



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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, and Councilmember Sosh.

EXCUSED: 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 August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for August 2, 2026, in the amount of \$92,005.86.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event Liquor License for Fiesta De Miami on Friday, September 4, 2026, 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. & Saturday, September 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., located at Miami Veterans Park, 608 W. Sullivan Street.
- D.** Consideration and possible action to approve Library Card Sign-up Month September 2026 Proclamation.
- E.** Consideration and possible action to approve Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month – September 2026 Proclamation.

Mayor Madrid read aloud the Ovarian Cancer 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 – aye; 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 31, 2026, to August 13, 2026, in the amount of \$59,608.38.

Councilmember Sosh moved to approve the demands for July 31, 2026, through August 13, 2026, in the amount of \$59,608.38. 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 – excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Rivera informs the Council that he has provided them with a copy of the Public Works Road Repair schedule as requested. Announces the HVAC project at the Police Department has been completed; the staff will be finalizing some minor repair details of the project. Update on the hiring process for the Economic Development Director/Assistant Town Manager position. Brief update on meeting with Senator Gallego's office and the Town's lobbyist. Reports on meeting with USDA representatives regarding HVAC for the Miami Memorial Library.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Madrid reads comments from Rachel Sackett-Putman regarding approval of the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month proclamation and her journey with ovarian cancer; Mrs. Sackett-Putman thanks the Town Council and the Town of Miami for supporting this cause. Mayor Madrid reminds everyone of the Special Council meeting next Monday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Medina thanks the Arizona Silverbelt for publishing his thoughts and Council report.

Councilmember Moat announces the 2026 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference was good this year. Councilmember Medina and Councilmember Reiman received 16-year Service Awards.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Becky Ramos, Miami resident, comments regarding the Town Council supporting Mayor Madrid and working together. Comments she is here to show her support for Mayor Madrid.

Mr. Treshawn Kumparak, Miami High School Senior, gives thanks to Mayor Madrid for his help and support for "M" Hill.

Mr. Ray Webb, Miami resident/business owner, comments on the upcoming Miami Mining Expo and announces the return of the bed race. Mr. Webb challenges Miami High School and Globe High School to enter beds in the race.

Mrs. Lillian Phillips, Globe resident, comments on her love of the Town of Miami and her support of Mayor Madrid. Urges the Council to work together.

Mrs. Noreen Prater, Miami resident, comments on her love of the Town of Miami. Mrs. Prater comments on some of the wonderful improvements that Mayor Madrid has made for the Town.

Mr. Richard Huerta, Gilbert resident, comments on the word decorum. Mr. Huerta comments regarding a certain Councilmember making the LOOSER sign to him during Council meetings. Mr. Huerta lists some code changes he would like to see the Council implement.

Mr. Pat Ramos, Miami resident, comments regarding the affidavits filed against the Mayor; they are petty, and they should be dropped. Mr. Ramos urges the Council to strike the affidavits. Comments on his support of Mayor Madrid.

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, comments regarding the negativity at the Town Council meetings since Mayor Madrid took over, especially by the Class of 73. Mr. Broeder comments on some of the improvements that have taken place since hiring Town Manager Rivera.

Mr. Fernando Shipley, Globe resident, comments regarding Town of Miami requiring the Council's approval of Special Event Liquor License Application. Mr. Shipley explains the applications can be approved by the Town Manager, saving time at meetings and time for the applicants. Mr. Shipley suggests the Miami Council consider allowing this process.

Mr. Marino Gonzales, City of Globe outgoing Councilmember, comments on successes and failures of the City of Globe, and he suggests giving people hope; do the right thing but also give the people hope.

Mr. Doug Berry, Miami resident/business owner, states that it seems the Councilmembers who submitted the affidavits to remove Mayor Madrid are outgoing Councilmembers, and he does not like that. Mr. Berry states he agrees with the suggestion of changing the process of approving Special Event Liquor Licenses.

Mr. Don Rigdon, Miami resident, comments regarding stopping the divisiveness and stopping the name-calling. History is history; let's move on.

Mrs. Debbie Sandoval, Miami resident, comments regarding growing up in Miami and loving it here. Mrs. Sandoval comments regarding unity. Comments regarding the affidavits coming from outgoing Councilmembers. Comments regarding transparency and honesty.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Mrs. Carrie Brookshire, Senior Membership Manager, PHI Air Medical, presents the proposed agreement for Town of Miami employees to the Council for consideration. Brief discussion regarding national coverage, which is coverage throughout the United States. Mrs. Brookshire states this is a one-year plan and reviews the cost for Town of Miami employees who live within the Town of Miami and City of Globe limits and those who live outside the limits. Brief discussion regarding the municipality resident coverage vs. the employee coverage. Discussion regarding if this has been budgeted for. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve PHI CARES Membership Agreement for benefit coverage for Town of Miami employees and Councilmembers. 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 – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Information and discussion only:** Presentation and information regarding the High Desert Humane Society.

Mrs. Sarah Alexander was not present to give the presentation to the Council.

- B. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible direction to staff to draft a Town Code amendment to the procurement policy increasing the Town Manager's purchasing authority to \$25,000.00.

Town Manager Rivera presents this request to the Council and explains why he is requesting it. Comments on some emergency purchases that had to be made for the treatment plant. Increasing the limit will allow the Town to make these types of purchases without having to wait for a Council meeting to get approval. Councilmember Sosh moved to direct staff to draft a Town Code amendment to the procurement policy increasing the Town Manager's purchasing authority to \$25,000.00. 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 – excused. MOTION PASSED.

- C. Information, discussion, and possible action:** Review quotes for Town of Miami Town Code codification services and select the lowest responsible bidder to provide codification services for the Town of Miami.

Town Clerk Norris presents this item to the Council for consideration. This item has been budgeted for. Brief discussion regarding the two lowest quotes provided and what is included in each. Brief discussion regarding the "per page" cost listed in the American Legal quote and the flat rate in Municode/Civic Plus. Brief discussion regarding Arizona municipalities that use these two companies for codification services.

Councilmember Sosh moved to proceed with codification services for the Town of Miami and enter an agreement with American Legal Publishing for the codification services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Madrid. 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 – excused. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance No. 397 amending the Code of Miami, Arizona, Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04 Town Council, by amending Section 2.04.10 Selection of Mayor, requiring two years of service as a Councilmember for selection; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability.

Town Attorney Estes explains that, as the Council directed at the last meeting, he has drafted an ordinance requiring 2 years of service on the Council before being selected to serve as Mayor. Councilmember Sosh moved to approve Ordinance No. 397 amending the Code of Miami, Arizona, Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04 Town Council, by amending Section 2.04.10 Selection of Mayor, requiring two years of service as a Councilmember for selection; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. Mayor Madrid called for the roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Madrid – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; Councilmember Sosh – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina thanks the public for attending the meeting tonight.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 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 24th day of August, 2026.

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

DATED this 14th day of September, 2026.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Gil Madrid, Mayor