

# TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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**MINUTES**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 11, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Miami Lakes Middle School**  
6425 Miami Lakeway North  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Mary Collins, Robert Meador, Nancy Simon, Michael Pizzi and Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso. The following staff members were also present: Town Manager Town Manager, Deputy Town Clerk, Evelyn Roig and Town Attorney Nina Boniske and Michael Marrero of the law firm Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Guedes Cole & Boniske, PA.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor called for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Mayor led the pledge.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilwoman Collins moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Pizzi moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- A. **APPROVING THE SELECTION OF GROUNDKEEPERS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NW 87<sup>th</sup> AVENUE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS;**  
Approved on consent agenda.
- B. **APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE REPAIRS AGREEMENT WITH HOMESTEAD CONCRETE AND DRAINAGE, INC.;**  
Approved on consent agenda.
- C. **APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MIAMI LAKEWAY NORTH DRAINAGE AND PARKING**

**IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT WITH ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC.;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- D. APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR NW 162<sup>nd</sup> STREET AND 82<sup>nd</sup> TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- E. APPROVING \$20,000 IN FUNDING TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT THE MIAMI LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- F. CONTINUING THE “KEY TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES SCHOLARSHIP;” PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- G. ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF GENESIS HOMES, INC. c/o GILBERTO CERDA TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2003-1849;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- H. ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF ZOILA DE ZAYAS TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2003-1681;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- I. ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF CLARY GARCIA-RAMOS TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2004-0771;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- J. ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF RAFAEL O. SALVADOR TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2004-0013;**

Approved on consent agenda.

- K. ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF MICHEL WASSOUF TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2004-0951;**

Approved on consent agenda.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following speakers addressed the Council:

**Gianna Sheinheit** – Ms. Sheinheit spoke about quality of life issues.  
**Russ Geyer** – Mr. Geyer spoke about the beautification of NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**10. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING:**

- A. ADOPTING A REVISED BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE IN MIAMI-DADE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 99-137 AS APPLIED TO THE TOWN; REPEALING SECTIONS V(L) AND XVII OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULE; SPECIFICALLY REPEALING TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 02-27 CLOSING EXPIRED PERMITS AND TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 04-60 PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY BUILDING FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN PERMITS;**

The Town Attorney read the ordinance by title.

Councilwoman Collins moved for adoption of the ordinance on first reading. Vice Mayor Alonso seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES - SECOND READING:** None

**12. RESOLUTIONS:** None

**13. REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor's Report:**

**1. Appointments**

The Mayor appointed David Oliver to the Youth Activities Task Force and Xiomara Castillo to the Elderly Affairs Committee.

Councilwoman Collins moved to approve the Mayor's appointments. Vice Mayor Alonso seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**B. Manager's Report:**

**1. State Funding Priorities**

The Town Manager, spoke about the Town's State funding request for the next State fiscal year. He noted that in the prior year the Town received a \$200,000 Park Grant and a \$300,000 storm water grant. He noted that these areas are the targets for State funding. The Town Manager recommended requesting additional funds for park development and storm water projects. He noted that these are long-term projects. The Town Manager recommended

requesting \$200,000 for park development and \$300,000 for storm water projects.

The Town Manager noted that the Town has requested funds for other projects in the Town. He cited the NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street project. He additionally added that the Town is going to find a way to accelerate funding for the improvements that the State agreed to with the Town for NW 67<sup>th</sup> Ave and NW 57<sup>th</sup> Ave in regards to the exit ramps.

Councilwoman Collins suggested looking into obtaining funds for the Elderly Affairs Committee and requested that the Committee work on reviewing projects for which they need funding.

Councilwoman Simon asked about publications or literature to research funding information. The Town Manager noted that a web site is available for this purpose. Councilwoman Simon further inquired about limits for the funding requested. The Town Manager noted that there are no limits, but added that some grants have matching requirements. Councilwoman Simon suggested researching, through the web site, all the funds available.

## **2. Fiscal Year 2003-04 Financial Update**

Finance Director, Alfredo Acin, briefly mentioned the highlights of the financial report. Mr. Acin noted that the Town ended the year positively. He mentioned that on the revenue side the year ended \$1,199,000 over the original budget. He added that the year ended \$528,000.00 under budget on the expense side. He summarized that overall the Town ended the year \$1.7 million dollars better compared to the original budget. Mr. Acin also noted that against the projection, the Town ended the year \$232,000 better. He noted that some departments did incur additional expenses and ended the year above the budgeted amount. Mr. Acin cited that due to the hurricanes the police budget incurred an additional \$52,000 over the budgeted amount. He spoke about receiving reimbursement from FEMA for the hurricane related expenses incurred and noted that this would be done through the Miami-Dade County. The Town Manager explained the process by which FEMA reimburses the Miami-Dade County and subsequently the municipalities. Mr. Acin briefly discussed the budget of various Town department and funds. He noted that the Town is still working to finalize the storm water funds, which have not yet been received.

Councilman Pizzi spoke about the half-cent tax and the difficulties the Miami-Dade County is having distributing the funds for projects. The Town Manager noted that the problem is not on the revenue side and Miami Lakes is receiving more than what was expected.

### **C. Councilmember's Report : None**

## **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Beautification of Street Medians along NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street between NW 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Meador**

The Town Manager mentioned that he has met with Town engineers and mentioned that it is the right time to begin the beautification project. He noted that the storm water project requires digging to be done on NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street. He added that this would provide a good opportunity to install the proper irrigation system. Per Councilwoman Simon's inquiry, the Town Manager mentioned that the drainage improvements would be done from NW 77<sup>th</sup> Ave to NW 84<sup>th</sup> Ave on NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Meador mentioned that the purpose of the beautification project is to improve NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street and further beautify the area as it is east of NW 79<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Councilman Meador made a motion to allow staff the opportunity to program this item. Councilman Pizzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**B. Comprehensive Council Meeting and Agenda Procedures - Collins**

Councilwoman Collins suggested reviewing and updating the rules of the Council. She suggested a change requiring Council members to submit their reports in writing for the meeting. Councilwoman Collins recommended that a workshop be held for the purpose of reviewing the rules. Councilwoman Simon agreed with Councilwoman Collins, but expressed concern about requiring the Council reports to be in writing. She cited a lack of time to prepare her reports in writing. She further expressed disagreement with the Council not being able to discuss ordinances on first reading. She noted that if the Council was able to discuss the ordinances on first reading, the Town staff could have direction from the Council.

Councilwoman Collins made a motion to set up a workshop for the purpose of reviewing the Council rules. Councilman Meador seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**15. FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

**ZONING MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2005, Miami Lakes Middle School. 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes**

**REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2005, Miami Lakes Middle School. 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes**

**ZONING MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2005, Miami Lakes Middle School. 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes**

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

Attest:

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Wayne Slaton, Mayor

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Town Clerk