



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, AT 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sosh 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 Sosh, Vice Mayor Gonzales, Councilmember Madrid, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, and Councilmember Reiman.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Stewart.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Joe Estes, Town Manager Rivera, Public Works Director Derhammer, Town Clerk Norris, and Finance Director Arreguin.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve the Council Minutes of August 24, 2026, Regular Meeting and August 31, 2026, Special Meeting.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for August 16, 2026, in the amount of \$93,907.05, and August 30, 2026, in the amount of \$91,630.40.
- C. Consideration and possible action to approve Special Event Liquor License for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Fiesta on Sunday, November 8, 2026 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 844 W. Sullivan Street and approval of request street closure.
- D. Consideration and possible action to approve Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day Proclamation.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, 2026 – October 15, 2026 Proclamation.

Mayor Sosh read aloud the National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Town Attorney Estes noted for the record that his son Cody has Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, and that the proclamation recognizes September 18th as Pitt Hopkins Awareness Day. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Reiman seconded the motion. Mayor

Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for August 14, 2026, to September 3, 2026, in the amount of \$992,455.22.

Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the demands for August 14, 2026, through September 3, 2026, in the amount of \$992,455.22. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Alexis Rivera provided the following updates:

- USDA Grant: The Town is working with Wilson & Company on an approximately \$3 million USDA mitigation grant to create a water deviation from the creek on the south side of Town, near the railroad tracks.
- IGA Meeting: The first meeting of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Miami, City of Globe, and the County is scheduled for September 24th.
- Wastewater Agreement: The Town is finalizing the details of a wastewater agreement between FMI and the Town of Miami.

Town Manager Rivera also recognized Officer Soji and Officer Woodliff for their work in locating a 13-year-old runaway girl on September 12th. The officers spotted the juvenile walking westbound on the highway toward Superior, conducted a welfare check, identified her as a reported runaway, and had her home within 20 minutes. The Council joined in expressing appreciation for the officers' quick action.

Mayor Sosh, without objection from the Council, moved to address item 9(a) now. Justice of the Peace Judge Reardon administered the oath of office for Officer Bruington.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Sosh noted that a flyer from the college regarding Proposition 425 would be posted at Town Hall for the public to review. He introduced himself to the community, noting he was born and raised in Miami, graduated from Miami High in 1974, and that his door is open to any resident wishing to discuss town issues.

Councilmember Medina highlighted a newspaper article he found impressive regarding an environmental topic and recommended others seek it out. He raised a concern about the process by which a veterans' event and memorial work had been authorized, acknowledging that the proper forms and procedures appeared not to have been followed. Looking ahead, he

requested that an agenda item be added to formally address the proposed work at the Veterans Memorial, so the council can oversee it in a transparent and proper manner. He also shared observations from his visits to the Payson area, noting community members there were curious and excited about the upcoming Mining Expo event.

Councilmember Moat read a report from Jeremy Bradford of Arizona Water Company regarding a recent water scare. He explained that two bacterial samples were collected from a source well, and while one laboratory returned a negative result, the other returned a positive result for E. coli. Out of an abundance of caution, the well was taken offline immediately, and a boil water notice was issued, even though the contamination was discovered at a point prior to the distribution system and water in distribution lines never tested positive. Testing resumed every three hours following the incident. Councilmember Moat thanked Arizona Water Company for their vigilance and the Town for disseminating information quickly. He noted that bottled water was distributed at both Globe and Tri-City Fire Departments.

Vice Mayor Gonzales commended the Miami Genesis Fiesta held September 4th and 5th, noting the dog races, entertainment, car show, and food vendors made for an exceptional community celebration. He also commended Town Manager Rivera, the Police Chief, and Stephanie for providing additional police coverage during the Globe-Miami High School rivalry week — the 105th such game, the longest continuous high school football rivalry in Arizona — resulting in no tagging or property damage at school facilities.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, continued a previously started list of positive improvements he has observed in Miami since 2018, including: cleanup of burned buildings on Sullivan Street facilitated by a newly obtained EPA grant, the addition of an Economic Development Director, the separation of the parks/events director and senior center director positions, an Independence Day Parade and advertising on highway billboard, repairs to Bullion Plaza, and the acquisition of town equipment including a backhoe, side-by-side vehicles, and a bobcat.

Don Oliker, Globe resident, stated he is a 1972 Miami High School graduate, addressed the Council regarding a prior Council hearing involving Mayor Gil Madrid. He expressed concern about the conduct and substance of the hearing, characterizing it as procedurally unfair. He commented critically on two affidavits submitted by councilmembers, alleging that one contained at least one false statement and that the other offered serious charges without supporting examples.

