MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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, Councilmember Madrid, Councilmember Medina, Councilmember Moat, and Councilmember Reiman.

EXCUSED: Vice Mayor Gonzales and Councilmember Stewart.

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Consideration and possible action to approve the Council Minutes of September 28, 2026, Regular Meeting.
B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for September 27, 2026, in the amount of $87,025.93.
C. Consideration and possible action to approve Cities and Towns Week, October 18-24, 2026, Proclamation.

Mayor Sosh read aloud the Cities and Towns Week Proclamation. Councilmember Reiman moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Moat seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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 September 18, 2026, to October 1, 2026, in the amount of $128,826.39.

Councilmember Medina moved to approve the demands for September 18, 2026, through October 1, 2026, in the amount of $128,826.39. Councilmember Moat seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; 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 presented a new narrative report format. It covered the latest grant and funding activity and the projects the Town intends to start in 2027. The report identified the $4.6 million flood mitigation grant as one of the most critical items, along with the financial impact and strategy attached to it. The Town Manager also reported on the senior center parking lot and roads. He had met with CAG the previous Saturday and discussed the difficulty of establishing engineering for the parking lot and roads and what it would cost the Town going forward. He emphasized that the NRCS application would require $1.5 million from the Town. Staff will seek support from local stakeholders and, if the application is unsuccessful, will work with the Office of the Governor. Other updates covered the incoming 2027 project, a USDA debt forgiveness alternative, and safety-related measures.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Sosh reminded the public of a community Halloween event on October 24 in downtown Miami and Veterans Park. The Mayor also announced a Walk to Remember candlelight walk on Friday, October 30, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Councilmember Medina reported that he attended the Gila County Elections Division's logic and accuracy testing of voting machines and the county tabulation machine on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, as designated party observers. The state's director of election services and her team took part in the testing, which included comparing test ballots against the final tabulation. Six accessible voting machines were also tested. He said these allow voters with disabilities to vote independently, including blind voters and voters with hearing difficulty, with audio instructions available in Spanish and Apache. Councilmember Medina said the testing is open to the public and encouraged residents who distrust the voting machines to attend or contact the county elections office. He noted the county has observation windows that let the public watch the tabulation process.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, spoke about improvements he and his family have observed since moving to Miami in 2018. He cited the Police Department update, the well-attended homecoming parade, and the reopening of the Wild Horse. He also cited more frequent streetlight maintenance, the new Sullivan Street lights matching the benches, and the senior center improvements and expanded services. He further cited the facade program, the cleanup after the old lumber yard fire, faster flood cleanup, flood control

improvements, sewage plant upkeep, and property cleanups along Sullivan Street. He said he hoped the free roll-off dumpster events would return.

Molly Cornwell, Globe resident, provided a brief report to the Council on an upcoming film project. A Pasadena-based crew, with a skeleton crew from Las Vegas, will film a horror-comedy and will spend one day in Miami, Monday, November 2, at the Lyric. The shoot will be a daytime shoot ending near sunset. The production has applied and been in contact with the Town. Although it does not require street closures, a small closure in front of the venue was requested on advice from the Town for safety. The two-week notice will go out starting on the 19th. The scenes include a graduation party scene, mostly interior shots with some exterior background. A well-known actress will be on set, and she offered to arrange introductions for interested residents.

8. UNFINISHED 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 regular Council meeting of October 26, 2026. Councilmember Moat seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of the renewal of PHI Air Ambulance resident membership benefit agreement.

Carrie Brookshire of PHI CARES reported that the Miami-based aircraft had completed 299 flights since January 2026, its busiest year yet. She said backup coverage is available from other Arizona bases, including Mesa, Oracle, and Deer Valley. She described a June 25, 2026, incident in Globe in which a PHI flight paramedic and flight nurse and Tri-City Fire personnel saved a pedestrian struck by a truck. The crews received a life-saving commendation and have been asked to attend an American Red Cross event in November. Ms. Brookshire stated that PHI has prepared ready-to-use PHI CARES materials for the Town, including flyers, posters, mailers, email, and social media content. A mailer to residents will go out once the renewal is confirmed, explaining the benefits and the discounted national plan available to Miami. She stated that pricing has not changed. She added that the air base's new quarters, across from Pinto Valley Mine, are larger and more comfortable. In response to Councilmember Medina's question about landing near the Town, Ms. Brookshire explained that landing locations are not PHI's decision. A request from 9-1-1, fire, EMS, or police must dispatch the aircraft to the scene. She cited a recent rockfall incident on the mountain road in which PHI transported one patient while ground ambulance transported another. Councilmember Madrid moved to approve the renewal of PHI Air Ambulance resident membership benefit agreement. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor

Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

B. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible appointment of Councilmember Stewart as a primary check signer and removal of Councilmember Reiman as a check signer.

Before the item was presented, the Mayor said he did not like the word "primary," since Councilmember Stewart would not be the primary signer and suggested "secondary," and the item was reworded accordingly. Finance Director Maria Arreguin explained that the signer list had not been updated in some time and that the change would apply to all Town accounts, including general, payroll, magistrate, firefighter, and courier accounts. The Town Manager is the primary signer, and the Mayor is the next signer. Backup signers include Vice Mayor Gonzales, the Public Works Director, and the Senior Center Director, and Councilmember Stewart would fill the position vacated by Councilmember Reiman. She explained that backups are needed because, when Council members are away, such as at August training and at other times, she must still be able to process payroll and accounts payable. She will contact each signer to come sign checks. In response to the Mayor's question, she said she works down the list of signers until one is available. Councilmember Medina moved to appoint Councilmember Stewart as a secondary check signer for all Town accounts and remove Councilmember Reiman as a check signer. Councilmember Moat seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

C. **Information, discussion and possible action:** Consideration and possible action to designate a portion of Forest Avenue as a one-way street, traveling toward Highway 60, from the bottom of Franz Avenue to the first curve on Forest Avenue.

Councilmember Madrid proposed designating a portion of Forest Avenue as one-way toward Highway 60, from the bottom of Franz Avenue to the first curve. He said he wanted to prevent any future accidents at that location, where Rose Road, Franz Avenue, and Forest Avenue meet and which he described as "pretty scary." Several Councilmembers supported the idea but asked whether residents of the area should have a say. They raised the possibility of increased traffic on other streets and discussed a trial period of 15 or 30 days or a public workshop. Town Attorney Jessica Silva advised that the Council could place a public study session on a future agenda to hear from residents before making a decision. She added that the Council could table the item with direction to give public notice. The Council agreed that notice should be posted on social media and the Town website, and that the item would return after the study session. Mayor Sosh moved to table this item for a study session and inviting the public for their input. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

D. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Town Events, Boo At The Park (10/24/26) and Small Town Christmas (12/19/26), Sullivan Street closure from Cordova Avenue to Inspiration Avenue, with use of Town barricades for road closures.

Christine Duarte of Community Services & Development requested approval of Boo at the Park (October 24, 2026) and Small Town Christmas (December 19, 2026). She also requested a Sullivan Street closure from Cordova Avenue to Inspiration Avenue, using Town barricades, in a configuration that avoids interrupting area businesses. She reported that preparations for Boo at the Park were underway, with free costumes and donated candy, and invited anyone wishing to give out candy to take part. She also said a group had offered to help with Small Town Christmas. Public Works would place and retrieve the barricades. The Mayor asked for updates as the events approach. Councilmember Medina moved to approve Boo At The Park (10/24/26) and Small Town Christmas (12/19/26), Sullivan Street closure from Cordova Avenue to Inspiration Avenue, with use of Town barricades for road closures. Councilmember Madrid seconded the motion. Mayor Sosh called for the vote. Vote – Mayor Sosh – aye; Vice Mayor Gonzales – excused; Councilmember Madrid – aye; Councilmember Medina – aye; Councilmember Moat – aye; Councilmember Reiman – aye; and Councilmember Stewart – excused. MOTION PASSED.

E. **Information and discussion only:** Presentation and discussion regarding the 2026 Mine Expo, including a report on the event, attendance, activities, and overall outcome.

Finance Director Maria Arreguin reported that the October 3 Mine Expo drew about 70 vendors and an estimated 1,200 attendees, based on a study she conducted. A trolley shuttled visitors between Inspiration and Bullion Plaza, and a children's train circulated the event and the area near the park. Attendees came from Alaska, Canada, Nevada, California, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Texas, and southern Arizona. The event raised $48,000 for the Miami library. Vendors expressed interest in returning, and the committee has set dates for next year. Ms. Arreguin thanked the Public Works crew and Town Hall staff and noted she had taken notes for improvements. She said the event is intended to attract industrial and commercial interest that could lead to new businesses locating in Miami. Evelyn Vargas added that vendors represented a wide range of industry and education organizations, and that every mining operation in the copper corridor participated. Several organizations have already asked to take part next year. She described Miami as a hub of mining and processing activity and expressed hope for a college extension presence there. She noted November 6 as the date for next year's event.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina thanked the public for their attendance.

Councilmember Reiman shared that visitors from Superior had spoken enthusiastically about noticeable improvements and events in Miami.

Mayor Sosh also announced that, after consulting with the Town Attorney, the "Future Agenda Items" section would be removed from the meeting agenda. Council members who want an item placed on an agenda will complete the form at Town Hall, and the Clerk and Town Manager will review it for completeness before it is added. The Mayor stated that no Council action was required.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 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 **12th** day of **October**, 2026.

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

DATED this **26th** day of **October**, 2026.

Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Michael Sosh, Mayor