

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
July 14, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Josh Dieguez joined the meeting at approximately 6:42 pm and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano joined the meeting at approximately 6:38pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Juan Barek from Iglesia Bautista Jesucristo El Camino led the prayer.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Nicholas Aranda, from Troop 584 Ariel Fernandez led a meditation message from "Better You Minute"

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

Mayor Cid pulled item 9B from the consent calendar and moved up item 13F, to be discussed after Public Comments, so that the guest speaker can speak at such time. Councilmember J. Rodriguez pulled Item 9F from the consent Councilmember J. Rodriguez motioned the new order of business and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. All were in favor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Paola Batic stated that she has been part of the town for over two decades and has always loved living here and that she is an active resident of the town; however, she stated that when ever since she attended the All Lives Matter rally a few weeks ago, she has been threatened, ostracized and even ignored by many in our community; that she and her husband have been called liars, communists among other things and that they have posted online many bad comments about them; that the silence from the elected officials makes her resent the town that she loves; she appreciates the town's agenda to address mental health and the mayor's empathy towards this and also implores the Town Council to be direct about the online harassment of these past few weeks and this should be addressed directly.

Helen Roldan spoke in regards to 13D; she stated that she wants businesses to survive; however, she stated that this item is misguided because she understands that Florida is the epicenter of COVID-19 and that the priority should not be to sue Miami-Dade County to open indoor dining because this may not be the practical solution; that our priority should be to advocate for small businesses and restaurants to get more funding from federal, state and county dollars so that they can survive; she urged the Town Council to work with local landlords to work and provide rent relief for business owners; instead of paying legal fees money could be used to market our small businesses thru social media campaign to advertised deliveries, outdoor dining, close down parking lots so businesses can offer outdoor dining; she mentioned that a good friend and her baby are in the hospital due to COVID-19 related issues and that she feels the town should not sue for indoor dining when it can impact so many people's health.

The Town Clerk, Gian M. Inguanzo, stated that she received an email considered a public comment from Ms. Bonnie Cintron regarding Item 9F.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Elderly Affairs Committee Meeting

The Chair of the CAC, Ms. Dottie Wix, presented the Committee's report. She explained that the EAC has two categories in their budget that they will not be able to spend due to one event being a Field Trip and the other event being a social event.

The total for the two events is \$9, 006.74 and that the committee voted on moving the money to the Meet and Greet line item. Chair Wix explained that it is the desire of the committee to host a "Traveling Bingo", were the EAC would deliver food to the residents and for the meal packet to include a Bingo card with sometimes a prize attached to it. The EAC would like for this to start as soon as possible. Chair Wix further stated that the EAC is looking at delivering approximately 85 meals per week for the next 11 weeks and at the same time, supporting local businesses.

After discussion, it was decided to reach out to Freebie and work around the Freebie existing schedule and perhaps temporarily modified the schedule to accommodate this delivery to be delivered to the residents and for the EAC members to ride along and serve as ambassadors.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to reallocate funds from the Senior Social \$3,006.74 and Field Trip \$6,000 to the Meet and Greet line item, for a total of 9,006.74 to be moved to the Meet and Greet Line item. It was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and Ruano simultaneously. All were in favor. Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez were recused.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Ruano was absent.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- June 25, 2020 Sunshine Meeting on Budget

Approved on Consent.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM), FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA) PROGRAM AWARD; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidemann)

Mayor Cid thanked Town Staff for getting an extra \$93,000 and also thanked the Public Works Department for a great job well done. Mayor Cid explained that the Public Works Staff is supervising themselves all the projects instead of hiring an independent contractor. Motion by Mayor Cid and seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. Motion passed 6-0 with Councilwoman Ruano being absent.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2020-111, WEST LAKES DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT'S PROJECT TO RG UNDERGROUND ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,097,197.50; 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)

Approved on Consent

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2017-32(M) FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES, WITH MARLIN ENGINEERING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 44/100 FOR POST DESIGN SERVICES ON THE WEST LAKES DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WORK ORDER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Pidermann)

Approved on Consent.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE TGC BPW SOUTH, LLC., ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE GRAHAM PROPERTIES, IN ORDER TO SECURE LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE TO RECEIVING, STORING AND PROCESSING DEBRIS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Pidermann)