Joe Sanchez, Miami resident, spoke on two matters. First, he informed the Council that a representative from the Inspiration School Apartments had reached out to him as a Spanish radio spokesperson to help disseminate information to Spanish-speaking residents about the new housing apartments. He described the apartments as impressive, with one-, two-, and three-bedroom units available for reservation. Second, he announced that a museum exhibit will be dedicated to a longtime spokesman for a Spanish radio program on October 3rd at 11:00 AM, coinciding with the Mining Expo. A daughter of the honoree, living in North Carolina,

learned of the tribute and will be in attendance, along with members of the Globe Alumni Association.

Jesse Bryant, Globe resident, rose briefly to add a historical note related to the National Hispanic Heritage proclamation, referencing a famous Civil War-era Hispanic figure who became the first four-star United States Admiral.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swearing in of Town of Miami Police Officer Daniel Bruington.

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

Town Manager Rivera noted that representatives from Wilson Company and Tiffany Construction were not present to deliver the report. Councilmember Medina moved to table this item. Vice Mayor Gonzales seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

C. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible action to approve request from Miami High School to close Sullivan Street to traffic, starting at Miami Avenue and ending at Bullion Plaza, and to use Town electricity and restrooms at the Miami Veterans Memorial Park, all for the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 2, 2026; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the Town to provide traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department.

A representative from Miami High School, introduced by Vice Mayor Gonzales as student council sponsor Joy Wilson, presented the annual homecoming parade request. She noted students were at practice and work and confirmed the event details are consistent with prior years. Vice Mayor Gonzales requested that the approval include use of the Police Department facility for float building, as had been done in past years, and that a sound system be provided. Town Manager Rivera confirmed that staff would accommodate the sound system request. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve request from Miami High School to close Sullivan Street to traffic, starting at Miami Avenue and ending at Bullion Plaza, and to use Town electricity and restrooms at the Miami Veterans Memorial Park, all for the Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 2, 2026; 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the Town to provide traffic control and barricades as deemed necessary by the Miami Police Department and use of Police Department facility for float building and use to the Town's sound system. Councilmember Madrid seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible action to approve Sullivan Street closure from Inspiration Avenue to Miami Avenue for the Downtown Miami Trunk or Treat event on October 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with the event beginning at 6:00 p.m., and requesting the Public Works Department put up and take down barricades.

Crista Jennings presented her request for a Trunk or Treat event. She reported approximately 40 vehicles and vendors have already signed up for the event. She requested the road be closed at 5:00 PM — one hour before the 6:00 PM public start time — to allow for setup. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve Sullivan Street closure from Inspiration Avenue to Miami Avenue for the Downtown Miami Trunk or Treat event on October 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with the event beginning at 6:00 p.m., and requesting the Public Works Department put up and take down barricades. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote — Mayor Sosh — aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales — aye; Councilmember Madrid — aye; Councilmember Medina — aye; Councilmember Moat — aye; Councilmember Reiman — aye; and Councilmember Stewart — excused. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of installation of turf near Bullion Plaza Museum and approval to begin the project.

Joe Sanchez presented on behalf of the Friends of the Bullion Plaza Museum, requesting Council approval to install artificial turf in three sections in front of the museum building at no cost to the Town. The areas in question — totaling approximately 4,000 square feet — include the main entrance and public areas to the left and right of the entrance. He explained that the existing landscaping and irrigation system are in disrepair, and that bids from multiple landscaping companies ranged from \$10,000–\$15,000 to approximately \$45,000. The property would remain Town-owned, with the Friends of the Museum group maintaining no ownership interest. Town Clerk Karen Norris noted that any turf installed on Town property must be reported to the Town's insurance carrier to ensure it is covered. Council discussion included a question from Vice Mayor Gonzales about drainage and potential water infiltration into the building's foundation during monsoon storms. Mr. Sanchez acknowledged the concern and noted that the museum's roof drainage is handled by four gutters, and that contractors would address drainage in their installation plans. He offered to have contractors appear before the Council before work begins to answer specific questions. A question was also raised about fire risk with artificial turf, referencing the three-year-old turf at the park as a local example with no incidents to date. Councilmember Medina moved to approve installation of turf near Bullion Plaza Museum and approval to begin the project. Councilmember Reiman seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote — Mayor Sosh — aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales — aye; Councilmember Madrid — aye; Councilmember Medina — aye; Councilmember Moat — aye; Councilmember Reiman — aye; and Councilmember Stewart — excused. MOTION PASSED. Councilmember Madrid notes that the Council will still like to see the specification for the project when available.

F. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1334, designating the Town Manager as the governing body's designee for the review and approval or disapproval of Special Event Liquor License applications.

Town Clerk Norris explained that the resolution was drafted in response to a need identified at the prior meeting, allowing the Town Manager to sign off on Special Event Liquor License applications to expedite the approval process for events. Vice Mayor Gonzales requested that, going forward, the Town Manager include a summary in his regular report to Council of any liquor licenses approved under this authority so that members remain informed of events occurring in town. Town Manager Rivera confirmed such approvals would appear in his council report. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve Resolution No. 1334, designating the Town Manager as the governing body's designee for the review and approval or disapproval of Special Event Liquor License applications. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

G. Information, discussion, and possible action: Information and possible direction to staff to move forward with the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder (\$92,005.04) and 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV (\$76,665.89).

Town Manager Rivera presented the request to purchase a 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder (\$92,005.04) and a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV (\$76,665.89), noting the vehicles had been budgeted in the FY2027 budget and are intended to expand the Police Department's fleet. He indicated the F-150 would serve as an emergency unit capable of accessing flood-prone areas. Vice Mayor Gonzales asked whether purchasing used vehicles at auction could offer savings. Town Attorney Joe Estes responded that quality used police Interceptors at auction are exceptionally rare, as agencies typically retain or salvage-title damaged units, voiding factory warranties. He noted that some smaller departments are exploring standard Explorer models rather than Interceptor models to save a few thousand dollars, though there are tradeoffs in interior configuration and durability. He advised that the upfit cost presented appeared to be a strong value, having seen similar upfits run \$30,000–\$50,000 elsewhere. The vehicles had been budgeted and were confirmed to be a lease-to-own arrangement with a one-dollar buyout at the end of four years, with a payment of \$47,545 noted. Councilmember Medina moved to give direction to staff to move forward with the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 Police Responder (\$92,005.04) and 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV (\$76,665.89). Councilmember Reiman seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

H. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of proposed revisions to Chapter 17.72, Design Review Board, of the Town Code, and direction to staff to prepare an ordinance for formal adoption.

Rick Hall presented on behalf of the Design Review Board, explaining that the revisions represent the culmination of approximately six months of biweekly meetings to draft a clear historic preservation policy for downtown Miami. He noted the work drew on guidance from Arizona State University, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and a review of prior town code conflicts. The ultimate goal of the updated policy is to pursue Certified Local

Government (CLG) status, which would open pathways to state and federal historic preservation grants and cooperation for both Town-owned and privately held historic properties. Key points of the policy include that participation is strictly voluntary for private property owners; oversight applies only to exterior improvements and substantial renovations on enrolled buildings, not routine maintenance; and the policy establishes a citizen Historic Commission required to meet at least quarterly, subject to open meeting law requirements. Vice Mayor Gonzales commended the Board extensively for its volunteer work and the depth of the policy, noting that the Town is behind on many of its ordinances and that having engaged citizen boards is critical to moving the Town forward. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for formal adoption. Councilmember Madrid seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

- I. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance No. 398 amending the Code of Miami, Arizona, Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.32 Purchasing Policy, by amending Section 2.32.020 Award by Council, increasing the requirement to \$25,000; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability.

Town Manager Rivera summarized that Ordinance No. 398 represents the final step in raising the Town's purchasing threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000, updating the award-by-Council requirement in Chapter 2.32 of the Town Code. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Ordinance No. 398 amending the Code of Miami, Arizona, Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.32 Purchasing Policy, by amending Section 2.32.020 Award by Council, increasing the requirement to \$25,000; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability. Councilmember Reiman seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for a roll call vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Madrid requested that a future agenda item to address the Arizona Water Company's recent boil water advisory in greater detail, including a review of the water piping infrastructure — its age and condition — and the company's plans to prevent recurrence, particularly in the context of the company's proposed 25-year service expansion.

Councilmember Medina echoed the water system request and reiterated his earlier call for a future agenda item regarding the ongoing work at the Veterans Memorial, asking that the relevant organization or individuals be formally invited to present before the Council on the scope of work, plans, and liability considerations. Councilmember Medina read aloud a reminder from Town Clerk Norris, reminding all Council members and members of the public to ensure their microphones are turned on and positioned properly before speaking, noting difficulties in identifying speakers and capturing accurate minutes, and the importance of clarity for remote viewers and those with hearing aids.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Medina moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Moat seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – aye; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 14th day of September, 2026.

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

DATED this 28th day of September, 2026.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Michael Sosh, Mayor