits submitted requesting removal of Mayor Madrid. Questions some of the comments stated in the affidavits.

Joe Sanchez, Miami resident, comments that the actions of the Town Council are governed by local, county, and state laws. He discusses the candidate nomination challenge involving a candidate in the 2024 election. Mr. Sanchez states that he attended the court hearing, where the judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence to establish that the candidate was ineligible to run for office in the Town of Miami election.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Progress report regarding the Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) Project.

Mr. Patrick Wolf of Wilson & Company and Mike Garrison of Tiffany Construction give a progress report on the Latham Project. Mr. Wolf comments on the erosion protections they are putting in. They are proposing adding some additional protection to the manhole upstream on Highway 60 to help protect the sewer. Comments on the installation of jersey barriers. They will be cleaning out sediment on the upper area of Bloody Tanks. Want to do some more improvements further upstream on Latham. They will move on to Smelter near the end of August. Hoping to be done with Latham by the 22nd of August and start on Adonis the 26th; these dates are not firm.

B. Presentation only: Presentation and distribution of the Cobre Valley Independence Day Parade awards and Judges' Choice winner.

Mr. Jesse Bryant of the Gila County Public Safety Memorial Association comments briefly on the July 4th event. Mr. Bryant announces the parade award winners and Judges' Choice award.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1333, declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on July 21, 2026.

Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve Resolution No. 1333, declaring and adopting the results of the primary election held on July 21, 2026. 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.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Possible approval of Resolution No. 1332, fixing, levying and assessing the amount to be raised by the Town of Miami upon the assessed valuation of property within the Town of Miami subject to taxation, and fixing and determining the property tax rate for FY 2026/2027 and providing for severability.

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E. Information and discussion only: Presentation and information regarding the High Desert Humane Society.

Sarah Alexander of the High Desert Humane Society was not present to present this item; Council moved on to the next item.

F. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of PHI CARES Membership Agreement for benefit coverage for Town of Miami employees.

Town Manager Rivera requested that this item be tabled. Councilmember Sosh moved table this item until the next regular meeting. 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 – ITEM TABLED.

G. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible direction to staff to draft a code amendment requiring two years of Council service before being nominated and elected to the Mayor position.

Councilmember Sosh explains why he is requesting this action. He feels that a councilmember should have some experience before taking the office of Mayor. Councilmember Medina states, from his experience on the Council, he agrees with Councilmember Sosh. Mayor Madrid comments on moving to a direct elect Mayor. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve directing staff to draft a code amendment requiring two years of Council service before being nominated and elected to the Mayor position. 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.

H. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible ratification approving payment to JCH, Phoenix Service, for lift station pumps repair.

Town Manager Rivera presented this item to the Council for approval. This was an emergency purchase for the wastewater system. Town Manager Rivera states the Town is seeking a reimbursement from WIFA for 100 percent of this purchase. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve ratification of payment to JCH, Phoenix Service, for lift station pumps repair. 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.

I. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible appointment of the following people to the Planning and Zoning Commission:

Kiyomi Tiffany “Daphne” – 3-year term
Christa Jennings – 3-year term
Joanna 23 – 3-year term
Courtney Odom – 2-year term
Wayne Jones – 2-year term

Councilmember Sosh moved to make the appointments as listed on the 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.

- J. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of request for time extension to submit written request for a hearing regarding removal of Mayor.

Mayor Madrid states that after a conversation with the Town Attorney, he will not need an extension.

- K. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney and discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, salary, promotion, demotion or discipline of Town Manager, Alexis Rivera.

Councilmember Sosh moved to enter into executive session. 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. 8:17 p.m.

Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to return to regular session. 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. 9:17 p.m.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Sosh requests a work session to set goals for the Town Manager, and request newly elected members be present for the work session

Councilmember Medina thanks his friends who have supported him through the years.

Vice Mayor Gonzales requests that the Town Manager provide a breakdown of the Friday street projects beginning on July 27th. He would like a breakdown of roads that have been completed and those planned for August and September for street repair.

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 9:20 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 10th day of August, 2026.

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

DATED this 24th day of August, 2026.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor