



MINUTES
TOWN OF MIAMI
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation led by Chuck Broeder.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Jon Paladini, Town Manager Rivera, Public Works Director Derhammer, and Town Clerk Norris.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the Council Minutes of September 14, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- B.** Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for September 13, 2026, in the amount of \$95,102.11.
- C.** Consideration and possible action to approve Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) Proclamation.
- D.** Consideration and possible action to approve Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) Proclamation.

Mayor Sosh read aloud both the Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamations. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – aye. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

- A.** Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for September 4, 2026, to September 17, 2026, in the amount of \$345,926.23.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the demands for September 4, 2026, through September 17, 2026, in the amount of \$345,926.23. 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Alexis Rivera reported that ADOT has requested a Letter of Support for the “Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program.” Rivera also provided updates on several ongoing matters. He reported that the Town has submitted a request for \$4.6 million in additional Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) funding to finalize construction work at Smelter Canyon. Regarding the CDBG Project, Rivera reported that he is in discussions with CAG regarding project funding and the request to add engineering services, which may affect the Town’s available funding. Rivera also reported that the new garbage truck is approximately 60% complete, with an anticipated delivery date of November 5. Additional details were expected to be available the following day. Rivera provided an update on the Façade Project and noted that a Town outreach letter had been delayed due to operational matters in his office. Staff is working to have the letter completed and sent by the end of October.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Sosh noted that the Mining Expo is scheduled for October 2–3, with activities beginning Friday at 5:00 PM and continuing through Saturday. He also announced that Halloween Fest would take place in downtown Miami beginning at 6:00 PM, while Genesis and the senior citizens would host a concurrent event in the park featuring free hot dogs, popcorn, water, raffles, and giveaways. He added that free costumes for children would be available at the senior center after October 1. Mayor Sosh stated that the Vandal shop is open at the high school and has t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. He further reported attending the first anniversary memorial for the Globe flood event, describing it as a somber and meaningful program.

Councilmember Medina's written report was distributed to Council Members in their Council packets.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Becky Ramos addressed the Council regarding the Veteran's Memorial repair project and the 2025 Veterans Day celebration approved by the Council on June 23, 2025. She recounted the

unanimous vote approving both the event and the repair work, noting that Councilmember Medina had abstained. She clarified that the repair work has been temporarily postponed due to a family medical emergency involving the classmate overseeing the project, and expressed appreciation to the rest of the Council for their patience.

Chuck Broeder offered a running list of positive developments occurring in Miami, including the repurposing of Inspiration School, Second Saturday events, a new music class, the return of Fiesta to downtown, new signage highlighting sites of interest, the opening of a new establishment, and the return of the mining event.

Pat Ramos addressed the Council regarding past conduct at Town Council meetings, referencing a prior discussion involving Black History Month.

Following the Call to the Public, Councilmember Medina was recognized by Mayor Sosh to briefly respond, clarifying the Council's position on the Black History Month matter, noting that the item had been tabled pending the presence of the individuals who had originally brought it forward.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Patrick Wolf of Wilson Company provided a visual progress report on the Emergency Watershed Program project. He stated that at Latham Boulevard, drainage improvements have been completed, including sediment removal, slope stabilization, and installation of an additional culvert through the flood wall, and that Phase Two design work is now underway upstream. He also explained that an addendum is being prepared to address a nearby property owner's concern about runoff spreading toward a garage, with plans to add a sediment collection area and stepped gabion features to create a controlled maintenance point for the Town. At Adonis Basin, Wolf reported that excavation of accumulated sediment and debris is ongoing, side slopes and channels are being armored with rock, and the top of the dam is being raised to restore erosion losses. He further advised that Bloody Tanks Wash Phase Two is now in design, with planned work near US-60 to remove sediment, construct a grade control structure to better direct flow through the bridge, remediate erosion near Forest Avenue with grouted rock, and install flap gates on catch basins to prevent wash flows from backing up onto Town streets; those plans were expected to be submitted to NRCS the following week. He also noted that design work is in progress for additional improvements in Smelter Canyon.

Mike Garrison, General Superintendent for Tiffany Construction, reported that the project is running ahead of budget at approximately 60–65 cents on the dollar, providing financial flexibility to address additional scope items. He confirmed the 220-day EWP contract period expires October 23, and noted that Town Manager Rivera has formally requested an 280-day extension, which would extend the project through approximately June 16, 2027. He expressed confidence in the extension being granted given the project's positive progress and NRCS's cooperative posture.

Vice Mayor Gonzales raised a concern regarding the long-term maintenance of the Adonis structure, referencing the history of that channel and the importance of proactive sediment management. Mike Garrison responded that Wilson Company will deliver a formal Operations and Maintenance (O&M) manual required by NRCS, which will document inspection schedules, maintenance triggers, and procedures for each structure. He further noted that Tiffany Construction would remain available for ongoing guidance and periodic check-ins following project completion.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Councilmember Medina moved to table this item until the next scheduled Council meeting. Councilmember Stewart 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

B. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 1335, declaring the document entitled “Copper Mountain Transit Title VI Implementation Plan 2026” to be a public record; adopting the Copper Mountain Transit Title VI Implementation Plan 2026 related to declaring a policy of non-discrimination and formalizing procedures to ensure non-discrimination in the operation of the Copper Mountain Transit Program by the Town of Miami; and providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions.

Melinda Baeza, Copper Mountain Transit Manager, presented Resolution No. 1335, which adopts the updated Copper Mountain Transit Title VI Implementation Plan 2026. She explained that the plan is a federal grant requirement and must be updated every two years. ADOT reviewed the plan and identified minor corrections, such as an address update, all of which were addressed. The plan provides non-discrimination notices and complaint procedures in both English and Spanish. Ms. Baeza was pleased to report that zero discrimination complaints have been filed over the past four-plus years of the program's operation. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve Resolution No. 1335, declaring the document entitled “Copper Mountain Transit Title VI Implementation Plan 2026” to be a public record; adopting the Copper Mountain Transit Title VI Implementation Plan 2026 related to declaring a policy of non-discrimination and formalizing procedures to ensure non-discrimination in the operation of the Copper Mountain Transit Program by the Town of Miami; and providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions. 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED.

C. Information and discussion only: Update and status report on the Façade Program.

Councilmember Madrid states that Town Manager Rivera presented the update regarding the Façade Program in the Town Manager's Report.

D. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 399, declaring the document entitled "Chapter 17.72 Historic Preservation" as a public record; amending Title 17, Zoning, of the Town of Miami Code by repealing and replacing Chapter 17.72, Design Review Board, in its entirety; establishing regulations for historic preservation; establishing a Historic Preservation Commission; establishing the purpose, powers, and duties of the Historic Preservation Commission; establishing procedures, rules, and regulations; establishing the office of the Historic Preservation Liaison; adopting eligibility criteria for designation as a historic property; establishing procedures for historic preservation overlay zoning; establishing procedures for alterations of historic landmarks or properties within a historic preservation district; establishing procedures for certificates of no effect and certificates of appropriateness; establishing procedures for demolition of historic landmarks or properties within a historic preservation district; establishing procedures for stay of demolition; establishing standards for certificates of economic hardship; establishing the duty to maintain; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for severability.

Town Clerk Karen Norris introduced Ordinance No. 399, noting it had been presented at the prior meeting and the Council had directed staff to bring it forward in ordinance form for formal adoption. Rick Powers, Chairman of the Design Review Board, and committee member Rick Hall were present to answer questions. Councilmember Reiman expressed a desire for a work session before taking action, noting the document is lengthy and complex, particularly around topics such as demolition requirements and the real-world enforcement of its provisions. He emphasized the importance of fully understanding the implications before adoption. Mayor Sosh agreed, echoing the need for clarity. Rick Powers welcomed the suggestion, noting the committee had done extensive work developing the ordinance based on policies from communities of similar size and demographics. He stated that the committee also plans to hold a series of public workshops to address widespread misunderstandings about historic preservation and encouraged council members and the public to attend. Rick Hall added that many provisions in the ordinance exist to meet specific metrics required by state and federal agencies, which would in turn open additional pathways and partnership opportunities for Miami. Councilmember Medina requested that the committee prepare tangible examples and hypothetical scenarios—"what ifs"—to help the Council understand practical implications ahead of the work session. Councilmember Reiman moved to schedule a special meeting to review the proposed ordinance with the Design Review Board and include the option to take action. 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED.

E. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of Professional Services Agreement for Lobbying Services between the Town of Miami and The Demenna Public Affairs.

Town Manager Rivera presented the Professional Services Agreement for lobbying services with The Demenna Public Affairs, describing it as a continuation of an agreement from the prior fiscal year. The proposed renewal extends through June 30, 2027, and two priority projects have already been identified: pursuit of \$1.3 million for the Police Department and advocacy related to the food consumption tax currently under consideration in Arizona, which Rivera noted could affect approximately 12% of the Town's budget if enacted unfavorably. Vice Mayor Gonzales raised two concerns: first, the agreement's end date in the packet listed July 31, 2027, rather than June 30, 2027, and requested the date be corrected to align with the fiscal year; second, he sought clarification on a provision stating that any modification to the agreement requires only written approval of the Town Manager. Rivera and the Town Attorney confirmed that modifications of this nature and cost threshold should come back to the full Council, and agreed the language would be amended accordingly. Vice Mayor Gonzales moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Lobbying Services between the Town of Miami and The Demenna Public Affairs with the noted corrections. 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED.

F. Information, discussion, and possible action: Consideration and possible approval of the Police Chief employment contract with Chief Hernandez.

Councilmember Medina moved to table this item until the next scheduled Council 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 – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Madrid requested that a future agenda item be added to discuss the feasibility of converting a portion of Forest Avenue to one-way traffic, from the intersection of Rose Road down Forest Avenue to the curve. Councilmember Madrid explained that the request is being made in the interest of the safety of the community.

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 – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 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 28th day of September, 2026.

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

DATED this 12th day of October, 2026.



Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Michael Sosh, Mayor