

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Wayne Slaton
Vice Mayor Nancy Simon
Councilmember Roberto Alonso
Councilmember Mary Collins
Councilmember Robert Meador II
Councilmember Michael Pizzi
Councilmember Richard Pulido

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2008

6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Middle School

6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Robert Meador, Roberto Alonso, Richard Pulido, Mary Collins, Michael Pizzi, Vice Mayor Nancy Simon and Mayor Wayne Slaton.
- 3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Slaton called for a moment of silence and asked that remembrance be given to those victims of the shooting in Kirkwood, Missouri.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Slaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**
Mayor Slaton added resolution 11C. Councilmember Richard Pulido requested to move item 12A2 to be heard after the consent agenda. Councilmember Michael Pizzi requested to defer item 12A3 to next month's meeting agenda and pull items 7D and 7F from the consent agenda. Councilmember Mary Collins requested to pull item 7A from the consent agenda.

There was a motion by Councilmember Mary Collins to approve the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Nancy Simon and all were in favor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. David Bennett stated his concern about the Kirkwood tragedy and how it would be a good time to consider security at Town Hall and spoke about the perpetual license for Immersive Media.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, other than those items which were pulled. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR PLAYFUL CITY USA DESIGNATION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPLICATION FOR PLAYFUL CITY USA DESIGNATION. (Rey, Meador, Pulido, Alonso, Collins, Pizzi, Simon, Slaton)

Councilmember Mary Collins requested that the play date be built around the bike rodeo event and to include the boundless playground.

The Council asked to be added as a sponsor of this item.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to designate the official play date to be in conjunction with the bike rodeo. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL BETWEEN ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR SITE PREPARATION FOR POCKET PARKS P17, P18, P22, L22, P32, L41, P23, AND P78. (Rey)

Approved on consent.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S LAND AND WATER GRANT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED NW 170TH STREET GREENWAY PROJECT. (Rey) Approved on consent.

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO RECORDING OF THE CONDITION OF THE TOWN AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND A PERPETUAL LICENSE FROM IMMERSIVE MEDIA COMPANY. (Rey)

Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained the benefit of purchasing this service.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Michael Pizzi. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE QUOTATION AND PROPOSAL FROM COLUMBIA EQUIPMENT

COMPANY INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) NEW BUS SHELTERS; WAIVING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. (Rey)
Approved on consent.

F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND POST DESIGN SERVICES FOR BUS SHELTER UPGRADES. (Rey)

Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained the purpose of the resolution.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Activities Task Force

Peter Diaz, Chairman of the Committee, gave an update of Committee activities and events.

9. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-66 AND 05-76; ADOPTING A REVISED BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE. (Rey)

Town Attorney, Nina Boniske, read the title of the ordinance.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, summarized the changes.

Mayor Slaton opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso stated he would like to see an incentive to have a generator by lowering the fee to \$400 and to set the fee for kitchen and bathroom renovations with the exception of sheetrock work at \$400. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso spoke in favor of the motion and made an amendment that the generator cost be changed to \$300. The amendment received a second from Councilman Richard Pulido. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor, except for Mayor Slaton.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso made a motion to change the cost of electrical outlets from \$13 to \$5. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

Mayor Slaton called for a break at 9:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:10 p.m. The Town Clerk called the roll with all Councilmembers in attendance.

11. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF PORTLAND SERVICES, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT ROYAL OAKS PARK; APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN PORTLAND SERVICES, LLC AND THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT. (Rey)**

Town Attorney, Nina Boniske, read the title of the resolution.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained the financing and disadvantaged business component and the items included in the cost.

Tom Carlson of MC Harry and Associates explained the components that make this a “green building”.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso stated he would like to restart the family tree project.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF RODRIGUEZ PINA & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES; APPROVING THE SELECTION OF GOMEZ BAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR STATE LOBBYIST SERVICES; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES AND THE CONTRACT FOR STATE LOBBYIST SERVICES TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE TOWN MANAGER. (Rey)**

Town Attorney, Nina Boniske, read the title of the resolution.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained the RFP process and stated that Rick Rodriguez-Pina submitted his proposal as a unified price. Mr. Rodriguez-Pina has indicated that he will not accept the appointment for only Federal representation.

Dr. David Bennett stated his concern as to what the Town is trying to achieve.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi questioned Mr. Rodriguez-Pina's desire to withdraw. Mr. Rodriguez-Pina clarified and addressed the Council regarding his will to continue as the Town's State lobbyist.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to select Gomez-Baker for State lobbyist and to reserve voting on Federal lobbyist. Councilmember Mary Collins seconded the motion.

Councilmember Richard Pulido stated that he is in favor of Rick Rodriguez-Pina and does not support the motion.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon questioned the bid breakdown and number of current clients at Gomez-Baker. Town Manager, Alex Rey, stated that Gomez-Baker has experience, clients, accomplishments and depth of staff, and is a better overall package.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon spoke in opposition. Councilmember Roberto Alonso spoke in agreement with Vice Mayor Nancy Simon.

