

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
July 13, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Cid welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Cid called up the Chairman of Veteran's Committee, Mr. Michael Coote and committee members to present the awards to the sponsors. Mr. Coote proceeded to speak about events that the committee was able to do during the last months and thanked the sponsors for their donations. He then began to recognize those that donated to the committee and handed them each a plaque, as a token of appreciation. After presenting the awards, Mayor Cid thanked the committee, sponsors and veterans for their hard work and their commitment with the community.

Mayor Cid then proceeded to call up State Representatives Alex Rizo and Tom Fabricio. State Representative Tom Fabricio explained that his goal was to bring back money for each municipality in District 103 -which he got done alongside State Representative Rizo, through an appropriations project. They both went to Tallahassee for the first year and worked with State Senator Manny Diaz to secure an addition to the drainage project in Royal Oaks. Both State Representatives presented the Town with a \$440,000 check and the Town Council thanked them for it.

Vice Mayor Collazo then proceeded to honor those graduating with special needs after a challenging year and Councilwoman Ruano then thanked everyone for their support and acknowledged how tough school can be and how proud she is very proud of those that graduated with special needs Vice Mayor Collazo then called up Clarimar Zeledon, who then thanked everyone and expressed how proud she is for Gigi's Playhouse and all they have accomplished. Vice Mayor Collazo recognized Sophia Cardoso, Councilmember Ruano recognized Johnny Linares, Councilmember Dieguez recognized Kysean Anthony Thompson, and Councilmember Fernandez recognized Sarah Brun. Vice Mayor Collazo then mentioned that the Mayor's Gala supports the Special Needs Advisory Board.

Mayor Cid then proceeded to recognize students for their hard work in the Martial Arts Karate Program. Mayor Cid recognized Anthony Smith, Councilmember Ruano recognized Brenda Mujica, Councilmember Dieguez recognized Brigette Prim and Councilmember Fernandez recognized Abraham Mujica.

Mayor Cid spoke kind words about Ms. Martha Diaz, long-time Executive Director of the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Cid mentioned that she passed away recently and presented a proclamation to the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce, for her many years of great work with the Chamber and for her legacy. Vice Mayor Collazo and Mayor Cid read out

loud the proclamation and proclaimed July 13th, 2021, as the Martha Diaz Day. Ms. Magaly Rubio, Mr. Fred Senra and other members of the Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce, spoke highly about Ms. Diaz and for her commitment to her work and to our town.

Mayor Cid then recognized Carlos, David Leyva, and Miguel Diaz for their hard work with PharmaNatural and presented a proclamation to them for World Fragile X Day. Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid then read out the proclamation and proclaimed July 22nd as the World Fragile X Day in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Once this section of the RCM Agenda was concluded, Mayor Cid asked for a 2 minute recess.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:44 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez and Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez were absent.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Anthony Dieguez led the first prayer and Mr. Fred Senra led the second prayer.

Mr. Ariel Fernandez from Better You Minute, led a moment of mediation via YouTube.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

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

Councilmember Fernandez asked for Item 12A to be discussed after Special Presentations. Vice Mayor Collazo asked for Item 14A to be included as part of the Veteran's Committee Report, Item 8C. Councilmember Ruano asked for Items 14D, 14E, and 16B to be discussed jointly. Councilmember Dieguez motioned to move the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and the motion passed. Mayor Cid, Councilmember Alvarez, and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed during public meetings.

Mr. Angelo Garcia came to the Town Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came looking for feedback on information he heard about a hospital coming to Miami Lakes on 154th St. and 87th Ave. He stated that it would be detrimental to our neighborhood and cause more gridlock traffic. He advised the Town Council to think carefully before proceeding.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Town Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She came to speak about there not being a need for another government grant for a Safe Route to School in the Bob Graham area. She stated that the Safe Route to School from the elementary to junior high was a waste of funds and the existing sidewalks were more than enough. She asked to stop acquiring grants for the town as she believes they do more harm than good. Ms. Cintron then stated that it's best to consider a moratorium on development because the town population and traffic is at a max. She stated that the Town should focus more on the flooding and traffic issues and less on multimodal transportation. Then she stated the Town should make more of an effort on plans to get access to I-75 without opening the bridges. She believes that it should be brought to the attention that the FAA in Opa-Locka is wide rather than narrow and that it exposes homes to low flying airplanes. She also mentioned that she is still waiting on the cul de sacs to get upgraded and then stated that money should not be spent on fixing Optimist Park if it doesn't belong to the town. Ms. Cintron concluded her comments by stating that she hopes the Town would listen and include the residents more when it comes to their ideas before taking any action.

Mr. Miguel Martinez came to the Town Council and participated in-person public comments. He stated that a few items needed to be recognized. First, he stated that there was a chair meeting a few months ago where an item about the process of vetting members was requested to be addressed in tonight's agenda and it is not in the agenda. Mr. Martinez then mentioned that these items requested were unanimously approved by the Town Council but aren't there starting with the Town Website. He stated that it was requested for the Website to have a sign a letter written by the Mayor to the President of the United States and that it is still not on there. Then he mentioned that a PDF form filler for the Chief Financial Officer for complaints and the form was converted as requested however, the process to submit is still has not been done. Then he stated that there are meeting rooms in Town Hall not being used due to the lack of web cameras, so he is requesting that the Town purchase more web cameras. Vice Mayor Collazo assured Mr. Martinez that his concerns and requests were heard in the Chair Meeting and that the items would be addressed in a later meeting.

Mr. Bryan Moreira came to the Town Council and participated in-person public comments. He introduced himself as the President of the Satori Homeowner's Association and brought up the proposed hospital. He expressed his opinion and stated that a building of that size should not be built in a place surrounded by single family homes all around. He stated it would cause noise and invade the privacy of residents' backyards. He stated the structure would kill property values in Satori. He expressed concerns of expanding 154th Street for this hospital and destroying the land. He concluded by expressing his concerns that the bridge park would not get built instead it would be used for vehicle traffic.

Mr. Josh Rios came to the Town Council and participated in-person public comments. He spoke in support of Councilmember Josh Dieguez' resolution in support of what is going on in Cuba. He stated most people in Miami-Dade are Cuban and people need to stand in solidarity with the situation in Cuba. He mentioned what is going on in Cuba is not because of vaccines or lack of

food but it is because of the many years of communist dictatorship. He wanted to address it how it is, and not like what President Biden is stating. Therefore, he supported Councilmember Dieguez' item and stated that he believes other municipalities should be drafting similar resolutions.

Ms. Toro came to the Town Council and participated in-person public comments. She stated she has always lived next to military structures and medivac helicopters, and that she understands its purpose; however, she wanted to bring awareness on the effects of the proposed hospital next to Satori. She noticed the plan included a helipad and believes there are consequences to it being in this urban area such as not having the proper space requirements. She stated the tile roofing and objects in the backyard may become airborne and cause injuries near the homes. She also stated the winds from the helicopter will cause homes to experience vibrations and damage which would drive up the insurance costs. She concluded her comments by adding that the homeowners would lose privacy from a high standing building.

Mrs. Claudia Luces came to the Town Council and participated in-person public comments. She began by her comments by expressing her concerns with the topic of the Optimist Park Improvement Project and the communication issues. She wonders why after two and a half years there's still no park design options. She stated that back in May 2019 she was told that the 17 million dollars for this project was not an accurate number, and that Town Staff would bring back options for the park, she also stated that she holds the Town Council accountable for not following through on this project. She also mentioned that back in 2017, there was a letter from Mayor Cid to Chairwoman Tabares Hantman, expressing a 4-million-dollar improvement – and now we are at 17 million. Ms. Luces then asked the Town Council -who made the decision to submit a 17 million dollars design to Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She thanked those working on her large public records request for answers to this project. She also mentioned that in the last few months, 5 employees from the Building Department have left their positions. Vice Mayor Collazo provided feedback stating that the discussion of the 17 million design will be brought to the attention of the Town Council in an August workshop.

There being no one else in Council Chambers wanting to participate in the in-person Public Comments section of the Agenda, the Town Clerk proceeded to read the names of the online participants and asked if they would like to speak

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds participated via Remote Public Comments. She wanted to use her time to pray for those in Miami Lakes who are grieving and those in Cuba who are struggling with no medical attention. She prayed for the governed everywhere. She asked the clock to run for her three minutes and allow everyone to elevate a prayer.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Jorge Colina to the Blasting Advisory Board by Mayor Manny Cid.

Mr. Bryan Morera to the Blasting Advisory Board by Mayor Manny Cid.

Mr. Rafael de la Vega to the Blasting Advisory Board by Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez.

Ms. Alexandra Alonso to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Ms. Jackie Vaquer to the Education Advisory Board by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Mr. Francisco Tollinche to the Special Needs Advisory Board by Councilmember Tony Fernandez.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the appointments and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Sports Hall of Fame

Chairman Roman Garcia accompanied by committee member Jim Hamilton presented to the Town Council, the committee report. Chairman Garcia explained that due to Covid-19, the June 2020 induction got cancelled. Therefore, he asked to reschedule the Class of 2020 induction to be held on for December 4th 2021 at 6 PM at the Miami Lakes Optimist Park venue where the hall of fame is located.

Chairman Garcia also mentioned he wants the event to be bigger and feels as though they outgrew the hall at Optimist Park. With that being said, Chairman Garcia asked for an increase in the budget for the next fiscal year of 2022. He is asking the budget increase from \$400 to \$1000 to help make the event grow. Along with the budget increase, Chairman Garcia mentioned they lost their current title sponsor and will be adding a new one to add alongside current sponsors. He stated the sponsorship money would also help the event. His vision for the event is to move it outside in a tent and open it to the public rather than just the members of the committee. Chairman Garcia mentioned that the Class of 2021 had no nominations due to the pandemic and therefore it was pushed out and the next class would be Class of 2022. Finally, Chairman Garcia again asked for permission to hold the induction event for the Class of 2020 on December 4th.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the Class of 2020 event and it was seconded by Councilmember Josh Dieguez. The motion passed and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

Mayor Cid asked Jim Hamilton to tell everyone how long he has been volunteering in the community since he is the longest active volunteer in Miami Lakes history. Mr. Hamilton stated he has been volunteering since 1973 and Mayor Cid thanked him for giving back to his community.

B. Youth Activities Task Force

Chairman Brian Rodriguez thanked everyone, especially his members and volunteers for the hard work over the past year with the pandemic. After that, he proceeded to present the committee report. Chairman Rodriguez requested to move all funds left in the budget to the last event of the budget year which will be the End of Summer Bash.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the moving of funds for the End of Summer Bash and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Councilmember Ruano had a question regarding future activities. She asked if the town will be going back to regularly scheduled activities in the parks or are they sticking to the new events that got altered due to Covid. Chairman Rodriguez replied saying he would have to bring it up with the committee, but that it looks like they would be going back to normal, and some new events could possibly stay due to turn outs. He stated old events may just be rebranded as new ones. Councilmember Ruano replied by saying she loved the old events and how everyone would gather in public places and stated that she is not a fan of the parades and thanked him for the hard work.

The motion passed and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

C. Veterans Committee

Chairman Michael Coote addressed the Town Council and thanked the Town for their support. Chairman Coote then asked IT to play the video made for the Banner Tribute Campaign and once the video clip finished, he presented the report. Chairman Coote started off by stating they have had the following events: Arbor Day event, Banner Campaign, and he also mentioned the future recognition events to the 9/11 event, Veteran's Day Parade and the Jingle Bell Jog. Chairman Coote mentioned that the VC would like for the Veteran's Day Parade to end at Picnic Park West and have food trucks and music there as well, to make it a whole day full event celebration. Also, regarding the Jingle Bell Jog, to have it on December 12th.

Chairman Coote presented two proposals; one being renaming Picnic Park West to Veterans Park which is supported by Vice Mayor Collazo, on his New Business Item 14A. Vice Mayor Collazo then made a motion to rename the Picnic Park West to Miami Lakes Veterans Park and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Mayor Manny Cid then made an amended motion to name the rooms inside Picnic Park West to be named either Civic Association Hall or Slaton Hall. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the friendly amendment. After some discussion, it was decided for the main rooms 1 & 2, to be named Slaton Hall and for the other 2 rooms (room 3 & 4) to be named Civic Association. The Deputy Town Attorney reminded the Town Council that whenever a naming of a building takes places, it must be done via public hearing. After the discussion, the motion passed, and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

Mayor Cid suggested to Chairman Coote to keep some of the Jingle Bell Jog proceeds to help the committee do things rather than donating it all. Also, Councilmember Ruano added that she would love some type of work of art or memorial at the park so all residents can see the change and identify the park as Veterans Park. Something that could be installed at the park such as art in public spaces. Chairman Coote agreed with all the suggestions. The main motion of Vice Mayor Collazo passed unanimously.

Town Council and Town Staff had a discussion relating to future meetings and budgets for the town and committees. It was mentioned that the review of the Committee Rules will take place at the next Quarterly Chair Committee Meeting and that sufficient time would be allocated for this to be addressed at the meeting. Afterwards, Councilmember Ruano had one more request for the committee which was to create a list of the veterans and facts about each to give out to the town, perhaps an educational booklet. Chairman Coote believed it was an idea that could happen. Councilmember Fernandez also added that this educational information about each veteran can also be made available thru QRCode. Chairman Coote agreed with all the

suggestions given. Cid then made a motion to approve the entire committee report. The motion passed and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

D. Education Advisory Board

Chairman Hector Abad presented to the Town Council, the committee report. Chairman Abad mentioned they presented Miami Lakes middle with their check.

Moving along to the allocated Satori funds, Chairman Abad stated they are waiting on Barbara Goleman Senior High and other schools on the list to present their request.

Chairman Abad requested for the approval of \$856 from the extra teaching supplement account at Miami Lakes Middle to be transferred to the supplies account.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the committee report and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo. The motion passed and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Rodriguez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Introduction of the new CIP Manager was deferred to next month due to a family emergency.
- B. Introduction of The Youth and Team Program Coordinator, Mr. Austin Tubbs, was done by Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun. Mr. Tubbs has already brought in funds and grants within the short time of being part of the Town. Vice Mayor Collazo recognized Mr. Tubbs hard work at the Father's Day fishing event and the Town Council welcomed him.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0; and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - June 8, 2024 RCM

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESOLUTION CREATING A SEPTIC TO SEWER TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT), REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FOR BOB GRAHAM EDUCATION CENTER, RFQ 2020-18R TO KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND 00/100. (\$55,992.00); 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.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRICULUM SET FORTH IN FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 5; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE DEPLOYMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WIDE LICENSE PLATE READER DEVICES; REQUESTING THE ENDORSEMENT FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTYWIDE LICENSE PLATE READER DEVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING WORK ORDERS PURSUANT TO RFQ 2017-32(K) FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES, WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 16/100 (\$223,246.16) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORM WATER PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN 4 MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WORK ORDERS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE VI OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCE, CREATING DIVISION 3, TITLED "SHORT TERM RENTALS"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Councilmember Fernandez moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; DELETING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE V OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND CREATING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 13-1704 TITLED "GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item and explained that it is moving what exists in section 4 of the code to section 13 where it is easier to access requirements part of the land development code.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading, and it was seconded by Mayor Cid.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-0; Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Rodriguez, and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, OF THE TOWN CODE, CREATING ARTICLE VII, TITLED EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, 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.

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

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item and explained that this ordinance will provide clear direction in the Town Code as far as how managing emergencies work.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading, and it was seconded by Mayor Cid.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

- D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING, ADOPTING, A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATES FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SECURITY GUARD AND MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Vice Mayor Collazo moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading, and it was seconded by Dieguez.

Town Manager Pidermann recommended that the Town Council approve the non-ad valorem special roll, listed in Exhibit A and the proposed FY 2021-22 assessment rates for the active security guard and multipurpose maintenance areas that were listed in Exhibit B. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-1, with Mayor Cid voting in opposition; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”, ARTICLE V “ ALLOWABLE ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE REQUIRED YARDS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHTS” ,

SECTION 13-1508 “DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING SPACES” ; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Town Manager Edward Pidermann read the title of the ordinance into the record.

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

Councilmember Fernandez gave the floor to the students from the Miami Lakes Middle Legal Studies Academy. Student Jocelyn Hernandez joined by classmates Gabriela Vega and Mauritz Acosta prepared a PowerPoint presentation to update the Town Council on their policy in second reading about permeable pavers.

Councilmember Fernandez moved to adopt the ordinance in second reading as recommended by staff, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

The Mayor and Council thanked the students on their hard work and dedication.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE FROM TIME TO TIME OF STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS THE TOWN SHALL HEREAFTER DETERMINE BY SERIES RESOLUTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN’S STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE FIRST SERIES OF SUCH STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND ADDITIONAL SERIES OF STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS TO PAY ALL OR PART OF THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN’S STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM AND FOR REFUNDING PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF OTHER TYPES OF STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM DEBT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS, OTHER DEBT AND THE INTEREST THEREON FROM THE PLEDGED FUNDS, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; SETTING FORTH THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE HOLDERS OF SUCH BONDS AND OTHER DEBT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Town Manager Edward Pidermann explained that this resolution would be the final step to market the sale of 15.5 million dollars in stormwater bonds.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to move the item and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Vice Mayor Collazo asked when the retail period will be available and financial advisor, Ms. Lourdes Abadin replied saying that Clarisell de Cardenas, Communications & Community Affairs Director, put an advertisement out for residents to contact brokers and open accounts no later than next Monday because Ms. Abadin expected bonds to go on sale by Wednesday or Thursday of next week. The information on who to contact to buy was put in the Miami Laker as well.

Mayor Cid, Ms. Abadin, and Mr. Albert del Castillo provided guidance on this matter and answered questions posed by the Town Council regarding the investments and yield of the municipal bond. Mayor Cid emphasized that the interest of the Town Council has always been on the democratization of the Municipal Bond process so that our residents – if they are interest- can invest in the project. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION, AND UPON AGREEMENT, THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-YEAR PILOT DOCKLESS MOBILITY PROGRAM WITH MICROMOBILITY PROVIDER(S); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LICENSE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LICENSE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to move the item and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Vice Mayor Collazo commended Mr. Mike Zayas, Transportation Planning Manager, on his diligent work towards this resolution and for always making sure that the Town is protected; that his primary goal was to bring the safest practices into the pilot program and to offer multiple modes of transportation to our residents.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND UNITING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT JOIN AND SUPPORT THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, AND ASSEMBLY; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution was not reflected in the published Agenda because it was filed late. Mayor Cid motioned to waive the Special Rules of Order and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item and explained this resolution is to give support to Cubans and make it clear to the federal government that it is expected of them to act and assist those fighting for freedom in Cuba. This also should encourage other municipalities to do the same. This situation is unprecedented and that it is important for us to do our part and that we should all speak with one force.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move the item and it was seconded by Mayor Cid.

Councilmember Ruano added that it needs to be made clear the situation in Cuba about being a national security risk to us and how Cubans are suffering and that communism is only 90 miles away from the USA. Councilmember Fernandez also supported Councilmember Dieguez and he stated that he believes that they should all work together and use their position to voice the opinions of those that cannot. Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Ruano requested to be a co-sponsor to this resolution and Vice Mayor Collazo also chimed in and asked on behalf of them all to co-sponsor and support Cuba. He thanked Councilmember Dieguez for this resolution and Mayor Cid added that they will advocate for those in Cuba and for those that have no voice.

The motion passed 5-0 and all were in favor; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Renaming of Miami Lakes Picnic Park West to Miami Lakes Veterans Park (Collazo)

This item was discussed during the discussion of Item 8C, the Veterans Committee Report.

B. Recurring Unauthorized Dissemination of Town Events etc. on Social and News Media (Ruano)

Councilmember Ruano presented her item and explained that there have been many instances where information is being disseminated without the approval of the Town Council. She stated that the Town Council takes a lot of heat when unauthorized information gets let out. She asked the legal team if there was a way to curtail unauthorized disseminated information. Councilmember Ruano asked her fellow colleagues that when they speak to residents, that they need to make it very clear to the residents that they need to come to this governing body first, that anything that they want to do first needs to go thru Town Staff, thru the Legal Department and then it needs to get the approval of the Town Council. Mr. Gastesi added there are rules in place prohibiting this behavior and that a process needs to be followed.

Councilmember Dieguez added it would be a good idea to remind committees at the sunshine meetings that they act as advisory boards to the Town Council. Also, that no

committee request should be accepted 15 days before the Regular Council Meeting, in order to improve the Town's procedure. Also, that no committee member should be running around with the Town shirts, unless it's a committee event. Councilmember Fernandez also agreed it needs to be addressed however he doesn't want to violate their individual rights to speak out and express themselves.

Vice Mayor Collazo then said this situation is an ongoing process of educating new members as they come and make them aware of the rules. Mayor Cid agreed and then spoke on the topic of P3's and how public proposals should be spoken about publicly. The Deputy Town Attorney also spoke about the P3's and mentioned that Town Staff is tackling the P3s's received and once ready, they will be presented to the Town Council.

Councilmember Ruano concluded her item by stating that she is all in favor of the P3's and that she welcomes everyone who wants to partner with us to bring funding to the town. That all she wants is for the messaging to be from the Town of Miami Lakes.

There was no motion or vote that took place.

C. Stormwater Improvements (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained it is a serious project and feels as though there should be a timeline for the Stormwater Improvement program.

Mayor Cid then made a motion for Town Staff to report back to the Town Council with a clear timeframe on this project. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

D. Joint Use Agreement of MDC Public Schools and MLOP (Ruano)

This item was discussed jointly with Item 14E and Item 16B.

E. Wooden Poles at Miami Lakes Optimist Park (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained he is concerned about the condition of the wooden poles donated to the Optimist Park back in the 1970s.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to make this one of the first items discussed at the workshop. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

F. Stormwater Vac Truck (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that our stormwater vac truck is constantly out for service and that the Town has one from a private company; however, Mayor Cid would like to move in a direction to either purchase or lease one. Mayor Cid also explained that he

would love to address performance pay for employees in the next budget cycle because they are deserving of it and not necessarily COLA.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct staff to begin making plans to either purchase or lease a stormwater vac truck. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fernandez then mentioned that the replacement of the vac truck is already in the stormwater master plan on the operational side. He believes it would be beneficial to accelerate the plan. Town Manager Pidermann then said he would work with Public Works and come back with options to make it happen.

All were in favor, Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Redistricting (Cid)

Mayor Cid explained that with the amount of growth out West of I-75 it could change the Town's school board district, commission district, and possibly the congressional district depending on how the lines get drawn. Mayor Cid mentioned this could possibly transform the seats in our community as well and he wanted to share this with everyone.

B. Miami-Dade Considers Building Reform (Cid)

Vice Mayor Collazo then made a motion to waive 15B. Councilmember Fernandez seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid explained that the County is looking into creating a committee with more power in terms of changing the code, inspectors, etc. The committee would possibly oversee every building department in Miami-Dade County.

Councilmember Ruano asked if anything regarding unpermitted work has been mentioned. Mayor Cid then replied to Councilmember Ruano by saying that the County will talk about everything especially life safety issues when it comes to creating the committee.

Councilmember Fernandez then stated he wants to make sure they look at blasting and its affects on structures. Mayor Cid said he has discussed this with the Blasting Advisory Board Chairman.

Then, Vice Mayor Collazo asked if we currently have any buildings with outstanding 40-year recertifications in Miami Lakes. Mayor Cid replied that there are 14 building that have have gotten notices from the Town. Mayor Cid also mentioned that the Building Department is working on compiling a list that came back with issues and how many days they have to fix them. The Town Manager stated that the list will be ready by the end of the week.

Vice Mayor Collazo and Mayor Cid then thanked Mr. Danny Angel for all his hard work over the years in all his positions and getting these things done.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Mr. Omar Santos Baez, acting Public Works Director, provided the monthly infrastructure report. Mr. Baez mentioned the Safe Routes to School for Bob Graham Educational Center has been approved and will be proceeding once documentation is done.

Mr. Baez also mentioned the West Lakes Drainage project is under construction and a little over 75% complete. It is anticipated to be done by the end of August, weather permitting. He also stated the 83rd Place drainage design is anticipated to be sent to County for review later this month. Then, he mentioned the streetlights improvement project final package is expected back later this month.

Next, Mr. Baez stated that Fairway Drive midway crossing was approved by the County for the warrant analysis and the plans were updated and resubmitted for approval. He also mentioned the Montrose plans were submitted to the County and are awaiting final approval to proceed. Finally, Mr. Baez stated about 7400 linear feet of sidewalks have been repaired which is more than any past year.

Mayor Cid then said he hopes to get a good opinion soon from the Town Attorneys about the Montrose project because he believes it must get done as soon as possible since it has a lot to do with life safety. Mayor Cid stated that this project should have been done months ago – that the Town Attorneys have to reach out to the County and emphasize that we want to improve an exiting crosswalk that is maintained by the Town- that the County is not doing anything and that the Town Attorneys need to take care of this now.

Vice Mayor Collazo then asked if any issues like the East Safe Routes to School are going to occur and could they be mitigated since the design services just got approved. Mr. Baez replied saying they don't anticipate any issues however, if any occurred, they would limit any impact to the canopy.

B. Monthly Report on Miami Lakes Optimist Park (Bajdaun)

Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, Parks & Recreation Director, provided the monthly report on Miami Lakes Optimist Park and this item is including items 14D and 14E as well. He mentioned they have received the updated JUA regarding the Covid guidelines and implementations. He added the amendments are finalized and will be sent out shortly. Moving along, Mr. Bajdaun said they are finalizing the purchase for reusable dugouts in the Pinto fields. He also mentioned they are bringing forth a resolution next month regarding sole source material rather than what was presented originally because it is cheaper.

Councilmember Ruano then asked regarding the progress made with the JUA and the design that will be proposed and if the price tag attached will be 17 million dollars or not. Town Manager Pidermann replied by saying there the design is only an exhibit – that design has no price on it because the School Board does not care how much the project will cost. He emphasized that there is no design that has been approved, that the design will be approved by

the Town Council in the future. He explained that Town Staff has been tweaking with the School Board on the text of the JUA and parallel to this, that Town Staff has been tweaking about the design for MLOP. Therefore, it is of their intent to have a workshop in late August or early September where multiple design options will be provided to the Town Council; with price tags and ways to pay for it will be discussed amongst all of the Council and some Town Staff. Town Manager Pidermann also mentioned that Town Staff will provide you with a timeline, with an estimate of what the voter education program will cost if we have a bond issuance and explain to the residents how they will be impacted and make it tangible.

Councilmember Ruano expressed concerns related to the School Board and why the Town Staff proceeded with the negotiations of the JUA including the design addendum that included the 17 million option. Town Manager Pidermann explained why Town Staff proceeded with the full design rather than phases. Councilmember Ruano then asked who from Town Staff decided to include that design addendum in the JUA negotiations. Town Manager Pidermann explained that they gave the School Board the full design in an effort for the School Board to see everything and make sure that nothing in that design would not be approved by the School Board later. The Town Manager explained that the School Board has seen the “full monty design” and now Town Staff can work back from the design- if that is the will of the Town Council. Regarding the Covid additions, Mr. Bajdaun said it would not be more costly, that it was simply to put protocols in place. A discussion then took place about concerns for the cleaning protocols.

Vice Mayor Collazo asked Mr. Bajdaun how do P3's work on land that is not the Town's and if it should be included in the JUA? Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella came to speak since it is more a legal matter and stated that the Town would have to work with the School Board relating to the P3 and that it isn't necessary to include this in the JUA because the P3 shouldn't conflict with the JUA.

C. Town Manager's Monthly Police Report (Major Ruiz)

Major Javier Ruiz provided the monthly police report and mentioned this past weekend officers worked the 4th of July event and no incidents occurred. He also stated they are monitoring demonstrations to make sure nothing occurs in the area. Finally, he stated they are prepping for large amounts of traffic next month when schools start again.

Councilmember Dieguez then mentioned he got back the findings regarding an incident that occurred last week of a child in danger and being held. He asked to find a way to improve the process in place. Major Ruiz replied saying it's hard to classify a situation as emergent over the phone because people sometimes do not say factual things but that he will speak to supervisors about it.

Town Manager Edward Pidermann then mentioned the Major was out this weekend because he was participating in a final exam for his master's degree in disaster management and Mr. Pidermann proceeded to congratulate him on his upcoming graduation.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Mr. Raul Gastesi, the Town Attorney, provided the Attorney's Report and began by giving the status of litigations. First off, Town Attorney Gastesi mentioned the Pizzi case is heating up for many reasons. They are going to have to take Pizzi's deposition again. They want to ask in specific why he did what he did and the reasoning behind it.

Next, Mr. Gastesi mentioned the Valiente case and stated it will be funded by the insurance carrier as well as any settlement. Then, he stated the FRS vs Town hearing got moved from June 13th to September 10th.

Mr. Gastesi then mentioned the Bridges Litigation formed a new litigation because Lennar is suing the Town for not giving them a building permit. They filed an action to abate and wait until the 3rd district court of appeal decides action. In the meantime, the matter was referred to the Town's insurance carrier and they are going to appoint a defense counsel. He is in hopes of the insurance paying for it. As for the Bridges Litigation case itself, Mr. Gastesi said they asked for an extension to file their brief and he agreed so he is awaiting that to respond. Then, Mr. Gastesi needs there to be an Executive Session on the Eminent Domain case of the Town vs TSC Investments.

Finally, Mr. Gastesi was told to ask for \$50,000 to be transferred from the legal reserves account to the litigation account. Vice Mayor Collazo mentioned they are going into budget season and this transfer of funds would burn quickly and leave them short next fiscal cycle. He wants to access the burn rate for this request because he is being cautious. Mr. Gastesi stated these litigations are very significant to this matter.

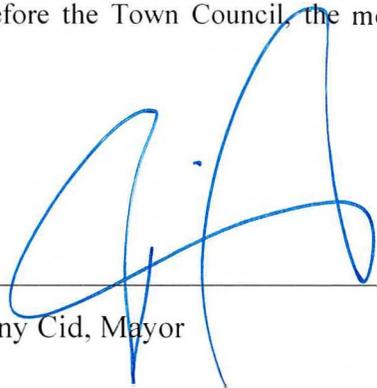
Vice Mayor Collazo then made a motion to move the \$50,000 to the litigation account. Councilmember Fernandez seconded and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Dieguez were absent.

Mr. Gastesi added that this money isn't for his firm, it is going to pay the Pizzi and TSC litigations mostly.

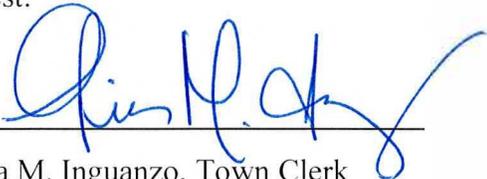
18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.

Approved this 10th day of August 2021


Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk