MINUTES

TOWN OF MIAMI

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 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, and Councilmember Stewart.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Reiman.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Attorney Joe Estes, 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 October 26, 2026, Regular Meeting.
B. Consideration and possible action to approve Town of Miami Payroll for October 25, 2026, in the amount of $77,875.40.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GENERAL DEMANDS:

A. Consideration and possible action to approve the General Demands for October 16, 2026, to October 29, 2026, in the amount of $217,070.20.

Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the demands for October 16, 2026, through October 29, 2026, in the amount of $217,070.20. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

6. REPORTS / RECOGNITIONS:

A. Town Manager Reports.

Town Manager Alexis Rivera reported on storm damage from the recent weekend storms. A landslide occurred on Rose Road. Town staff and outside agencies assessed the site the previous Monday to identify possible government funding. The preliminary estimate was about $200,000 with the Town's share to be about $75,000. Staff also visited Mackey's Camp, where three houses flooded. A more detailed report will follow on options for the affected properties and roads. The Town is continuing to speak with stakeholders and the Governor's office about funding. Town Manager Rivera noted the email from the CAG raising concerns about the senior center being located in a floodplain. A map and memo showing the latest FEMA determination that the area is not in a flood zone will be sent in response. On the Economic Development/Assistant Town Manager position, additional applications were received and would be re-evaluated the next day, with a report expected November 26. A brief update was given on the progress of the Façade Program. Delivery of the garbage truck has been delayed, it is now expected in late December 2026.

B. Mayor/Council Reports.

Mayor Sosh noted that flyers for a community home care assistance program were being distributed and encouraged interested residents to participate.

Councilmember Medina apologized for missing the previous meeting because of medical appointments. Councilmember Medina comments that he thought that was his last meeting. He shared a history of how the town got its name, tracing it to the investors from Miami, Ohio and the consolidation of the area's copper mines. He described his recent volunteer experience at the elections office, where he learned the ballot duplication and counting process. He explained that late-delivered mail-in ballots add verification steps that slow results, and offered to share a written report with anyone interested.

Councilmember Moat commented on recent road and drainage work on Adonis Avenue and the flood response, said the retaining basin work had turned out well, and noted that no rocks had come down Adonis Avenue.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Tim Humphrey, County Supervisor, District 2, reported that the county is in a state of emergency because of flooding. County emergency management is working with FEMA and DEMA, and Army Corps of Engineers and staff are walking affected areas. He encouraged the Town to coordinate with county emergency services, because Town information is part of the county's reporting. He gave the county emergency line for residents, (928) 402-8888, and said

the call center is coordinating cleanup, debris pickup, and volunteer groups. He also said he helps with the Town's community events and offered to assist with Christmas funding, advising that requests go on the Board of Supervisors agenda early.

Chuck Broeder, Miami resident/business owner, listed community improvements he has seen since moving to Miami in 2018. These included the Christmas event, a drive-through coffee shop under construction, new exhibits at Bullion Plaza, a new library mural, monthly second- and last-Saturday events, construction of the Miners Pantry, the reopening of the artworks, the rebuilt book bank, the Catholic Church fiesta, concerts, a picnic area on Sullivan Street, and historic tours led by Councilmember Medina.

Brianna Beck, Mackey's Camp resident, requested an agenda item regarding building the bridge and/or repair the road serving her area; Mackey's Camp. She stated that the roadway is dangerous to cross and is like quicksand after rain. It took six days after the last flood before she could safely cross, and she has repeatedly had to pull neighbors out. She said about 20 homes depend on the access. She also referred to reports that the Town had received over $2 million to replace the bridge.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Information and discussion only: Overview of post-wildfire mitigation work and discussion regarding the steps planned to develop the regional flood mitigation plan.

Lucinda Andreani, consultant for the flood mitigation initiative, and Robin Bradford of Freeport presented. Ms. Bradford said Freeport has worked with the County, the City of Globe, and the Town on flood mitigation over the past year. The effort is informed by community survey results from the previous year and is supported by a Freeport Resilience Fund. She thanked the Council for approving the intergovernmental agreement (IGA), which all three jurisdictions approved last quarter. Ms. Andreani described her background. She retired from Coconino County after 21 years and led post-wildfire flood response following the Schultz Fire and the 2022 Pipeline Fire. That work secured about $130 million, of which about $117 million has been spent, for mitigation projects in nine watersheds. She reported that the mitigated areas had no impacts through this monsoon season or recent storms, including watersheds receiving up to five inches of rain. She cautioned that not every event can be mitigated and that each area requires site-specific engineering. The initiative's goal is a regional flood mitigation plan. A "managers group" of the county manager, the Miami town manager, and the Globe city manager meets about every two weeks. The group is pursuing a national competitive federal grant, previously applied for by the County, with planning, design, and construction phases and no local match. A presentation is scheduled before the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday the 17th, and Council Members were invited.

B. Information and discussion only: Presentation and status update regarding the Opportunity Zone 2.0.

Rustin Shinn, chair of the Economic Development, Annexation and Abatement Advisory Committee, reported that the volunteer committee was formed about six months ago to assist the Council and Town Manager. It is advisory only. He described collaboration with Arizona State University on a graduate fellowship for rural economic development and use of research from the Center for Community Progress on vacant, abandoned, and deteriorating properties. On Opportunity Zone 2.0, he reported that the deadline to nominate areas for the next ten-year designation had passed. The committee had been unable to determine who was responsible for the submission and learned of the deadline too late. He stated that the original zone designated a parcel south of Highway 60 and excluded Highway 60, Sullivan Street, and the downtown area. He said this may have cost the town investors, and that the federal incentives would have run through about 2038. He offered three recommendations: competence (awareness of opportunities such as Opportunity Zones and a strategy for deteriorating properties), collaboration (welcoming volunteer help and outside resources), and culture (a welcoming attitude toward investors and visitors). He noted that about 19,000 vehicles pass the main roads daily and that the mine anticipates about 3,000 new employees. Brief discussion was held regarding properties that have tax liens on them. Councilmember Medina said he felt the presentation sounded critical of the Council and that he had been "in the dark" about the committee's work. Mr. Shinn responded that the report was a status update and that the committee wished to collaborate, not criticize. Mr. Shinn commented upon annexation of areas such as Claypool and Central Heights that may be studied after the first of the year, that updated flood maps may help, and that additional flood mitigation grant funding is expected in 2027. Councilmember Madrid stated that the committee was created to carry out research supporting the strategic plan at no cost to the Town. He noted that an earlier survey identified about 52 dilapidated homes, and he supported pursuing annexation and partnerships with Globe. Mr. Shinn outlined plans for a public informational meeting and a stakeholder meeting with mines, investors, and developers after the first of the year. He also said the committee would review code enforcement alternatives and promote home repair assistance programs.

C. **Information, discussion and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of Cowboy Christmas Event on December 5, 2026, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closure of Sullivan Street from Miami Avenue to Keystone, including installation and removal of barricades by the Miami Public Works Department.

Mr. Gary Wilson of Miami Flats presented this request to Council explaining that this will be the 2nd Annual Cowboy Christmas event. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the Cowboy Christmas Event on December 5, 2026, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closure of Sullivan Street from Miami Avenue to Keystone, including installation and removal of barricades by the Miami Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

D. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval of the 15th Annual Miami Loco Event, scheduled for April 16 – 18, 2027, including use of Veterans Park, restrooms, and electricity; Town assistance with portable toilets, rental and confirmation of the Apache Casino Stage; use of the Town generator and lights; and

requested street closures, including installation and removal of barricades by the Miami Public Works Department.

Mr. Lob Instagon with the Miami Arts Commission presented this request to the Council. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve the 15th Annual Miami Loco Event, scheduled for April 16 – 18, 2027, including use of Veterans Park, restrooms, and electricity; Town assistance with portable toilets, rental and confirmation of the Apache Casino Stage; use of the Town generator and lights; and requested street closures, including installation and removal of barricades by the Miami Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

E. **Information, discussion and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval to "opt in" the Direct Settlement (opioid settlement) of Albertsons Companies, Inc., and direct the Town Manager to complete and submit the participation form.

The item was introduced as another nationwide opioid settlement, similar to the four or five the Town has already joined. Town Attorney Joe Estes explained the basics of the agreement and stated that funds are restricted to opioid-related uses such as treatment, Narcan, and education, and that municipalities that do not opt in receive nothing. A brief discussion was held regarding certain specific requirements of the agreement. Town Attorney Estes explained that the amount cannot be known until participation is final and that payments are spread over multiple years. Town Manager Rivera said the Town has received about $18,000–$19,000 from prior settlements, that annual amounts vary, and that funds must be used under the County's guidelines with reporting. Councilmember Stewart moved to approve to "opt in" the Direct Settlement (opioid settlement) of Albertsons Companies, Inc., and direct the Town Manager to complete and submit the participation form. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

F. **Information, discussion, and possible action:** Consideration and possible approval to adjust FY 26/27 Town of Miami budget to move Code Enforcement salary from the Police department budget to the Public Works Department budget.

Finance Director Maria Arreguin presented this item and stated that the transfer would total $58,454. It includes a $250 annual uniform allowance, a 2006 Ford Expedition, cell phone and iPad service, and training. The position would use the office in the Transit building next to the Economic Development office. Vice Mayor Gonzales asked about the cost of adding a second position; Animal Control Officer. Ms. Arreguin explained that a separate part-time animal control position would cost about $37,000–$38,000 at $16–$18 per hour. She said it could be funded from Police Department line items that are under budget or from the contingency reserve, or avoided by having existing police staff continue the duties. She noted the County charges $50 to book an animal. Vice Mayor Gonzales said he was concerned that last year's

actuals and this year's police budget showed little difference. He cited recent audit findings on over-budgeted areas and said he would vote no without clarification. Town Manager Rivera recommended tabling the item. Finance Director Arreguin offered to provide a report showing the police salary allocations and a projection from December 1 to June 30. Town Manager Rivera raised concerns about police officers performing animal control duties, referring to an injury to the police chief on a call last year. Ms. Arreguin clarified that code enforcement already has its own budget and that only the animal control position was in question. Brief discussion regarding the Town moving forward with hiring a Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Sosh moved to table this item and include the Animal Control Officer position to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Medina. 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED – ITEM TABLED.

10. CALL TO THE COUNCIL/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Medina thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sosh moved to adjourn the 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 – excused; and Councilmember Stewart – aye. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 **9th** day of **November**, 2026.

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

DATED this **23rd** day of **November**, 2026.

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Karen Norris, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

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Michael Sosh, Mayor