

# TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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## Town Council

Mayor Wayne Slaton

Vice Mayor Mary Collins

Councilmember Roberto Alonso

Councilmember Robert Meador

Councilmember Michael Pizzi

Councilmember Richard Pulido

Councilmember Nancy Simon

## MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2007

7:00 p.m.

**Miami Lakes Middle School**

6425 Miami Lakeway North

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wayne Slaton called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll with the following Council members present: Robert Meador, Richard Pulido, Nancy Simon, Michael Pizzi, Roberto Alonso, Vice Mayor Mary Collins and Mayor Wayne Slaton.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Wayne Slaton called for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Wayne Slaton led the pledge.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Wayne Slaton recognized Officer Juan Rodriguez, Miami Lakes Police Department for a job well done and honored him with a proclamation. Mayor Wayne Slaton also recognized Miami Lakes Optimist Jaguars as the Super Bowl Champions in the 130 lbs. Division and honored the Team with a proclamation.
6. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilmember Michael Pizzi requested to pull item 8B from the consent agenda. Councilmember Nancy Simon requested to pull item 8D from the consent agenda. Town Attorney Nina Boniske requested to add a new item to the agenda, Attorney Report Litigation Housekeeping Matter. Vice Mayor Mary Collins moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Roberto Alonso seconded the motion. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

Vice Mayor Mary Collins made a motion for acceptance of the consent agenda and it was seconded by Councilmember Nancy Simon. Mayor Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

7. **APPOINTMENTS:**
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION GROUP OF FLORIDA, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR THE MIAMI LAKES PARK GRANT IMPROVEMENTS. (Rey) Approved on consent.**

**B. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ACQUIRE 15 MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TOWN'S POLICE DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SECURE FINANCING; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY PURCHASE AND FINANCING AGREEMENTS. (Rey)**

Councilmember Michael Pizzi requested that Town Manager Alex Rey clarify if Miami-Dade County is required to provide the motor vehicles and if the costs are billed back to the Town. Town Manager Alex Rey clarified. Councilmember Michael Pizzi inquired about the bidding process. Councilmember Roberto Alonso suggested that buying the motor vehicles will result in equity value at the time of trade. Vice Mayor Mary Collins made a motion for approval and Councilmember Roberto Alonso seconded. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LICENSES FOR CITYVIEW SOFTWARE, SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND A SERVER FROM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE CORPORATION. (Rey) Approved on consent.**

**D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO RAISE PER-PUPIL FUNDING AND AMEND THE CLASSROOMS FOR KIDS ALLOCATION FORMULA. (Slaton)**

Dr. David Bennett presented a funding formula and the amount of time estimated to eliminate the overcrowding of the Town's schools.

Vice Mayor Mary Collins suggested that this issue would be better served if the Council deals with the Town's schools, rather than rubber stamp this proposal.

Mayor Wayne Slaton explained the purpose and origin of this resolution and his discussions with School Board member, Perla Tabares Hantman and the School Board's request for support for their State legislative agenda.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi supported the resolution.

Councilmember Richard Pulido requested explanation regarding items on the consent agenda. Mayor Slaton and Town Manager Alex Rey explained the process.

Vice Mayor Mary Collins made a motion for approval and Councilmember Roberto Alonso seconded. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING**

**ISSUES DURING THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (Slaton)**  
**Approved on consent.**

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHING AN AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 218.391, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE AUDITOR. (Rey) Approved on consent.**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mirtha Mendez discussed the blue stripe on the Police vehicles.

Alan Rigerman discussed the difficulties associated with handicap parking and asked about reduction in speed limits.

Dorothy Cook spoke in support of the Sierra Club's proposal to restore the Everglades. Ms. Cook informed the Council of the proposal of an 11-mile bridge that would raise the Tamiami Trail and create free flowing water. She asked for the support of the Town Council.

Gus Abella spoke regarding the Miami Lakes Elementary School construction, the grounds and overcrowding of schools.

Miriam Mendoza spoke regarding code enforcement as it relates to signs, and construction at the Miami Lakes K-8 Center.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Elderly Affairs Committee**

Reverend Pisani gave the report of the Elderly Affairs Committee.

Vice Mayor Mary Collins thanked Reverend Pisani. Councilmember Nancy Simon asked about notice given to residents regarding flu shots. Flyers will be published and distributed.

In response to the request from the Committee, Councilmember Robert Meador suggested the use of the Main Street Conference Room. Councilmember Robert Meador inquired if it was necessary to have an official act or if this could be done administratively and expressed his concern about handicapped parking on Main Street near the conference room.

Councilmember Richard Pulido requested a list of computer classes. He stated that Miami Lakes Library will provide teachers, space and computers for more classes.

**B. Education Advisory Committee**

Maria Kramer clarified why the Education Advisory Board approved \$8,000 for Miami Lakes Library. The Library program benefits education of children and embraces literacy.

Mayor Wayne Slaton congratulated the Committee for the breakdown of the items and was glad to see \$8,000 for the library.

**11. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**12. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 8CC-1 OF THE TOWN CODE, TITLED “CIVIL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES; HEARING OFFICERS,” TO ALLOW FOR REVISIONS OF THE SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES BY RESOLUTION; AMENDING SECTION 8CC-10 OF THE TOWN CODE, TITLED “SCHEDULED OF CIVIL PENALTIES,” TO ADD VIOLATIONS OF THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON THE SWALE, TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA BUILDING CODE WITH THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, TO ADD REFERENCES TO CHAPTER 8 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, AS APPLICABLE TO THE TOWN. (Rey)**

Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the title of the Ordinance.

Karen Sanders spoke regarding an article in the Miami Laker regarding the issue of parking on swale.

Mayor Wayne Slaton explained the proposed ordinance to reduce the fines. Town Manager Alex Rey explained the proposed reduction in fines from the current fine fee and that there is a warning process in effect.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi moved to approve the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Mary Collins seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Mary Collins suggested a special permit for swale parking and recommended residents go to the Miami Lakes Police Department or the Town Clerk to obtain a permit for their guest to show through the window of their vehicle. Town Manager Alex Rey explained that the procedure would have to be figured out logistically.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi and Councilmember Robert Meador supported the suggestion. Councilmember Richard Pulido spoke in support of the fine reduction.

Councilmember Nancy Simon stated that she opposes the ordinance and indicated that it needs definition and procedure, and she supported of the fine reduction.

The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

**13. RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. MAYOR’S REPORTS:**

Mayor Slaton nominated Robert Spano as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Vice Mayor Mary Collins made a motion in favor of the nomination and it was seconded by Councilmember Roberto Alonso. Mayor Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**B. MANAGER’S REPORTS:**

**1. Traffic Calming Devices**

Town Engineer Russell Barnes gave a report on the various devices available.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi requested that the staff meet with the Town's residents to see what the residents prefer. Councilmember Robert Meador voiced his concern with the Town lack of feedback from residents and suggested it might be due to the holiday season.

## **2. State Legislative Agenda**

Rick Rodriguez Pina provided the report of individual meetings with the members of Council and reviewed areas of legislation in which he will be involved.

Councilman Michael Pizzi objected to the request for funds to study of the Par 3 golf course and suggested that funds be requested for senior and youth programs and parks. Mayor Slaton suggested that legislative funding for the Par 3 course might be used to engage the members of the public in conversations in this regard. Town Manager Alex Rey suggested that the request in the report might be better stated as planning study for potential conversion of private green areas to public use.

Councilman Michael Pizzi suggested that Mr. Rodriguez Pina search for any legislative funding that would help with the purchase of Madden's Hammock, senior and youth parks and programs. Councilman Richard Pulido asked about the possibility of funding for a water park and requested that written reports be provided in the agenda.

Councilman Roberto Alonso left the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Vice Mayor Collins made a motion to accept the report. A second was given by Councilman Robert Meador. Mayor Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

## **3. Miami Lakes Senior Games**

Parks Director, Daniel Hopkins presented an overview of games in an "Olympic" style event for seniors. Councilmember Nancy Simon suggested that some of the advertisement be in Spanish and that the Town's bus be used to transport residents. Councilmember Robert Meador suggested an early mailer and then follow up.

### **C. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

Town Attorney Nina Boniske informed the Council that she will be requesting the Council meet in Executive Session in Case No. 06-2395GM, Department of Community Affairs, Petitioner, and Town of Miami Lakes, Intervenor, v. Miami-Dade County, Respondent, and City of Hialeah et al, Intervenors pursuant to Chapter 286.011 some time in the next few weeks.

## **15. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Child and Elder Protection Initiative (Pulido)**

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion as follows: "In the interest of taking every possible proactive measure to assure the public's safety, I am requesting that the Town of Miami Lakes establish a comprehensive policy for criminal background checks of any and all individuals and members of groups and organizations that conduct

business with/for the Town or may utilize facilities under the responsibility of the Town where there may be immediate access to children and/or our elderly population. I would ask that the Town Manager, the Town Police Commander and the Town Attorneys assist the Town Council in better defining the scope of this policy.” Vice Mayor Mary Collins seconded. Town Manager Alex Rey will prepare a policy for the Council to discuss. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilman Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting five minutes beyond the 11 p.m. deadline. Vice Mayor Mary Collins seconded the motion. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

**B. Committee Appreciation (Collins)**

Vice Mayor Mary Collins made a motion to have a Committee Appreciation Dinner. Councilmember Richard Pulido seconded the motion. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

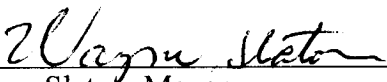
**C. Hurricane Relief Act (Pizzi) – Deferred.**

**16. FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

**January 16, 2007, Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 7 PM**  
**February 13, 2007, Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 7 PM**

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Approved this 8 day of May, 2007.

  
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Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Debra E. Eastman, MMC  
Town Clerk