Approved on Consent

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; OPPOSING THE COUNTY CODE AMENDMENT PREVENTING MUNICIPALITIES FROM REQUIRING RIGHT OF WAYS PERMITS ON COUNTY OWNED ROADS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO TOWN CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Councilmember J. Rodriguez pulled this item and explained that although he is in support of this item, he wanted to add an additional language. Councilmember J. Rodriguez then made a motion for the Town to reach out to other municipalities around the Miami Dade County and show the County a united opposition from multiple municipalities; municipalities should know what is going on and what type of construction is taking place in our roadways; that it would hold more weight if we have a united opposition. That is, to approve the resolution and to circulate it

around the county with a joint memo in opposition with multiple municipalities being included. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. Vice Mayor Rodriguez co-sponsored this item. The motion passed 6-0, with Councilmember Ruano being absent.

10. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING:

None.

11. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING:

None.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KISLAK BUILDING-A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 13-305(f)(1) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PERTAINING TO A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-304(h) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-303 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE, ALL BEING SUBMITTED FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7900 NW 154 STREET, AS PROVIDED AT EXHIBIT "A", MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, FOLIO NOS. 32-2022-009-0010, AND 32-2022-062-0010, AS DESCRIBED AT EXHIBIT "B"; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT AND LAW; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Pidermann)

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi read the title of the resolution and the quasi-judicial instructions into the record.

Mayor Cid explained that Council Chamber is opened to the public for those individuals wishing to testify as part of the hearing and do not have the ability to remotely participate in the hearing by video conference. Both the Town Clerk, Gina M Inguanzo and the Deputy Town Clerk, Ashley Shepple were present at the Council Chambers ready to assist any individual who opted to appear in person.

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, sworn-in collectively all those wishing to speak.

The Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella asked for all Councilmembers to disclose, if any, their ex-parte communications before the public hearing commences.

Councilmember Collazo disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez, and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Alvarez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez, and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember J. Rodriguez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez, and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Dieguez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Ruano disclosed his ex-parte communications: she stated she spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Mayor Cid disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Attorney for the Applicant, Javier Vazquez and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Susana Alonso, Senior Town Planner, presented a brief synopsis of the item.

Applicant's Attorney, Javier Vazquez, presented the item on behalf of Kislak Building ownership and on behalf of Bido Real Estate Group. He also introduced the following individuals as part of the applicant's team and in support of the application, whether it be ownership, architect team or developer group: Thomas Bartomo, Miguel Fonseca, Gus Ramirez and Rene Bido, Mike C, Raul Estrada and Jorge Ferrer.

Jorge Ferrer, Architect and Project Manager for this project, gave PowerPoint Presentation proving a summary of the site plan.

The Town Clerk recognized the following people that were sworn-in from the public:

Rene Vivo, stated that he is in support of the application

Raul Estrada, no comments

Mr. Gabriel, stated that he is in support of the Applicant's design team.

Kirk Almee, landscape architect of the Applicant's team

Ian Dixon, architect and in support of the Applicant's application

Mike Cea, stated he is with the developer group

Mr. Thomas, stated he is participating on behalf of Kislak

Carol Wyllie, on behalf of the Miami Lakes Architectural Control Committee, stated that she is not in opposition to the project but wanted to explain the letter that they sent to the town regarding this item: she expressed concern because the Architectural Committee had not seen the project being presented to the Town Council.

The Town Council asked questions to the Applicant's team and to Town Staff.

There was no one else wishing to speak or to be recognized. Mayor Cid then proceeded to close the public hearing.

Councilmember J. Rodriguez moved to approve the site plan, subject to the 11 conditions included in the Town Staff's in the memo and read into the record by Town Staff. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Collazo mentioned that the condition for this project to be contingent on the Grahams Company Architectural Control Board approval of the site plan, needed to be added. Councilmember J. Rodriguez explained that he did not want to include that as a condition because he understood it was not needed. Town Attorney give his legal opinion this matter and said that he would be ok with it being contingent on the Control Board's approval on this case.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to add this condition to the main motion. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. After some discussion, Councilmember Collazo withdrew his motion.

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

- B. CONDITIONAL USE TO OPERATE A UNIVERSITY- SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY-QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEM A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 13-305(f)(1) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PERTAINING TO A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-303 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE; ALL BEING SUBMITTED FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5875 NW 163 STREET, AS PROVIDED AT EXHIBIT "A", MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, FOLIO NO. 32-2013-015-0030; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Town Clerk, sworn-in collectively all those wishing to speak.

Town Attorney read the title of the resolution and he explained that the same quasi-judicial instructions read for item 12A. apply to Item 12B.

Mayor Cid explained that Council Chamber is opened to the public for those individuals wishing to testify as part of the hearing and do not have the ability to

remotely participate in the hearing by video conference. Both the Town Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk were present at the Council Chambers ready to assist any individual who opted to appear in person.

Councilmember Collazo disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Andrea Kaiser and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Alvarez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he did not speak with Andrea Kaiser.

Councilmember Rodriguez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Andrea Kaiser and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Andrea Kaiser and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Dieguez disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Andrea Kaiser and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Councilmember Ruano disclosed his ex-parte communications: she stated she spoke with Andrea Kaiser and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Mayor Cid disclosed his ex-parte communications: he stated he spoke with Andrea Kaiser and sent the corresponding form to the Town Clerk.

Susana Alonso, Senior Town Planner, presented a brief synopsis of the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Andrea Kaiser, on behalf of the Applicant, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Conditional Use Presentation. She also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

The Town Council asked questions to the Applicant team and to Town Staff.

There was no one else wishing to speak or to be recognized. Mayor Cid then proceeded to close the public hearing.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to approve the Conditional use to operate the college, with the caveat that future expansions to come back to the Town Council for deliberations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA DECLARING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE TOWN'S PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, ROLLED-BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO 200.065(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH PUBLIC

HEARINGS WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CHANGE BUDGET HEARING DATES IF NEEDED; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO SERVE THIS RESOLUTION ON THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

The Town Manager presented the item and explained that this resolution would set the tentative millage rate for the fiscal year 2020-21 at 2.3127 mills, which is \$2.3127 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This would be the maximum rate that can be levied against the taxpayers for next fiscal year. Also, this resolution sets the two public budget hearing in September.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to adopt the recommendation of the Town Manager and keep the millage rate at the current rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. National League of Cities (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to pass the resolution and ask the County to release those funds immediately, and in the worse case scenario, ask the federal government to amend the CARES Act. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B. Incorporating the Town of Miami Lakes Seal to All Entry Way Signage (Alvarez)

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

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion directing the Town Manager to work with Town Staff to design and look into how we can incorporate the TOML seal in our boundaries located at 154th and NW 87th Avenue. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. During the discussion, the Neighborhood Improvement Committee was tasked to design branding guidelines regarding the Town Seal; branding guidelines and approving primary and secondary seals or even possibly alternate logos for our town on how to incorporate them from a branding standpoint.

The motion passed 5-2; with Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voting in opposition.

C. Amicus Briefs in Support of Businesses (Dieguez)

Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez were recused.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to waive section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and the motion passed 5-0, with Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez being recused.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to re-open public comments for the purpose of this item, to allow the video of Mr. Sabatino to be played. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0; Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez being recused.

A video from Anthony Sabatino was played, on behalf of Chair Eddie Blanco.

Motion by Councilmember Dieguez to move to direct the Town Attorney, that at the appropriate time, once an organized legal challenge has been made to the Third District Court of Appeals, challenging the closure of indoor dining room, that the Town Attorney prepare, circulate and then file an amicus brief in support of the businesses that are challenging the mayor's latest order with respect to the indoor dining closure. Councilmember Dieguez explained that this amicus brief must be circulated to the Town Council for their input before filing and it would be to challenge Mayor Gimenez' latest order regarding the indoor dining room closures. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez.

After discussion, Councilmember Dieguez made an amendment to his motion, for a resolution to be drafted by the Town Attorneys and to be sent out informing other municipalities of the action the Town Council took and to encourage them to do the same. He explained that this would make Mayor Gimenez more comprehensive and forthcoming with the basis for the closure – which is what restaurants want to know. The amended motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. The amendment passed 5-0, Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez were recused.

The Town Attorney explained that a motion to intervene in a lawsuit would need to be filed first, but he emphasized that he will bring it to the attention of each councilmembers separately, in order to decide at that point, if they feel compelled to file and then a Special Call Meeting would be called to have the governing body discuss and ultimately, decide what cause of action to take; whether to intervene in the lawsuit or not.

The main motion, as amended, passed 5-0; Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez were recused.

D. CARES Act Funds for Town of Miami Lakes (Alvarez)

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to waive section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and the motion passed 5-0, with Mayor Cid and Councilmember J. Rodriguez being recused.

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion directing the Town Attorney to file legal action against Miami Dade County, including seeking injunctive relief, not have to enforce Miami-Dade county's emergency order; in addition, to send out an letter to Mayor Gimenez and all members of the Board, requesting that Miami-Dade County share CARES Act funding with the Town of Miami Lakes and other Miami-Dade Municipalities, allowing us to implement inspections to assure restaurants, gyms, fitness centers and other affected businesses re in compliance with social distance, facial covering and adhering to all guidelines. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:30pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez and all were in favor. Mayor Cid and Councilmember Rodriguez were recused.

After discussion, the Town Attorney stated that they are going to do some research as to whether there is standing for a lawsuit to proceed against Miami Dade County and that they will communicate this information to the Town Council by Friday, July 17th.

After some additional discussion, Councilmember Alvarez re-stated his motion and asked for a Special Call Meeting to take place on Tuesday, July 21st, contingent on the Town Attorney's legal research, where the Town Council would get direction and advice from the Town Attorney on what the ramifications and impact would be of filing a lawsuit against Miami Dade County, including seeking injunctive relief, to not have to enforce Miami Dade County Emergency Orders and also, to send a letter to the Mayor Gimenez and the Board County Commissioners requesting to share the CARES Acts with the Town of Miami Lakes and additional municipalities, allowing us to implement inspections to assure restaurants, gyms, fitness centers and other affected businesses re in compliance with social distance, facial covering and adhering to all guidelines. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilmember J. Rodriguez and Mayor Cid were recused.

E. Contact Tracing Presentation (Dieguez)

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to waive section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to add 30 minutes to the meeting, for it to adjourn at midnight. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Manager to prepare a presentation, to be presented at the August Regular Council Meeting, describing what contact tracing is, how it functions, what are the various challenges to implement it, what is the County doing; and for this presentation to be informative for us and the general public and to help the Town Council make better decisions with informed choices during the pandemic and in a way not to threaten the

economic viability of the lives of our residents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and all were in favor.

F. COVID Testing in Miami Lakes (Collazo)

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to waive section 7.2 of the Special Rules or Order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid moved this item up to be discussed after Public Comments. He spoke about Dr. Hidalgo and about his experience and knowledge about treating patients with COVID-19. Mayor Cid gave the floor to Councilmember Collazo.

Councilmember Collazo presented his item and explained the reason why he introduced this as a new business item: he said that many residents have been asking him if there are any test sites in the town and the need to have additional testing sites, as the numbers continue to rise. Councilmember Collazo stated that it was a relief for our Town Staff to have a vendor come and offer a testing site for them and that he would like to offer same opportunities to our residents in our communities, a testing site, not a physician, that would rely on testing on a regular basis to make clinical decisions. He emphasized the importance of having rapid results to testing and that it saves lives. Councilmember Collazo then asked the Town Manager to expand on what the town is planning on doing and on the options to consider, from the moment his new business item was submitted.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that in conversations with Councilmember Collazo, he explained what the town had offered to town staff -which was a vendor coming to one of our facilities and providing testing- and that he had asked the Emergency Manager to set up a testing opportunity for Miami Lakes residents at one of our facilities, and instead of doing a nasal swabs, to do oral swabs. He also explained that the Emergency Manager had been contacted by Miami-Dade County, as to whether Miami Lakes would be interested in hosting a Miami-Dade County testing opportunity. He explained that the Miami-Dade County testing site would be more open to everybody, that it would be a nasal swab and no health insurance would be needed to participate. The Town Manager said that he was exploring both options -a vendor testing lab and the MDC testing site- and that he would continue to pursue both options.

Councilmember Collazo added that there was a third option that he would like Town Administration to explore, which is for an opportunity to have homebound people tested- which is a kit that people can self-administer the test at home. Councilmember Collazo asked for an opportunity for all three options to be explored and maybe come back with a recommendation for the Town Council for further deliberation.

Councilmember Ruano asked the Town Manager if the three options would be pursued or if the Town Council would be voting on these recommendations. The Town Manager responded that his intention was to pursue the first two options and the third option mentioned by Councilmember Collazo -the self-administered test- he just heard about it earlier today. The Town Manager emphasized that his intent

was to move forward, unless the Town Council decides otherwise, that he would follow the direction given by the Town Council. Councilmember Ruano then stated that she wanted to have a discussion.

Mayor Cid then introduced and welcomed Dr. Leighton Parkins, from Dr. Hidalgo's clinic to give his input about the talk about Covid-19 testing and rapid testing. After the discussion of Item 13G, Councilmember Ruano asked Mayor Cid if the Town Council was going to revisit Item 13F. Councilmember Ruano asked if a motion had been made regarding Item 13F. No motion was made regarding Item 13F. Councilmember Collazo explained that the Town Manager had highlighted during his agenda briefing, the two options that Town Administration was taking and that subsequent to his agenda briefing, a third option was introduced -a mail in option. Councilmember Collazo explained that the Town Council did not decide on one option but instead, he understood that the general consensus of the Town Council was that testing was a good idea and that different models would be explored and that some would be implemented sooner than others.

Councilmember Ruano then stated her opinion that having a testing site open to anyone from any area and to have them come into Miami Lakes and getting them tested here, and having them potentially engaging in other activities in the town and moving inside the town, was not something attractive to her. Councilmember Ruano then made a motion to reconsider Item 13F. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilmember Ruano explained that she loved the idea of having a COVID-19 testing site for residents to have access and she also loved the idea of residents testing yourself at home, but not in support of having a Miami-Dade County testing site in the Town of Miami Lakes. After discussion, she made a motion to look into a testing site for Miami Lakes residents only and not pursue the Miami-Dade County testing site in our town. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez for discussion.

After discussion, Councilmember J. Rodriguez made a motion to look at every single option, -the Miami Lakes option, the county option and the home testing option that Councilmember Collazo and the Town Manager brought up- every possible option that we can have to get the most amount of tests out there is what we should do. Councilmember Collazo added that access to testing is the number one thing, what can start turning this around, contract tracing is the number two thing to start turning this around and enforcing people to act responsibly by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, can start getting us back on track. He stated that by having a testing site in Miami Lakes we will not expand the spread of it. That by having a testing site it would help us identify the virus and help us get people back in quarantine if they need to.

Councilmember Ruano withdrew her motion.

Councilmember Collazo then seconded Councilmember Rodriguez' motion and asked for this to be implemented ASAP. All were in favor. Mayor Cid asked the Town Manager to call Dr. Barbot – the Health Commissioner from NYC, who launched a Rapid Test Program. Mayor asked Town Staff to go above and beyond.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to extend the meeting until 12:15 am. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Once the item ended, the Town Council wished Happy Birthday to Councilmember Collazo.

G. Freebee Food Delivery

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to waive section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Manager to take all appropriate steps to work with Freebee to begin services to Miami Lakes residents and corporate residents, from Miami Lakes based restaurants in the existing service areas. Councilmember Dieguez explained that by rearranging the schedule to implement a food delivery service in the town, would aid the restaurants in the town. This would be done until Freebee passenger ridership recovers to average numbers. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

None

15. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Transparency Module

Ismael Diaz, CFO of the Town of Miami Lakes, presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation and explained that this module would provide residents with more transparency regarding financial information; provide financial information that is accurate and timely accessible on-line and on mobile phones. This information would be called "Transparent Miami Lakes".

B. Town Manager Monthly Police Report

Javi Ruiz, Town Commander, presented the Monthly Police report. Town Commander Ruiz mentioned about the protests that took place during the month and that they are conducting business impart checks to ensure compliance with social distancing guidelines.

Councilmember Collazo thanked the Police Department for their great work. All councilmembers agreed.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

The Town Attorney had nothing to report.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

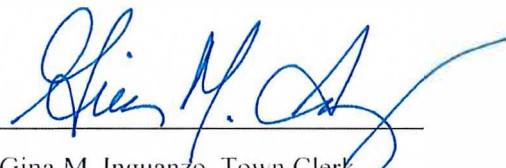
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 am.

Approved this 16th day of June 2020



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk