

Town of Miami Lakes

Special Call Meeting

September 28, 2009



TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Michael Pizzi

Vice Mayor Richard Pulido

Councilmember Mary Collins

Councilmember George Lopez

Councilmember Robert Meador II

Councilmember Nick Perdomo

Councilmember Nancy Simon

AGENDA

SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2009

6:45 PM

MIAMI LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL

6425 Miami Lakeway, North

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Funding for Care Packages for the Troops in Iraq (Pizzi, Collins, Lopez, Perdomo) Page 3
- B. Committee Rules (Pizzi, Lopez) Page 5

6. FUTURE MEETINGS

October 13, 2009 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6:30 pm

November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6:30 pm

7. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public. A copy of this Agenda and the backup therefore, has been posted on the Town of Miami Lakes Website at www.miamilakes-fl.gov and is available at Town Hall, 15700 NW 67th Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact Town Hall at 305-364-6100 two days prior to the meeting.

Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Miami Lakes Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any member of the public wishing to speak on a public hearing matter on this Agenda or under public comments for items not on this Agenda, should fill out a speaker card and provide it to the Town Clerk, prior to commencement of the meeting. Any person presenting documents to the Town Council should provide the Town Clerk with a minimum of 12 copies.



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ITEM 5 A



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To: Honorable Town Council

From: Mayor Michael Pizzi

Date: September 28, 2009

Subject: FUNDING FOR CARE PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS IN IRAQ

At our meeting, Council Member Mary Collins requested \$500.00 to assist Veterans Groups in sending care packages to our troops in Iraq I am placing this item on the agenda in full support of providing the funds for the initiative. I believe that this expenditure is consistent with multiple exceptions that we have made over the years to our general rule about being reluctant to use tax payer money for private charities. I believe that this expenditure is a special circumstance and that the special sacrifice being made by these young men and women more than outweighs any concern regarding fiscal policies. Therefore, I urge the Council to reconsider any prior votes on this issue and to support the motion made by Council Member Collins at our last meeting. Five hundred dollars is the least we can do to support the men and women who on a daily basis risk their lives to protect our liberty.



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ITEM 5 B



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To: Honorable Town Council

From: Mayor Michael Pizzi

Date: September 28, 2009

Subject: Committee Rules Review

As we begin a new fiscal year, it is good to examine our Committee Rules. Please see attached Committee Rules

Committee Rules, Regulations and Procedures

These Committee Rules, Regulations and Procedures (Committee Rules) shall apply uniformly to all Town Committees. The Committee Rules are intended to supplement matters not covered in existing resolutions creating any Town Committees.

For the purpose of these rules, "Committees" shall include all non-statutory committees, task forces and advisory boards established by the Town Council to make recommendations, advise the council and initiate programs in the Town.

Section 1. Sunset Provisions.

All Committees will be created for an initial one (1) year period. At the conclusion of the first year, the Town Council will review the performance of the Committee and evaluate the need to retain the Committee on a permanent basis. Once a committee is re-authorized, the Committee will have a sunset review every five (5) years. Nothing herein prohibits the Town Council from terminating any Committee at any time.

Section 2. Public Meetings.

All meetings and business of the Committees shall comply with the requirements of Chapters 119 and 286 of the Florida Statutes. All meetings of the Committees shall be open to the public at all times. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised, 10th edition). Audio recordings shall be made of all meetings and shall be turned over to the Town Clerk in a timely manner.

Section 3. Regular Meetings.

The Committees shall hold at least one regular publicly noticed meeting each month, unless waived by the majority of the Committee, at a location within the Town as set by the Chairperson. The Committee may not waive more than four (4) meetings per year.

Section 4. Special Meetings.

Special meetings may be held upon the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the Town Council upon 48 hours notice. Notice of special meetings shall be by letter sent to the Committee member's home address, via fax or email and shall be received by the member with reasonable notice before the meeting. Special meetings shall be publicly noticed and held at location within the Town as set by the Chairperson.

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Section 5. Chairperson Meetings.

On a quarterly basis, at a mutually agreeable date, the Committee Chairpersons shall meet to coordinate activities and to strengthen communication among Committees.

Section 6. Subcommittees.

Subcommittees of a particular Committee may be created by the Chairperson with the approval of a majority vote of the committee's members. Subcommittees shall select a Chairperson and shall meet at the call of the Subcommittee Chairperson, or as directed by majority vote of the Committee.

Section 7. Agenda.

The agenda for all meetings of the Committee shall be prepared by the Chairperson or in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson. Additional agenda items may be proposed at any time by any member of the Committee. Items proposed after the agenda is distributed may only be heard under "New Business" and upon an affirmative vote of the majority of the Committee members present at the meeting. Each agenda shall also include a section for public comment.

Section 8. Public Appearances and Requests.

Any Town resident, organization or member of the public may appear before the Committee during the public comment portion of any Committee meeting. Requests to appear shall be made to the Chairperson of the Committee at any time prior to the public comments portion of the meeting. Members of the Town Council that are not members of the actual Committee*(res 08-705) are permitted to attend Committee meetings, but shall not vote or participate in discussion, other than during public comment or if recognized by the Chairperson.

Section 9. Quorum.

Fifty percent (50%) of the Committee members appointed to the Committee shall constitute a quorum. Provided there is a quorum, a majority of those present and voting shall be required to adopt any motion or take any action.

Section 10. Voting.

Each Committee member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on matters coming before the Committee. The Committee shall act as a body in making its decisions. No member present at a meeting may abstain from voting except in cases of conflict of interest, as provided in Florida Statutes and the Miami Dade County Code of Ethics. A member must be present to vote. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.

Section 11. Attendance.

The Secretary shall call the roll at the beginning of each meeting. The roll shall become a part of the minutes.

In the event a Committee member fails to attend three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in one calendar year, the committee member will automatically be removed from the Committee and the Councilmember who nominated that person will be notified of the vacancy. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to strictly enforce the removal of members due to absence.

A member who will be absent may fax their excuse in writing to the Secretary who shall make it a part of the record.

Section 12. Appointments, Vacancies and Resignations.

Each person appointed to a Committee shall be appointed by the Town Council in the following manner:

- (a) Any person meeting the qualifications of office and wishing to serve on a Committee shall submit his or her name and provide a letter of intent to the Town.
- (b) Town staff shall notify the Town Council, in writing, of upcoming vacancies on the Committees, and shall provide to the Town Council the names and brief resumes or letters of intent of the person who have expressed an interest in serving on the Committees.
- (c) Nominations shall be conducted as per the resolution creating the Committee.
- (d) Appointments shall be made by the Mayor subject to the approval of the Town Council at a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Town Charter.
- (e) If a Councilmember's nominee vacates office, that Councilmember shall be permitted to submit a replacement nomination to the Mayor for appointment and Town Council approval.
- (f) If any Committee member has qualified for the office of Mayor or Town Councilmember, they shall resign from the Committee by the qualification date.

Section 13. Residency Requirement.

Members of the Committees shall either:

- (a) Be a resident of the Town; or
- (b) Be employed in the Town; or
- (c) Be a student in an area school located in the Town; or
- (d) Own a business or property located in the Town.

Non-residents who have particular interest in a Committee and may bring specific talent and/or expertise may serve on the Committee as a non-voting member.

Section 14. Term of Office.

The term of each Committee member shall coincide with the term of the nominating Councilmember, or the Mayor, in the case of the Mayor's appointee. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a sitting committee member shall continue to serve until an appointment is made after either an election or a vacancy in a Town office in order to assure continuity and ability to meet quorum requirements until a replacement member is appointed or if no appointment is made within 60 days, the appointment shall be renewed. The nominating Councilmember, or the Mayor in the case of the Mayor's appointment, may remove a committee member at any regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, subject to confirmation of a majority of the Town Council.

There shall be no term limits.

Section 15. Membership Limitation.

No Committee member shall serve on more than two (2) Committees and may hold office only on one (1) Committee at a time.

Section 16. Compensation.

All Committee members shall serve without compensation and shall not otherwise obtain direct or indirect financial gain from their service in the Committee.

Section 17. Oath Requirement.

All Committee members shall be required to subscribe to an oath or affirmation to be filed by the Town Clerk, swearing to support, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the State, the Charter and all ordinances of the Town and Miami Dade County and in all respects to faithfully discharge their duties.

Section 18. Applicability and Explanation of Laws.

All Committee members shall be subject to the State of Florida and Miami Dade County code of Ethics. Upon appointment, a Town representative shall provide Committee members with a copy of the applicable ethics laws and provide an explanation of the State of Florida and Miami Dade County Code of Ethics (sunshine law, public records law, conflict of interest policy) and the Committee Rules to the Committee member.

Section 19. Financial Disclosure Requirement.

As determined by the State of Florida Department of Ethics, no financial disclosure is required to be filed, unless otherwise required.

Section 20. Officers and Elections.

Every Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary annually, or as vacancies occur, at the first meeting conducted after October 1 to serve for a term of one (1) year. Vacancies shall serve the remaining term of the Committee member they are replacing.

Section 21. Mission Statement.

All Committees shall express a statement of their bodies' purpose to be approved by the Town Council, consistent with the intent of the resolution creating the Committee.

Section 22. Records.

Minutes of all Committee meetings shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be available for public inspection. The minutes shall be forwarded to each Committee member for review to be approved by the Committee at its next scheduled meeting, unless special circumstances are approved by the Chair. Once approved, meeting minutes shall be forwarded to the Town Clerk for filing.

During meetings, a standard sign-in register must be completed by Committee members and maintained by the Secretary. Attendance and absences must be recorded and submitted to the Town along with the minutes even if there is not a quorum. Each Committee Secretary shall be responsible for providing a current membership roster of all Committee members to the Town.

Section 23. Committee Reports.

The Chairperson or his/her designee may semi-annually present an oral report to the Town Council which shall be submitted in writing to the Town and shall include a semi-annual year to date financial report. All reports shall be approved by the Committee prior to submission to the Town or presentation to the Town Council. Both the content of the written report and the oral report shall be approved by the Committee prior to submission or presentation to the Town Council.

Section 24. Budget Request and Financial Controls.

Annually, each June 1, after consultation with the Town Manager, the Committee shall submit a written report to the Town, including a budget request for the next fiscal year, for consideration in the preparation of the Town's annual budget. Budget approval shall be made by the Town Council during the adoption of the annual budget. Additionally, the Town Staff will be responsible for ensuring that all expenditures are properly documented and reconciled following generally accepted accounting principles.

***Section 25. Committee Membership by Town Council.**

Notwithstanding the membership of each Town Committee specified in the resolution creating the committee, the Mayor may appoint one (1) or more members of the Town Council (including the Mayor) to each of the Town Committees, subject to Council approval. The appointed Council Members shall be considered voting members of the committees and the total membership of each committee shall be increased to reflect the addition of each individual Council Member to the membership. (*res 08-705)