

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Michael Pizzi
Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo
Councilmember Mary Collins
Councilmember George Lopez
Councilmember Robert Meador II
Councilmember Richard Pulido
Councilmember Nancy Simon

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2010

7:00 PM

Royal Oaks Park Community Center
16500 NW 87 Avenue
Miami Lakes, Florida 33018

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** The Town Clerk called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nancy Simon, George Lopez, Mary Collins, Richard Pulido, Robert Meador, Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo, and Mayor Michael Pizzi.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence.
4. **Mayor's Welcoming Remarks:** The Mayor welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He expressed that it is not the right time to put the Strong Mayor question on the ballot.
5. **Discussion and/or Action Items:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF EIGHT PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor stated on the record that he is not in favor of the Strong Mayor question on the ballot.

6. Public Comments:

Raul De La Sierra spoke in favor of a Strong Mayor and term limits.

Sean Schwinghammer spoke against a Strong Mayor, but in favor of amending the Mayor's power. He was not in favor of term limits.

Jerry Schneider spoke against a Strong Mayor, but in favor of amending the Mayor's powers. He spoke in favor of the term limits.

Ladd Howell spoke in opposition of a Strong Mayor, and about Council salaries. He spoke in favor of changing the election dates, and about the pros and cons of the term limits.

Maggie Suazo spoke about the duties of the Mayor and Council; and spoke in favor of term limits.

Mirtha Mendez spoke in opposition of the process being used to amend the charter.

Caridad Jacom spoke against a Strong Mayor; the Council's salaries; and the Council's name change to Commissioners, but spoke in favor of the term limits and changing the Town's election dates to coincide with the County's.

Luis Collazo spoke in opposition of a Strong Mayor, and he stated that term limits should be made effective with the current Council.

Leslie Langbyn spoke in opposition of a Strong Mayor, term limits, and the Town Clerk item. He spoke in favor of the Council receiving a small stipend, and the Council's name change. He felt that the process to amend the charter should be longer.

David Bennett spoke in favor of the election date change, and the Council name change to Commissioners. He spoke in opposition of the term limits.

Felicia Salazar spoke against a Strong Mayor, and the Council salary. She spoke in favor of the election date change, term limits, and changing the Council's name.

Dorothy Cook spoke in favor of changing the election dates, term limits, the Town Clerk item and a strong manager. She spoke in opposition of Council compensation.

Cesar Mestre spoke in favor of moving the election date, and spoke about term limits.

Bob Madden spoke in opposition of a Strong Mayor, Council compensation and term limits. He spoke in favor of the election date change.

Rabbi Weiss spoke in favor of an Executive Mayor not a Strong Mayor. He spoke against term limits.

Linda Navarinni spoke against a Strong Mayor and the Council's name change. She spoke in favor of the term limits.

Esperanza Reynolds spoke against a Strong Mayor, but in favor of term limits.

David Oliver spoke in favor of the election date change, but in opposition of term limits.

Alexander Ariano spoke against a Strong Mayor and term limits.

Tim Daubert spoke in opposition of a Strong Mayor, the Council's name change, term limits, and Council compensation. He spoke in favor of the election date change.

Sandra Phagan spoke against Council term limits. She spoke in favor of the name change from Council to Commission.

Jeanie White spoke against a Strong Mayor and term limits. She prefers the name "Council" instead of "Commission."

Alan Rigermann spoke against a Strong Mayor; and in favor of the term limits.

Steven Cody spoke about a balance of powers regarding the Councilmember seats.

The Mayor called for a recess at 8:39 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

Town Clerk Marjorie Tejeda called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nancy Simon, George Lopez, Mary Collins, Richard Pulido, Robert Meador, Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo, and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

7. Council Discussion and Action:

Mayor Michael Pizzi removed the strong mayor language from the item under consideration. He agreed with the changing of the election date, term limits and the non-substantive changes of the charter amendments. He requested more discussion on the Town Clerk item.

Councilmember Pulido made a motion to defer all charter amendments in order to have subsequent hearings on the issue to assure a flawless process. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. Mayor Pizzi made an amendment to the motion to move forward with the term limits, the election date change, the Council name change, and non-substantial changes. The amendment received a second from Councilmember Meador. The motion to amend passed 6-1 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Robert Meador, Nancy Simon, Mary Collins, Gorge Lopez, Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmember Pulido voted in opposition.

After the motion to amend was passed, the original motion was amended to defer items 6, 7 and 8 on the agenda. The motion passed 6-1 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Robert Meador, Richard Pulido, Nancy Simon, Mary Collins, Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmember George Lopez voted in opposition.

Councilmember Nancy Simon made a motion to move the election date to coincide with the County elections. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador and the motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Meador voting in opposition.

Vice Mayor Perdomo made a motion to add the term limits to the October ballot. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador and the motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Pulido voting in opposition.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador and all voted in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to add the non-substantial changes to the October's ballot. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador. The motion passed 5-1 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Rober Meador, Nancy Simon, Mary Collins, Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

Councilmember Pulido voted in opposition. Councilmember George Lopez was absent.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to change "Council" to "Commission". The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi. The motion passed 4-3 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Mary Collins, George Lopez, Nancy Simon and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmember Robert Meador, Richard Pulido and Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo voted in opposition.

8. Future Meetings:

July 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting, 16500 NW 87 Avenue, 6:30 PM
July 20, 2010 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, 16500 NW 87 Avenue, 6:30 PM

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of Sept., 2010.



Michael Pizzi
Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejeda
Town Clerk