Councilmember Robert Meador spoke in support of the motion.

Mayor Slaton stated that he felt uncomfortable moving forward with the recommendation and cannot support the motion.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote. The Town Clerk called the roll with Councilmembers Michael Pizzi, Robert Meador and Mary Collins in favor and Councilmembers Richard Pulido, Roberto Alonso, Vice Mayor Nancy Simon and Mayor Wayne Slaton opposed. The motion failed on a vote of 3 in favor and 4 opposed.

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion to extend the meeting for 1 hour. The motion received a second from Councilmember Robert Meador. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion to accept Rick Rodriguez-Pina's proposal of \$75,000 for all 3 areas (Federal, State and County) of representation. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Nancy Simon.

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll with Councilmembers Richard Pulido, Mary Collins, Roberto Alonso, Vice Mayor Nancy Simon and Mayor Wayne Slaton voting in favor and Councilmembers Michael Pizzi and Robert Meador voting in opposition. The motion passed on a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF COUNCILMEMBERS MICHAEL LYNCH, CONNIE KARR, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KENNETH YOST AND OFFICERS TOM BALLMAN AND BILL BIGGS OF KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney, Nina Boniske, read the title of the resolution.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Mayor Slaton. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

12. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

1. Drug Initiative 2008 Byrne Grant Award (Slaton)

Mayor Slaton reported that \$10,000 was received which will pay for proactive drug enforcement.

2. Green Initiatives (Pulido)

Councilmember Richard Pulido reported that he worked with interns, Angelique Gill and Jonathan O'Neil, and researched initiatives for the Town to encourage residents to become more environmentally friendly. Councilmember Richard Pulido also stated that he would like all of the committees and groups to work together to plan an Earth Day event.

Councilmember Robert Meador stated concerned because Earth Day events have been handled in the past by the Beautification Committee.

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion to direct the Town Manager to oversee the Earth Day events for all groups wishing to participate. The motion received a second from Councilmember Michael Pizzi. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

3. Wi-Fi Initiative (Pizzi)

Deferred by Councilmember Michael Pizzi.

B. MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Financial Condition Report-

Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained the report and Councilmember Mary Collins thanked the Town Manager for his work.

2. State Legislative Priorities –

Councilmember Mary Collins suggested having the State law changed to allow two professionals on the LPA and to apply for funds for a Veterans’ wall at the Royal Oaks Park Community Center.

Mayor Slaton expressed the need to quickly set the legislative priorities.

Councilmember Richard Pulido would like to add State dollars for “green” initiatives to the list.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso would like the lobbyist to give information to the Town on any available money.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to go forward with the requests as amended by the Councilmembers. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

C. ATTORNEY’S REPORTS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Deed Restriction Inclusion Initiative (Slaton, Collins)

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon wants to make sure that the members of communities have an opportunity to speak and bring back people who have experienced problems with the deed restrictions.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi emphasized that many of the deed restrictions are currently included in the Code and agrees with allowing people to speak as part of the process.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, suggested that a newspaper ad be published or do a direct mailing.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon would like the direct mailing to be in English, Spanish, and Creole.

Councilmember Richard Pulido emphasized the need for an equal opportunity for citizens to participate in the process.

Mayor Slaton stated that this group has come forward and requested to have their proposal included. He suggested having a public hearing workshop where the residents could speak in an informal way without being timed.

Councilmember Robert Meador stated that he does not want this issue to delay the development of the commercial code.

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. There is no second on the motion.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilmember Mary Collins spoke in favor and does not think that this should come in front of what is currently being done.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, stated that currently we are in the process of a clean up.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. The motion received a second from Councilmember Richard Pulido. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Mayor Slaton made a motion to have the items presented to Council in a workshop. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

B. Committee Room (Simon)

Deferred by Vice Mayor Nancy Simon.

C. Renaming of baseball field #2 at Miami Lakes Park (Meador)

Councilmember Robert Meador suggested honoring the Optimist Club founding father by renaming Bronco Field to Hatcher Field. He requested that a sign or plaque be placed at the field.

Councilmember Robert Meador made a motion to rename field 2 to Hatcher Field in honor the founders of Miami Lakes Optimist. The motion received a second from Councilmember Pulido. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

D. Fiscal Accountability Policy (Pulido) Deferred

E. Gift Ban (Pizzi) Deferred

F. Approval of Town Expenditures (Pizzi) Deferred

G. Participation on Committees (Simon) Deferred

14. FUTURE MEETINGS:

February 19, 2008 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6 PM
February 21, 2008, Council Workshop, Town Hall, 15700 NW 67th Ave, Miami Lakes, 5 PM
March 12, 2008, 2007 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6:30 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting,
it was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Approved this ____ day of ____, 2008

Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

Debra Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk