

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**March 9, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Special Presentations took place prior to the commencement of the Regular Council Meeting.

The Town Council and staff wore blue in honor of the Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

The Town Council presented a Proclamation to resident Sean Schwinghammer, for his work creating awareness of Colon Cancer and proclaimed March 10<sup>th</sup> as Dress in Blue Day and National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Day in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez, on behalf of the Town Council, presented teacher Ms. Ana Soto Gonzalez along with her students from Barbara Goleman Senior High School with a certificate in recognition for their accomplishments in becoming one of the four final schools in the Eleventh Circuit of the 2020 Florida High School Mock Trial Competition.

Mayor Cid asked the Chair of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee (NIC), Rudy Lloredo, and all the committee members to come up to the podium to receive a Proclamation for the accomplishments regarding “2020 Bike 305 Municipality of the Year” by Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department. This award was presented to the Town of Miami Lakes because of the efforts of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee. Mr. Tom Morgan, from Miami Dade County was present during this special presentation and was recognized by Mayor Cid. Mr. Morgan thanked the Town of Miami Lakes for the partnership they have with the County regarding mobility and pedestrian friendly events and stated that Miami Lakes Rocks! Mayor Cid and the Town Council presented the NIC with the proclamation and proclaimed that March 9<sup>th</sup> is the 2020 Bike 305 Day in the Town of Miami Lakes.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Sean Schwinghammer led the invocation.

Ariel Fernandez was present via video and presented his meditation video from “Better You Minute”.

#### **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Civil Air Patrol of the Town of Miami Lakes did the Presentation of Colors.

#### **5. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Mayor Cid moved up Item 13A to be heard after Public Comments and asked for Dr. Hidalgo, to briefly provide a summary of information regarding COVID-19 virus before item 13A. Mayor Cid also pulled Item 10B to be deferred to the April 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 Regular Council Meeting and added a new business item, Item 13H, regarding State Representative Bryan Avila’s Bill. Councilmember Alvarez pulled Item 13C to be heard after Item 13C. Councilmember Dieguez moved Item 13E to be heard after 13A and asked for the Youth Activities Task Force report to be included as a Manager’s Report, because the Chair of YATF was at a HOA meeting and was joining the Regular Council Meeting at a later time. The Town Manager deferred Item 15A to be discussed at the April 21<sup>st</sup>, Regular Council Meeting. The Town Manager also asked the Town Council to afford him a few minutes to introduce and recognize the two new employees of the Town of Miami Lakes.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the Order of Business and the Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed in the Council Chambers of the Town of Miami Lakes.

Bonnie Cintron, came before the Town Council to express her concerns with Items 11A and 12B and her concern with the 15 million Line of Credit. She expressed her sentiments regarding the Town Council discussing and voting on the Line of Credit items, without first canvassing the taxpayers.

Eddie Blanco came before the Town Council to speak on behalf of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and requested that the item on the mobility fee be tabled so that the EDC could have a chance to review and discuss the item with Town staff and provide staff with feedback on the economic impact it might have to small businesses within the town. Also, he stated that he believes that although everyone needs to be heard, not everyone who comes to the podium represents the interest of all the community.

Dr. Ausberto Hidalgo came to the Town Council to provide an update on the CORONAVIRUS pandemic and the respiratory complications that it entails. He explained that it is not an airborne

virus but that it is spread thru the spread of droplets of saliva and he stated that the distance recommended between humans should be 7 feet apart from each other. He also recommended that washing your hands is crucial.

Written Public Comments:

Esperanza Hope Reynolds sent an email to the Town Clerk and it was distributed to the Town Council via email. Copies were made in case the public wanted to read it and her name was read into the record.

Mayor Cid called for a short break.

The Town Clerk called the roll at 7:20 pm and all were present to reconvene the meeting.

The Town Council then proceeded to discuss item 13A.

## **7. APPOINTMENTS:**

Alejandro Sanchez to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Carlos Alvarez.

Robert Ibarra to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee by Councilmember Luis Collazo

John Rogger to the Special Needs Advisory Board by Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez

David Gomez to the Special Needs Advisory Board by Councilmember Josh Dieguez

Glen Drezewicki to the Blasting Advisory Board by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano

Alejandro Sanchez to the Blasting Advisory Board by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano

Boris Foster to the Neighborhood Services District Section-1 by the Town Council

Dennis Polo to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano

Angela Medina to the Special Needs Advisory Board by Councilmember Luis Collazo

Mario Chavez to the Veterans Committee by Mayor Manny Cid

Councilmember Collazo moved to approve the appointments and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Special Needs Advisory Board**

Chairperson Ms. Vivian Levy introduced Ms. Helen Roldan, Researcher from the FIU Jorge M. Perez Metropolitan Center, who provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Special Needs Blueprint. The Chairperson also spoke about the SNAB projects.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

#### **B. Education Advisory Board**

Chairperson Hector Abad presented the committee report to the Town Council. Mayor Cid made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

#### **C. Neighborhood Improvement Committee**

Chairperson Rudy Lloredo presented the quarterly report to the Town Council. The Town Council thanked the NIC for their work.

#### **D. Veterans Committee**

Chairperson Nayib Hassan presented the report to the Town Council. The Town Council thanked the VC for their work.

#### **E. Youth Activities Task Force Committee**

At the beginning of the Regular Council Meeting, Councilmember Dieguez, on behalf of the YATF chair, had motioned to move item 8E to the Manager's Report section of the Agenda because of conflicting time schedules with the Chair. That change was approved during the New Order of Business. At this moment, Councilmember Dieguez moved for the YATF budget request to be heard during the Committee Reports Section of the Agenda, because the YATF Chair was back in Council Chambers and able to present the request. Thus, Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move up the Youth Activities Task Force Budget request, to be heard under Item 8E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. All were in favor.

Chair Tony Fernandez, on behalf of the committee, made a request to move \$1,149 that are left over from the Halloween line item into the Spring Fling line item. Vice Mayor motion to approve the budget request and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

### **9. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Approved on Consent.

#### **B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, SOLUTIONS AND RELATED PRODUCTS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES**

ADMINISTRATION (“GSA”) CONTRACT GS-07F-0031W WITH MILLENIUM PRODUCTS, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE 17-203 (THE TOWN’S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Councilmember Dieguez, as a courtesy to Councilmember Ruano’s inability to verbally speak due to prolong coughing, on behalf of Councilmember Ruano, motioned to re-open the Order of Business and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to remove item 9B from the Consent Calendar and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

Councilmember Ruano explained that she pulled the item because some residents communicated to her that they did not attend the Neighborhood Services District Committee (NSDC) meeting were the LPR’s to be installed had been approved, because they had not been aware of the meeting taking place. Councilmember Ruano stated for the record, that she was approving and voting in favor of this item, 9B, because the NSDC had voted to recommend to the Town Council to approve the item.

The Town Manager, as a point of information, explained that the NSDC meeting had been properly advertised in the Laker, in the Town Website and posted in the Town Bulletin board located in the lobby; thus, the committee was posted correctly. Councilmember Ruano acknowledge this and asked the Town Manager, moving forward, to please post the Public Notices of the Royal Oaks East-West Neighborhood Services Districts meetings at the entrance of each Guard Gate.

Homero Cruz, Member of Royal Oaks HOA and member of the Neighborhood Services Districts from Royal Oaks East-West, stated that the meeting in question had been legally advertised and that the NSDC had indeed voted 8-1 for the LPR’s to be installed.

After some discussion, Mr. Homero Cruz stated that the HOA Management Company will post a Public Notice on each guard gate. On this regard, Maria Barreto, Property Manager from the HOA Management Company, acknowledge that the company, moving forward, will be posting the Public Notices in the 4 entrance guard gates and asked Town Staff to notify her of all future meetings.

To this effect, Councilmember Collazo made a motion directing the Town Manager and Town Staff to work with the HOA’s, to post the Public Notices at the entrance of each neighborhood gate and to also instruct all the other Neighborhood Services Districts Committees in the town to do so as well. No second was needed because the Town Manager stated that sufficient direction was given to him and that Town Staff will work with the HOA Management Companies for this to done moving forward.

Councilmember J. Rodriguez moved to approve the resolution and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

## 10. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-254; AMENDING THE TOWN’S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Councilmember Collazo explained that rather than reallocating the surplus, he would like to conserve some of the funds and reconcile them to follow the austerity measures.

After providing an explanation, Councilmember Collazo made a motion amending the main motion. The amended motion is for the \$25,013 from the Donations from the Mayor’s Gala to remain intact; the \$17,203 from the Balances from projects that commenced but were not completed to remain intact; the \$24,000 from the Lobbyist Services to remain intact; the \$23,000 from the Professional Services to be moved to the \$131, 551.96 of the General Fund; the litigation expenses, he would move them and make them come out from the Litigation Reserve and he would like to table the \$35,000 from the Security Enhancement at Government Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated that the Security Enhancement at Government Center needed to be addressed. Councilmember Alvarez then asked the Town Manager to bring back quotes for the installation of card readers for elevators and quotes for second floor glass entry door, so that the Town Council can get more information and make a determination. Thus, the Town Manager suggested that in the second reading of the ordinance, the breakdown for security measures would come back as 5A and 5B with numbers attached to them.

Councilmember J. Rodriguez asked for the current balance in the Litigation Expenses Reserve Account. The Town Manager stated that the balance is \$ 342,500, prior to some invoices from the Pizzi case.

The Town Attorney stated that the Pizzi outstanding bills are \$8,000. He also stated that he would be requesting significant amount of money for the Litigation Expenses Reserve Account due to the Pizzi case and the bridges litigation case.

Councilmember Dieguez explained that regarding the Security Enhancement, in the December Commission on Ethics and Public Integrity Training, it was explained that when elected officials go to the restroom, they need to continue listening and be “plugged in” to the discussion held in Chambers, Thus he stated that some amount of money needs to be set aside for the audio improvement for the restrooms, to consider it in the next year’s budget, under Security Enhancements at the Government Center. Councilmember Dieguez also

reminded the Town Attorney that regarding legal bills received, the Town Council needs to review them before they are paid out.

The Town Clerk called the roll for Councilmember Collazo's amendment to the main motion and the amendment passed 7-0.

The Town Clerk then called the roll for the main motion, as amended, and including the motion done by Councilmember Alvarez to consider the Montrose item to repave from the pedestrian walkway south to Oaklane Road. The Ordinance in first reading, as amended, passed unanimously.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", AT ARTICLE VII, "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS" PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, INTENT AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was deferred to the April 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DRIVEWAYS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS ; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", AT ARTICLE V, "ALLOWABLE ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE REQUIRED YARDS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHTS" PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, INTENT AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the Ordinance in first reading. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the Ordinance in first reading passed unanimously.

## **11. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING:**

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A LOAN IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,000, IN THE FORM OF A NON-REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIQUIDITY FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE TO EVIDENCE AND SECURE THE LOAN; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR PROVIDED FOR IN A SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION AND A LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A COVENANT TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE NON-AD VALOREM REVENUES, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION; RATIFYING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PROCEED TO DEVELOP NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO AWARD AND ISSUE THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE AND TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

The Town Manager explained that this Ordinance suffered no changes from the one in first reading. He explained that this is the Ordinance awarding the line of credit, creating the structure within the Code that allows the Town of Miami Lakes to go out and seek a line of credit.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Ordinance in second reading. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-1; with Councilmember Alvarez voting in opposition and Councilmember Dieguez being absent.

## **12. RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19-251; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney read the title of the Resolution.

Councilmember Collazo requested a point of personal privilege and stated that item 12A has a COLA cost of living adjustment for Town staff; he stated that he is married to a staff member, so he recused himself from voting in order to make sure that there is no appearance of impropriety.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to approve the resolution and it was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 6-0. Councilmember Collazo had recused himself.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, WITH ATTACHMENTS, AUTHORIZING A LOAN IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,000, IN THE FORM OF A TAXABLE NON-REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT FROM BANKUNITED, N.A. (THE "LENDER") FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIQUIDITY FINANCING IN RESPONSE TO DISASTER AND EMERGENCY OCCURRENCES ONLY, AS FURTHER DETAILED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN; MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS TO SAID NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE; ACCEPTING



THE LENDER'S PROPOSAL TO MAKE A LOAN TO THE TOWN AND PURCHASE THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF EXECUTION OF THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE; APPROVING THE FORM OF A LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH THE LENDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE; AUTHORIZING OTHER REQUIRED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney read the title of the Resolution.

The Town Manager presented the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Albert del Castillo, Bond Attorney, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the resolution and it was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Cid made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 pm. It was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2020-09, STATE LOBBYING SERVICES TO THE SOUTHERN GROUP AND, SUN CITY STRATEGIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR IN SUBSEQUENT TERMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney read the title of the Resolution.

The Town Manager presented the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council. The Town Manager explained that an additional \$24,000 would be funded to the balance of this fiscal year for lobbying services; \$12,000 would be funded, \$2,000 each month for the remaining 6 months to Southern Strategies and same type of arrangements to be negotiated with Sun City Strategies; they both will work together and coordinate their efforts.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve as per the Town Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0, with Councilmember Ruano being absent.

### **13. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **A. Bob Graham Education Center Civic Engagement Academy (Cid)**

Students from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade CEA of Bob Graham Education Center presented to the Town Council their proposal to lower the voting age from 18 years to 17 years of age and for this to apply only to Municipal elections. The students answered questions posed by the Town Council. The teacher, Ms. Ramos, explained that the students were asking for the Town Council's blessing so that they could present this item to the Supervisor of Elections of Miami Dade County by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Cid motioned to pass a resolution in approval for 17 years old persons to vote in local elections, to pass their project, their idea, so that the students can have an opportunity to discuss the resolution with the Supervisor of Elections of Miami Dade County, as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. The Town Clerk Called the roll and the motion passed, 4-3, encouraging the CEA students to propose their suggestions to the Miami-Dade County Elections Department. Councilmembers Collazo, Dieguez and Ruano voted in opposition.

#### **B. Updates on 170<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and 154<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (Ruano)**

Councilmember Ruano requested an update from the Town Attorney regarding the street bridges on NW 170<sup>th</sup> and on NW 154<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, reported that City of Hialeah is willing to sit down with the Town of Miami Lakes and participate in a mediation conference; he stated that the County has not responded despite the Town of Miami Lakes having reached out to them in person.

The Town Attorney explained in detail the geography of NW 170<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the canal that goes along 170<sup>th</sup>, once you get to the other side of I-75, everything south of the canal is under the jurisdiction of Hialeah; everything north of the canal is where the County has jurisdiction. He stated that 170<sup>th</sup> seems to start on the south side of the canal in Hialeah, then it crosses over the canal, then comes over the bridge into Miami Lakes. The City of Hialeah has jurisdiction over their portion on its side to the canal; a prior developer to Lennar had an agreement with the City of Hialeah to develop 170<sup>th</sup> all the way to the Town of Miami Lakes. The Town of Miami Lakes was not part of that agreement.

He also explained that when it comes over the bridge, 170<sup>th</sup> bridge belongs to FDOT and that the area between the bridge and the Town of Miami Lakes on the northern part, belongs to the Town of Miami Lakes. He stated that FDOT did issue a permit to Lennar Corporation to build out the 170<sup>th</sup> bridge; that the County is not constructing on 170<sup>th</sup>. The Town Attorney stated that there has been no official statement from FDOT on their position regarding the opening of the 170<sup>th</sup> bridge.

Regarding the NW154th, The Town Attorney stated that he understands that FDOT is willing to let the Town of Miami Lakes build the lineal park. Councilmember Ruano asked the Town Attorney to reach out to FDOT and inquire about their official position regarding both bridges.

### **C. Potholes on Montrose 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Alvarez)**

Councilmember Alvarez's item was for the Town Manager to seek alternate funds to resurface and repave the NW 82nd Avenue, to include the re-stripping of the crosswalk to access Mary Collins Community Center and Picnic Park West. Councilmember Alvarez stated that he met with the Town Manager during his Agenda Briefing and asked Carlos Acosta, Public Works Director, to come to the podium and elaborate on this item.

Carlos Acosta explained that the Public Works Department, through the maintenance program, is repairing the gutters, doing some sidewalk repairs as well and adding some two new pedestrian ramps. Once the two new ramps are placed, the department will be milling and resurfacing a portion of that crosswalk (about 100 lineal feet of asphalt) and re-stripping the crosswalk.

He stated that the cost of the scope of work to repave with 1 inch of asphalt from south of the pedestrian crosswalk all the way to Oaklane Road is: \$38,000, and without mobilization the cost would be \$34,829. He also provided the cost of the scope of work to do the entire road, from 154 to Oaklane would be approximately \$140,000, and without mobilization the cost would be \$138,000.

The Town Manager added that there is no funding identified to accomplish neither of the two options presented.

After discussion, Councilmember Alvarez made a motion requesting the Town Council to consider, once the budget item 10A comes before them, to repave from the pedestrian walkway south to Oaklane Road. Mayor Cid seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-1; with Councilmember J. Rodriguez voting in opposition.

### **D. Code Enforcement Courtesy Notices (N. Rodriguez)**

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Mike Mesa, Town of Miami Lakes Building Official, answered questions posed by the Town Council regarding deadlines and courtesy notices. He clarified residents' timeframe to complete code enforcement violations. Vice Mayor Rodriguez gave direction to make sure that when a courtesy notice has multiple violations, for code enforcement to state a detailed deadline for each violation. The Building Official accepted the request and no motion was needed.

### **E. Use of Town Hall for MLBA Candidates (Dieguez)**

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion for the Town Council to allow Council Chambers in Town Hall to be used by the Miami Lakes Bar Association to host the Candidate Forum taking place in early June. It was explained that it would be for the Judicial candidates and for candidates seeking position locally. It is a reception for them to mingle and not a debate. The motion passed and all were in favor.

#### **F. Federal Legislative Priorities (Cid)**

Mayor Cid made a motion to formally adopt our federal legislative priorities and pass a resolution were the fees and interest from a loan on disaster line-of-credit becomes a FEMA reimbursable. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Councilmember Ruano was absent.

#### **G. NW 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Lines (Cid)**

Mayor Cid explained that some residents have been reaching out to him regarding the concerns of the new NW 67th Avenue painted road lines. The Town Manager explained that once the asphalt has been cured, the permanent heavy line striping can be applied to the road. This will also apply to the Windmill Gate intersection.

Carlos Acosta, Public Works Director, stated that with any lane configuration, there is always some confusion. He explained that the hatch lines are necessary to guide the divers and that it can't be removed. He mentioned that the paving markings were being done tonight. Councilmember Collazo suggested to wait to see what the product is and how the matchings were made and determine if they need to revisit this again in the future. Mayor Cid agreed with his suggestion and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to extend the meeting to midnight. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and all were in favor.

#### **H. State Representative Bryan Avila's Bill (Cid)**

Mayor Cid explained that State Representative Bryan Avila is working on passing a Bill in the Florida Legislature, where instead of all the bed tax and the tourist development tax going to Miami Beach and other organizations, a portion would stay in the municipalities to be used for 4 different categories: Pubic Works, Infrastructure, Tourism and Marketing and Parks and Trails.

Mayor Cid made a motion to pass a resolution supporting the State Representative's Bill, to reform the tourist development tax and convention development tax. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and all were in favor.

#### **14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

None.

#### **15. MANAGER'S REPORTS**

##### **A. Feral Cats Report**

Deferred to the April 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

##### **B. Town Manager Monthly Police Report**

Town Major, Javier Ruiz, provided the monthly crime report to the Town Council. He stated that they finished the moth with decreases in larcenies, assaults and residential burglaries - yet a minor increase in auto thefts and commercial burglaries. He spoke about the COVID-19 virus and that his department will reach out to the AFL's in our community and encourage proper behavior to limit spreading the virus to the community and specially to the most vulnerable in the community.

##### **C. Introduction of New Town Employees**

The Town Manager introduced Mike Zayas, the New Transportation Manager and Andy Lopez, Parks and Athletic Management.

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

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, stated that the Valiente matter is being handled by the Insurance Company; he mentioned that he has \$8,075 in bills that need to get paid regarding the Pizzi matter.

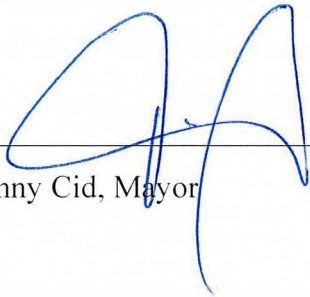
Councilmember Collazo made a motion to transfer \$8,075 from the Litigation Reserve to pay the Outstanding Legal fees for the Pizzi meeting. Councilmember J. Rodriguez seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

The Deputy Town Attorney presented to the Town Council the recently drafted Resolution on Item 13A, for the Town Council's review. Councilmember J. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the Resolution in support of Item 13A. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid. Shortly thereafter, the Town Council decided to review the resolution at a later date.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 pm.

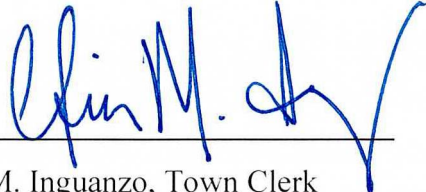
Approved this 21st day of April 2020



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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk