

MINUTES
Second Budget Hearing
September 24, 2019
7:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Joshua Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruano, and Mayor Cid. Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

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

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments during this section of the Agenda.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and all were in favor. Vice Mayor Rodriguez was absent.

11. ORDINANCE-FIRST READING:

None

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065 FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Town Attorney read the titles of the ordinances for item 12A and 12B, together into the record.

The Town Manager, Edward Pidermann, read into the record the following statement: the proposed millage rate for Fiscal year 2019-20 is 2.3127 the same rate as the proposed rate in the First Budget Hearing, held on September 10th, 2019. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is three billion, three hundred and sixty-five million, five hundred ninety-two thousand, and sixteen dollars (\$3,365,592,016). The proposed millage rate will generate seven million, three hundred nine-four thousand and four hundred and twenty-four (\$7,394,424) in ad valorem revenue budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3127 is 3.9% above the roll back rate of 2.2255.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the millage rate at 2.3127. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the Budget Ordinance in second reading passed 6-0, with Vice Mayor Rodriguez being absent.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Town Manager presented the item and stated the differences between the First and Second Budget Hearings.

Councilmember Alvarez motioned to move the budget and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak about the town budget, about the money set aside for the Police Contract and stated that the Town of Miami Lakes should wait to hire more police officers.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Dieguez asked for the IT Department to play a video of the Florida House of Representatives, regarding the importance of saving and of having reserves. Once the video concluded, Councilmember Dieguez stated that the Town of Miami Lakes needs to think of the future, pay attention to the economic cycle, save more and increase the reserves.

The Town Clerk then called the roll and the motion passed 6-0, with Vice Mayor Rodriguez being absent.

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO REMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO TOWN LOBBYIST, SOUTHERN STRATEGIES GROUP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Deputy Town Attorney read the resolution into the record.

The Town Manager presented the item.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak on the Legislative Priorities and stated that the list should be reviewed in detail before submitting to the Town lobbyists.

Councilmember Alvarez motioned and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion amending the main motion, directing the Town Manager to adopt into the Legislative Priorities List, a statutory scheme for compensating victims of blasting. Councilmember Dieguez spoke about the Florida Blasting Damages Compensation Plan, which is a proposed bill put together by the United We Can Coalition, and he stated that he would like to include the proposed bill as another option for the legislative leaders to consider as part of our priorities. He further explained that blasting is a huge issue that our community faces and that this proposed statutory framework follows The “Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Plan”. Councilmember Dieguez stated that in his opinion, the proposed bill should be presented as an alternative blasting solution. He also stated that this proposed bill could be a great template for our legislative leaders. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and the amendment to the motion passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Rodriguez was absent.

Councilmember Collazo made an amendment to the original motion, directing the Town Manager to prioritize the list so that the Town Council can prioritize using a numeric scale. The amendment to the motion passed 7-0.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion as amended twice, and the motion passed 7-0.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (“FDEM”) AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Deputy Town Attorney read the resolution into the record.

The Town Manager presented the item.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved the item and Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

None

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER’S REPORT:

None

16. MANAGER’S REPORT:

None

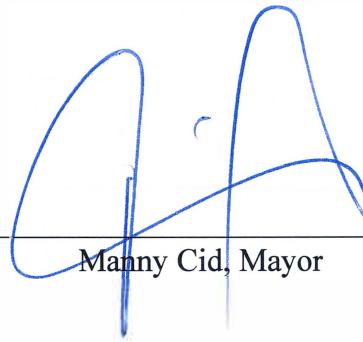
17. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

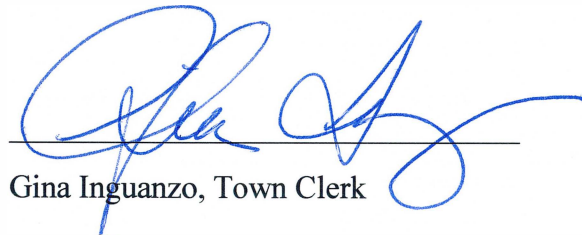
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Approved on this 8th day of October 2019.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk