

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
March 1, 2016
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Manny Cid, Tony Lama, Ceasar Mestre, Frank Mingo, Nelson Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Tim Daubert and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Girls Scout Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

The Mayor and Council presented to the educators and staff of Barbara Goleman High School with a Certificate of Recognition, for their outstanding contribution to Barbara Goleman High Senior High in making it an “A” school and for his dedicated service and for the successful programs like the AP Capstone.

The Mayor and Council presented to the educators and staff of Miami Lakes Educational Center, with a Certificate of Recognition, for going above and beyond to maintain an “A” grade for 7 consecutive years in performance, including for the school year 2014-2015.

The Mayor and Council presented to the educators and staff of Bob Graham Education Center with a Certificate of Recognition, for going above and beyond to maintain an “A” grade” for 12 consecutive years in performance, including for the school year 2014-2015.

The Mayor and Council presented to the educators and staff of Miami Lakes K-8 with a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding contribution to the school and maintaining excellent performance in their programs.

The Mayor and Council presented to the educators and staff from Miami Lakes Middle with a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding contribution to the school and maintaining excellent performance in their programs.

The Mayor and Council presented to the educators and staff from Hialeah-Miami Lakes, with a certificate of recognition for going above and beyond to maintain an “A” grade in the school year 2014-2015.

The Mayor and Council presented to the Bobcat Law Society a Certificate of Recognition and congratulated the members of the Law Society at Bob Graham Educational Center for their achievements in recent competitions. In December, the team won the Excellence award, Professionalism award and Unit 3 award.

The Mayor and Council presented the Bob Cats Dancers with a Certificate of Recognition for their recent achievements at the American Dance Alliance Florida State Team Championship on January 25th. The team brought home various awards and earned in three different categories scores of “Excellent” as an overall team evaluation.

The Mayor and Council presented to Mr. Jose Bueno a Certificate of Recognition for his continued support and ensuring that students are given the absolute best environment for academic success.

The Mayor and Council presented to Principal Joaquin Hernandez with a Proclamation for his outstanding contribution to Barbara Goleman Senior High School, in making it an “A” school.

The Mayor and Council presented Mr. Hernando Medina with a Certificate of Recognition for volunteering his time and sharing his expertise regarding Robert Rules of Order after a thorough review of the Town Charter of Miami Lakes.

The Mayor and Council presented to Mr. Alberto “El Niño” Acosta, with a Certificate of Recognition, for his quest for freedom and liberty in the island of Cuba.

The Mayor and Council presented to the Board of Directors of the Miami Lakes United Soccer Team with the Key to the Town for engaging our youth in healthy and active athletic activities in our community.

Mayor Pizzi asked for a five minute recess.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alvin Murray came before the Town Council to speak in support of Miami Lakes United Soccer Club, what the Team offers to the children, his background as a couch and he spoke in opposition of the unsolicited bid, item 15 E of the Agenda Packet.

Jensi Arevalos passed her time to speak to Mr. Joel Castellanos.

Soledad Serrano came before the Town Council to speak in support of the Miami Lakes United Soccer Club and the leadership and skills that the soccer program offers to the children of the community.

Diana Bernal passed her time to speak to Mr. Alvin Murray.

Joel Castellanos came before the Town Council to speak in support of Miami Lakes United Soccer Team, his love and passion for soccer, and in opposition of the unsolicited bid, item 15E of the Agenda Packet.

Janet Salvador came before the Town Council to speak in support of Miami Lakes Soccer United Club.

Maribel Sacarras Diaz came before the Town Council to speak in support of the Miami Lakes Soccer United Club.

Rose Rodriguez came before the Town Council to speak in support of the Miami Lakes Soccer United Club.

Mario Crawford came before the Town Council to speak in support of Miami Lakes Soccer United Club and he expressed his concern for the parents who do not have the monetary means to pay for expensive soccer programs.

Dr. Dave Bennet came before the Town Council to speak in support the Charter Revision Commission and the great work the Commissioners are doing, the run-off election 50+1 and the residential districts. He also stated that he received feedback from residents about these two items and he would like to ask the Town Council to submit these issues to the electors via a Special Election and for the electors to review the issues and ultimately, make a decision.

Lynn Matos came before the Town Council and spoke about the traffic issues on 67th Avenue, Windmill Gate and traffic congestion all over town.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak about the Charter Revision Commission and the great job the Commissioners were doing, school overcrowding and she stated that good quality of education should be offered to all children, regardless of where the children live.

Former Mayor Wayne Slaton came before the Town Council and expressed his concerns in regards to traffic. He spoke about the traffic congestion all thru the town and about the intersections west of the Palmetto being repeatedly blocked by drivers turning east on 154 Street. He asked participation from the Town of Miami Lakes to enforce intersections not to be blocked.

Max Freiria came before the Town Council to express his concern regarding traffic congestion all over town, and more specifically in 87 Avenue and asked the Town of Miami Lake for help to deter the speeding on 87th Avenue. He also spoke in support of the 50% +1 run-off election issue that is being discussed by the Charter Revision Commission.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the Special Presentation section of the Agenda taking way too long because of too many awards being given out. She also stated that pursuant to the Special Rules of Order of the Town of Miami Lakes, the Town Manager Report and the Attorney's Report should not generate motions.

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):

Mayor Pizzi asked to defer item 13C.

Councilmember Cid requested that Item 11A be moved up and to be discussed after the Order of Business.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lama and all were in favor.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Pizzi appointed Ada Arias to Elderly Affairs Committee, Arnaldo Gonzalez to Neighborhood Improvement Committee and Lorenzo Cobiella to the Elderly Affairs Committee.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes:

- February 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda and the motion received a second form Councilman Lama. All were in favor.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AWARDING CONTRACT FOR INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 2016-18 BUS STOP AND STREET SIGNAGE TO SIGN & GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS, INC. D/B/A FASTSIGNS OF MIAMI LAKES; MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BY ORDINANCE NO. 15-186, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 16-190; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Rey)

Approved on Consent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SCHOOL OVERCROWDING; REQUESTING THAT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REFRAIN FROM ALLOWING STUDENTS IN DEVELOPMENTS WEST OF I-75 FROM ATTENDING BOB GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO TOWN OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Pizzi, Mestre)

Approved on Consent.

11. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 1, SECTION 13-1608, ROOFS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Cid)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Pizzi opened the public hearing. Being that no one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Cid made a motion to approve the Ordinance in second reading. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi. The Town Clerk called the roll and the Ordinance in second reading passed unanimously.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MIAMI LAKES SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Pizzi, Cid, Rey)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Councilmember Cid made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 87TH Avenue- Speed Concern (Mestre)

Councilmember Mestre explained that several residents have contacted him and complained about speeding on 87th Avenue. The Town Manager explained that Miami Dade County is ok with the Town of Miami Lakes installing a device to alert the drivers on 87th Avenue, when they are driving over the speed limit. The Town will be responsible for the cost of the speeding device that will be placed on 154.

B. Optimist Park Clubhouse (Pizzi)

Councilmember Daubert made a motion for staff to bring back the Resolution supporting the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The motion received a second from Councilmember Cid and all were in favor.

C. Charter Review Process (Pizzi)

This item was deferred by Mayor Pizzi.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Special Taxing District (Cid)

Councilmember Cid explained that he met with Commissioner Bovo and his staff and that that Councilmember Daubert participated on his behalf on a panel discussion on the Miami Dade County League of Cities regarding Special Taxing District. Councilmember Cid said that Special Taxing District is in the County's agenda and that he is pleased to say that it is moving forward.

B. Optimist Park Clubhouse (Pizzi)

The Town Manager explained that the contractor did not meet the deadline and that the Clubhouse is expected to be completed in the summer of 2016.

C. Zip Code (Cid)

Councilmember Cid explained that the Honorable US Congressman Jason Chaffetz, who is the Chairman on Oversight and Government Reform, sent a letter to the Postmaster General, inquiring about the Zip Code status for the Town of Miami Lakes and how much would it cost the town to have its own Zip Code.

D. Young Marine Cleanup Effort(Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi informed the Town Council that the Young Marines want to do a future cleanup project in Miami Lakes and that he will coordinate the date of said event, so that the Town Council and participate.

E. Civic Engagement: Rewriting the Rules of Public Engagement (Cid)

Councilmember Cid spoke about the importance of social media, the Town App and the importance of having good communication and dialogues with residents.

F. National Prayer Day (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi informed the Town Council that May 5th is National Prayer Day and that he would like the Town Council to celebrate and participate on said event.

G. Town Economic Development Initiatives (Pizzi)

This report was not discussed because it was an extra report, which required a waiver of Section 6.7 of the Special Rules of Order, and Mayor Pizzi did not include it during the New Order of Business.

H. Town Traffic Initiatives (Pizzi)

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15. MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. Senior Classes

The Town Manager explained that to maintain the 8 classes that the Town offers to seniors, which were previously funded by grants of the school board, it would cost \$18,000. Town Manager recommended that the classes that serve a small number of students, should be moved to a club environment, where you don't need an instructor. The Town will continue providing a facility room and someone to meet with them once a month, to offer them pointers on how to do their craft better.

The Town Manager explained that by implementing this, the cost would be reduced to \$12,000 versus \$18,000.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to approve the Town Manager's recommendations, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Daubert and all were in favor.

B. Take Pride in Miami Lakes Campaign

Ms. Nicole Singletary explained that the campaign goes hand in hand with Councilmember Lama's initiative to keep pride in the Miami Lakes. She said that to make it more marketable, the Town will be doing a "I love Miami Lakes" campaign and that it will be on social media. Residents will be asked to take photos of the community and to submit them. The Town will also reach out to the schools and engage students to submit artwork. Neighborhood Improvement Committee will also actively participate on said campaign, via the anti-litter program.

C. Transportation Initiatives

The Town Manager explained that Town staff is currently working on 34 items and that there is progress in each item. Reports will be submitted every 2 or 3 months as to the progress that has been made on each of the items so that the Town Council can report back to the residents.

Councilmember Lama requested a workshop to educate the residents on the transportation initiatives. Town Manager said that it will be scheduled to take place soon. The Town Manager also informed that the traffic initiatives tracker will be updated on a monthly basis and that a monthly email will be sent to the Town Council.

D. Site Visit to 151 Street and 153rd Street, between 57th Avenue & Miami Lakeway North

The Town Manager reported that the area visited had several things that need to be fixed. He said that specific plans to work on that area will come during the budget process.

E. Unsolicited Soccer Proposal

The Town Manager explained that in the January 5th Regular Council Meeting, the Town Council had given him the authority to look into a long term agreement with Miami Lakes Soccer Club "MLUSC" because the existing contract with them expires at the end of May and because the season typically begins in August and the Town is interested in doing a contract for the next five years beginning in August 2016.

Following that meeting, the Town Manager explained that the Town was approached by a representative for Soccer Development Group, which is a soccer club from Argentina and that they submitted an unsolicited proposal, which states that they will contribute \$53,000 towards the maintenance of the park facility at Royal Oaks Park. The current maintenance cost of the park is over \$40,000 a year and under the existing contract with MLUSC, the Town gets about \$6,000 a year.

The Town Manager explained that no contract was to be awarded at this meeting. The Town Manager said that he only wanted to get direction from the Town Council as to

whether to contemplate this proposal and any other proposal from anybody else who might be interested or to stay as they currently are. The Town Manager finished by explaining that he would like to have a final agreement in May to be ready for the start of the new soccer year in August.

Mr. Javi Vazquez, on behalf of Soccer Development Group gave some further explanation about the unsolicited proposal.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to reject the unsolicited bid and to move forward to come back with a multi-year contract with Miami Lakes United Soccer Club. The motion received a second from Councilman Cid. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-1, with Councilman Mingo voting in opposition.

Mayor Pizzi called for a short recess.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Sabal Palm Park

It was reported that the park provides marginal improvement to the Town. The Town will close the opening and that the resident can keep the park and maintain it.

B. Mayor Pizzi's litigation against the Town of Miami Lakes

The Town Attorney reported that the Insurance counsel and Mayor Pizzi's counsel are meeting and setting legal strategies. He also informed that Mayor Pizzi's legal team abated the litigation.

C. Charter Revision Commission

The Town Attorney informed that 95% of the Charter Revision Commission work is done. The Town Attorney informed that Town Council is the governing body that decides on setting the date to have an election on the Charter Review Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT:

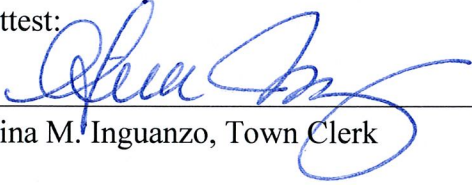
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of April 2016.



Michael A. Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk