

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

The Town Council recognized Mr. Hernando Medina Tatis, a Miami Lakes long-time resident, for being the facilitator and parliamentarian of the Town of Miami Lakes and for his knowledge of the Special Rules of Order of the Town of Miami Lakes and Robert Rules of Order. Mayor Cid thanked him for his service and recognized his many years of experience in parliamentary law and for always providing advice to the elected officials and attorneys regarding proper decorum and parliamentarian protocol.

March 9, 2021 was proclaimed Hernando Medina Tatis Day in the Town of Miami Lakes.

The Town Council recognized HML Senior High School student Ms. Jazmin Godínez for her many athletic accomplishments and awards in wrestling in the State of Florida; she became the first Miami-Dade County girl to qualify to the boy's state tournament, one time Boy's District and Regional champion and three times Girl's State Champion.

March 10, 2021 was proclaimed The Jazmin Godínez Day in the Town of Miami Lakes.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:36 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Vice Mayor Collazo joined the meeting at 6:36 pm and Councilmember Ruano joined the meeting at 6:55 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Ms. Martha Gonzalez Rovirosa led the prayer.

Ariel Fernandez led a moment of meditation from Better You Minute via zoom.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella.

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

Mayor Cid moved up Appointments and Committee Reports to be held before Public Comments. Councilmember Rodriguez moved item 14B to be discussed before Public Comments; Councilmember Alvarez moved up item 12B after Committee Reports; Councilmember Fernandez moved item 12A to be discussed after item 12B.

Vice Mayor Collazo made the motion to approve the New Order of Business and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed and 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 as well as in all hybrid meetings.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron participated in-person Public Comments. She spoke about the Land Development Code and her concerns with residents putting too many cement slabs in their driveways with artificial turf in the surrounding areas; she emphasized that the growing beautifully planned community of Miami Lakes is all about trees and not cement.

Mr. Eduardo Rodriguez participated in-person Public Comments. He addressed the Town Council on behalf of Mr. Carlos Perez. Mr. Rodriguez shared his story regarding the 14412 Rosewood Rd house. He stated that Mr. Perez tore down an illegal addition and started remodeling a house for his son before Covid-19 and that they have had many problems with the Building Department; he stated that the Building Department is asking them for x-rays regarding the addition that they built. He also stated that he is an engineer; that he has given the Building Department many options to sit down with them and go over the structure; that the Building Department has turned him down and that he feels that he was not afforded professional courtesy.

Mr. Carlos Perez participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that he is the owner of the house located at 14412 Rosewood; that he got the plans in progress and presented them to the T●ML; that the plans were approved and fees paid; that he asked for a roof permit and it was awarded; that during Covid-19, his engineer went to the house and inspected the roof; the T●ML was closed so no communication with city officials took place for a period of time; Mr. Perez then decided to bring his construction crew and started with the demolition stage; he took pictures along the way so that he could share them with the engineer of record.

Mr. Albert Acevedo participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that he is a licensed contractor for Mr. Carlos Perez; he stated that what he has been doing in the 14412 Rosewood house is of common practice; that they proceeded as best as they could; that the plans were approved by the County and that they followed the plans and documented every single step – until they were able to call in for inspections to take place; he explained that Mr. Perez needed

to complete the house and that at this time, they still have not completed the house; that he wants to follow all the protocols without cutting corners; that all they want is to present the documents and get everything signed off and approved.

Mr. Carlos Perez Jr. participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that Building Department has not been helpful; that he has been trying to get a resolution of all the things done to the house during covid-19; that things were done to preserve the state of the house and that it has been a nightmare; that they have asked the Building Department what to do to move forward; that it's been more than one year; that they are in a lawsuit with the Building Department and that on March 18th they have a hearing to try to resolve the issue; the he understands that the Building Department is here to help residents and not push residents away; that as soon as his house is done he wants to sell it because he does not want to live here anymore.

Mr. Angelo Garcia Cuadra participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that he saw a rat on the outside roof of the Mayor's office. He stated his concerns about the Town of Miami Lakes spending \$20,000,000; he spoke about staff not returning his calls.

Ms. Claudia Luces participated in-person Public Comments. She expressed her concern over portable potties at the Optimist Park and asked why the need to talk about them again – when in 2017, the Clubhouse was completed with bathrooms, meeting facilities and offices were opened to the public; that this cost \$2.5 million dollars; she reminded the Town Council that there are existing bathroom facilities at the park and she expressed her opinion that there is no need for portable potties; she stated that it is fiscally irresponsible to construct another bathroom facility; she stated that this is being proposed to force the renovations of the park – that this design does not work and that it is not needed. Regarding the renovations to the Optimist Park, she stated that the dugout for the kids is important. She emphasized that setting priorities is very important.

Mr. Carlos Fernandez participated in-person Public Comments. He spoke in support of the Miami Lakes Optimist Park item 13B. He stated that the children of his family all play and use the Optimist Park. He spoke as a resident and as the President of the Optimist Club. He stated that the bathroom facilities are not adequate; that the dugouts are an issue; that the nets near the OLL Church on 67th Avenue are a big issue, that the irrigation system needs to be fixed - specifically Field #2 and the reorganization of Field #5; he also emphasized that changes from the facilities perspective need to take place and that there is a fence issue- kids are constantly getting their hands cut. In sum, that there is an urgency to fix a number of things- from the safety perspective. He made himself available to sit down with Town Staff and explain all the issues and implement some changes.

Mr. Gustavo Spokoing participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that he is representing his client Mr. Carlos Perez. He stated that his client has received an unreasonable and unfair treatment; that the Building Department is requesting from his client to provide certain testing protocols – an x-ray of every square inch of the structure- that that in his opinion, that is excessive and not fair; he stated that all professionals that came to inspect the project also concur that the requested x-ray is not needed; that his client has done testing but that Building Department has not accepted them.

Mr. Fernando Ascue participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that he is the engineer in record for the Carlos Perez house. He stated that during construction he visited the house

several times; that he saw the photographic evidence and that there was some deviation from the original design but they were acceptable for him; that other deviations need to be corrected and easily done; that this all has been taken out of proportions. That his client, Mr. Carlos Perez has also retained a company to investigate the structural members, that an x-ray was done and they came to the conclusion that the structure was in general compliance with the approved document; that some corrections need to be done but that it should be easily done. He stated that this is unreasonable and not right.

Mr. Roger Lorenzo participated in Public Comments via zoom. He stated that he is extremely proud of the Town Council and that Miami Lakers are blessed to have such a dynamic, competent, responsive and forward elected officials. He stated that they are a tennis family who enjoy the Shula's tennis club; he is in full support of the Miami Lakes Optimist Park - Item 13B and that the tennis courts are in need of repair; that our tennis courts are one of the worst in Miami-Dade County; that these courts are accessible to everyone. He also stated that tennis is a sport that continues to grow in popularity. He is in full support of resurfacing of the courts and this will add value to the town. He is also in support of adding lights and after school programs and he is happy to organize tournaments in order to raise funds.

Ms. Terry Diaz participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that she is in full support Miami Lakes Optimist Park -Item 13B, including the resurfacing of the tennis courts and the installations of new dugouts. That since 2019, her son has been playing softball and that she wants to make sure that the park is in safe conditions for children to play. She emphasized that we need suitable public tennis court in Miami Lakes. She also stated that although Item 13B is a great item it does not but does not solve all the issues in that park; she asked Miami Lakes to honor their commitment to redo and improve the entire park.

Mr. Danny Garcia participated in Public Comments via zoom. He stated that he is in full support of Miami Lakes Optimist Park- Item 13B. That these improvements need to take place for safety reasons, especially the dugouts. He asked the Town Council to vote in favor of this item.

Ms. Natalia Vanegas participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that she is in full support of Miami Lakes Optimist Park- Item 13B. That the tennis courts are in total disrepair and that these are the only public tennis courts in our town; that this sport needs to be made accessible to residents that can't afford or are not interested in a membership to a club facility; that tennis has helped her son remain emotionally and physically healthy during Covid-19 times; that all these improvements should be inclusive for all residents of Miami Lakes and that this will add value to our neighborhoods and community.

Mr. Homero Cruz participated in Public Comments via zoom. He stated that Miami Lakes is a pro-life community and asked for the Town Council's support to declare the month of May as the Month of Pro-Life. He stated that he is the President of Emaus International Foundation and would like for residents to know that many organizations -religious and not religious- work on pro-life events. He also wants to exhibit what Heartbeat Miami does and what other organizations do as well.

Ms. Marta E. Avila participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that she is the co-founder of Heartbeat of Miami – a life affirming ministry. That they help women who have unplanned pregnancies. Their services are free of charge.

Mr. Constantine participated in Public Comments via zoom. He stated that he is in full support of the fixing the tennis courts; he mentioned that PSN has great tennis courts and not Miami Lakes; that it would be fantastic to have an option to play tennis and not have to be a club member.

Ms. Andre participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that her son is part of a baseball traveling team in another city because of the bad and unsafe condition of the Optimist Park. The dugouts are in very bad shape; bathrooms are far away from the fields.

Ms. Hope Reynolds participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that she is saddened to hear that Mr. Nayib Hassan and Mr. Angel Vazquez have resigned from the VC. She applauded the Women of Distinction from the town of Miami Lakes; she mentioned that the minutes from the RCM provide full understanding of issues and thanked Town Clerk Ms. Gina M. Inguanzo and her team for their work; that the newsletter is best in class and thanked Ms. Clarisell de Cardenas and her team; Planning & Zoning Department Susana Alonso is remarkable and invited her to come to her HOA meetings; she stated that Miami Lakers are very proud of Councilwoman Ruano and that she has girl power; Ms. Reynolds asked if NSD Section 1 meeting could be changed to another date so that it does not conflict with the Lake Glen Ellen HOA Meeting; she mentioned her concerns over the fact that the Town of Miami Lakes does not enforce deeds restrictions.

Ms. Lynn Matos participated via zoom in Public Comments. She stated that she is in support of Item 13B. That she has been asking the Town Council for years to increase lights in the Optimist Park; that these changes need to be made; renovations need to happen and that they have a huge impact for our property values.

Pre-recorded videos-

Ms. Lin Medina sent a pre-recorded video regarding her concerns about artificial turf being placed in front of homes; she mentioned that she loves the green areas in the community and that Miami Lakes is not about artificial turf; that we need to protect the environment; she asked the Town Council to not authorize the use of artificial turf.

Written Public Comments

Town Clerk Inguanzo mentioned only one written public comment was received and that it was from Ms. Mirtha Mendez. The email was regarding the zoom meeting scheduled to take place on March 10th regarding to the Blasting Effects. She wrote that she is support of this zoom meeting.

There being no more public comment, Mayor Cid closed the public comment section of the Agenda.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Maria Mederos was appointed to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Ruano.

Ms. Leyla Cobiella was appointed to the Youth Activity Task Force by Councilmember Fernandez.

Mr. Maurits Acosta was appointed to the Youth Activity Task Force by Mayor Cid.

Mr. Mark Gomez was appointed to the Economic Development Committee by Councilmember Fernandez.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to approve the appointments and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Ruano was absent.

Vice Mayor Collazo asked for a moment of personal privilege. He mentioned that during the January 14th Committee Rules Workshop, it was discussed to perhaps ask all potential appointees to go and attend committee meetings prior to the nominations and appointments in order to make sure that these individuals meet their future obligations and know what committees are about and what is expected of their commitment.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Safety Committee

Chairwoman Ms. Nancy Rogers presented the PSC budget and schedule of events. She mentioned that the PSA link for women who have been victims of violence is up in the Town Website; she spoke about the Children Safety Sign Distribution and about speeding in the town.

B. Veterans Committee

Acting Chairman Mr. Michael Coote presented the committee's report.

He thanked Mr. Nayib Hassan and Mr. Angel Vazquez for their great work with the VC and for their great contributions.

He also explained that the Veterans Committee voted to allow town residents and/or town business owners to nominate any veteran or person in active military to be placed on the Military Tribute Banner Campaign; and if you work within the boundaries of the Town of Miami Lakes, and you are a veteran, you can nominate yourself.

Councilmember Rodriguez motioned to approve the VC request and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo. All were in favor unanimously.

Mayor Cid called for a one-minute recess.

Mayor Cid called the meeting to order and all were present.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved on Consent

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, RETROACTIVELY TO JULY 8, 2019, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2018-09 (R) FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES, WITH RJ BEHAR & COMPANY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS AND 39/100 (\$72,859.39), AND A CHANGE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 77/100 (\$14,375.77) FOR NW 60th AVENUE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE WORK ORDER RETROACT TO JULY 8, 2019; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CHANGE ORDER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, AND REPETITIVE LOSS AREA ANALYSIS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent.

- D. 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 JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR BILLING OF STORMWATER CHARGES BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPEMEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITOINS OF THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZNG THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDIN FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on Consent.

10. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCE, CREAING ARTICLE XII TITLED “SPONSORSHIP, NAMING AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT POLICY” 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.

Mayor Cid read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Dieguez introduced the item. He reminded the Town Council that the spirit of the ordinance was to ensure that if in the future, the Town Council ever desires to rename a building or any town facility, the situation that occurred a few months ago with respect to the American Airlines Arena does not occur in the Town of Miami Lakes; he also mentioned that in this ordinance there is a policy that would attract private and public sponsors that share the same vision with the Town -while providing uniformity and providing guidelines to follow.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-269 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-270 AND 21-272, AMENDING THE TOWN’S FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 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

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

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item in detail. He explained the proposed amendment to the FY 2020-21 budget; to carry over the prior year's estimated surplus to fund the projects that were budgeted and commenced in the prior year and not completed and to allocate funds for one-time operating and/or capital improvement expenditures. Town Manager Pidermann explained all the proposed allocations and the amendments.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

- C. ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ZONING; AMENDING SECTION 13-799.7, "CANNABIS DISPENSARIES, MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORIES"; AMENDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner, introduced the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the ordinance in first reading and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. Town Clerk Inguanzo called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

- D. 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"; RENAMING ARTICLE VII, "LANDSCAPE, 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.

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

Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner, introduced the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Collazo moved to approve the ordinance in first reading and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. Town Clerk Inguanzo called the roll and the ordinance passed 4-2; Councilmember Rodriguez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

11. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-102 TITLED "GENERAL FUND RESERVES"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item and reminded the Town Council that this ordinance will change the funding method for the reserves and that it will increase the Town's Budgetary Reserve from 15% to 20% in 2023. Councilmember Dieguez moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained the key changes between first reading and second reading.

Town Clerk Inguanzo called the roll and the ordinance in second reading passed 5-1e Councilmember Fernandez voted in opposition and Councilmember Ruano was absent.

- B. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL TURF; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", AT ARTICLE VII, "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS", CREATING SECTION 13-1703, "ARTIFICIAL TURF", 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 opened the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

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

Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council. She explained that it is allowed in rear and side yards not facing a street; only in areas where it would be allowed to be paved and in front yards, provided that the artificial turf is limited to a two (2) inch decorative element in between the driveway concrete slabs. It was emphasized that the Town of Miami Lakes is moving away from materials that are not permeable.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the ordinance in second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez.

Councilmember Dieguez expressed his concern with allowing the artificial turf in backyards abutting lakes because it will interfere with the aesthetic and uniformity of the area that we

have come to love and respect in Miami Lakes, and that notwithstanding what are reasonable restrictions that have been laid out -not to exceed the tie-line in waterfront properties and not in areas not allowed to be paved over- Councilmember Dieguez stated that he still has concerns that people will do it anyways.

Then, Councilmember Dieguez proceeded to make an amendment to the motion to strip out the language with respect to homes that are on lakes and to continue prohibiting in those situations. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion. Town Clerk Inguanzo called the roll and the amendment passed 5-2; Councilmember Rodriguez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion and the ordinance in second reading passed 7-0.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE STORMWATER UTILITY FEE; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and reminded the Town Council that on the February 9th Regular Council Meeting, the Town Council directed him and Town staff to explore crowdfunding and mini-municipal bonds as funding options and asked him to come back to the Town Council at the March meeting with further recommendations.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that Town staff met with Ms. Lourdes Reyes Abadin and Mr. Albert del Castillo to discuss this matter. As a result, these two individuals who are professionals in public finance and highly respected in their fields, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on crowdfunding and mini-municipal bonds; they discussed best practices to finance or bond these types of capital projects - stormwater funding. After the PowerPoint presentation, they both answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Town Manager Pidermann then asked the Town Council to consider the information that was presented by the financial advisors and former bond counsel and to approve the resolution put forth by Town staff, which is to go with option number 1; to pursue a long-term bond of \$54,600,000 to address all the stormwater improvements needs, to adjust the stormwater utility fee from \$4.50 per ERU per month to \$13.50 ERU through fiscal year 2023/2024 and adopt a rate of \$21.50 ERU per month commencing on October 2024.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to amend section 4 of the resolution- to strike the language alluding to a bond question to be placed in a future ballot. The motion died due to a lack of second.

Mayor Cid then stated that he is in favor of empowering the residents and placing a bond question on a future election ballot. Councilmember Dieguez stated that in his opinion, the Town Council has an appetite for option #2 and that he would like more information on this at the next month meeting. He also thanked both Ms. Reyes Abadin and Mr. del Castillo for their presentation and feedback.

After some discussion, Mayor Cid made a motion to empower the residents and put option #2 on a mail-in ballot. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Rodriguez made an amendment to the main motion, to approve option #2, raising the stormwater utility fee from \$4.50 to \$10.50 ERU and not put it on a mail in ballot. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo. After discussion, Councilmember Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

Shortly thereafter, Councilmember Alvarez made an amendment to the main motion and asked to bring back to the table, the motion made by Councilmember Rodriguez, which was to approve option #2 – raising the stormwater utility fee from \$4.50 to \$10.50 ERU, to issue a bond for \$15.5 million to complete the CIP projects in 5 years; the repayment schedule of the loan is 30 years and to conduct a rate study every 3 or 4 years to assess if it needs to be re-evaluated; and to not put it on a mail-in ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano.

After further discussion, Councilmember Fernandez made an amendment to Councilmember Alvarez' motion to pursue option #1 and only the initial trench- to approve only the first issuance of \$25 million and to increase the utility fee to \$ 13.50 and to bring back the second trench in 5 years. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion for discussion. The Town Clerk called the roll regarding Councilmember Fernandez' amendment and the motion failed 2-5; Councilmembers Alvarez, Dieguez, Ruano, Vice Mayor Collazo and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Town Clerk Inguanzo called the roll regarding Councilmember Alvarez' amendment to the main motion and the motion passed 4-3; Councilmember Dieguez, Vice Mayor Collazo and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that Town staff will bring back to the Town Council in April, recommendations on resident education campaign regarding this item and what was approved by the Town Council tonight regarding this item.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to extend the meeting to 2 am. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and all were in favor.

B. COND2021-0069 Angels Reach Foundation -Requesting a Site Plan approval, Conditional Use approval and a Variance from Sec. 13-785(g) QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING-

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN OF ANGELS REACH FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15165 NW 77 AVENUE, MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA (FOLIO: 32-2023-023-0020) PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-304 OF THE TOWN CODE; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO PERMIT A NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITY AND CLINICAL/THERAPY CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-303 OF THE TOWN CODE; APPROVING A VARIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-305 TO ALLOW 12,692 SQUARE FEET OF OUTDOOR RECREATION/PLAY AREAS WHERE SECTION 13-785(G) OF THE CODE REQUIRES 63,450 SQUARE FEET; DENYING THE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF THE MOBILITY FEE FOR PROJECTS OR USES THAT PROVIDE A NECESSARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-2007(4); PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR

APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR RECORDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Town Clerk Inguanzo swore in those wishing to speak.

Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner, presented the item with a brief synopsis and answered questions posed by the Town Council. Ms. Alonso explained that the applicant is requesting a conditional use, site plan approval, variance, and reduction in mobility fee- for a total of four requests. She introduced the staff report into the record and stated that the special needs school is proposing to be located at 15165 NW 77 Avenue within an existing two-story office building that is commonly known as "The White House".

The Applicant, Angels Reach Foundation, was represented by Weiss Serota Law Firm, Attorney Haydee Sera and Attorney Tony Recio. Attorney Haydee Senra played a PowerPoint presentation about Angels Reach Foundation. During said presentation, she explained that the applicant is requesting a site plan, a conditional use, a variance for non-profit school offering clinical and therapy services for children of wide range of unique learning abilities including children on the autism spectrum. She stated that staff recommends approval of the site plan, conditional use and of the variance.

She presented the following individuals, all from the applicants case: Ms. Dorinda Luzardo, Founder & CEO of Angels Reach Foundation; Mr. Martin Slater, Principal of the School and Mr. Richard Garcia, Traffic Engineer consultant.

The applicant, Ms. Dorinda Luzardo, came before the Town Council and thanked them for their time and consideration hearing the application. She explained that she founded the school two decades ago and that she did it based on the needs of her daughter. She stated that the school staff is highly trained and constantly in training with experts from all over the country. She added that the school is a K-12 and that they offer vocational adult school. She also emphasized that they provide resources and advocacy.

Attorney Haydee Serra stated there were over 20 letters of support and that many emails were sent to the Town Council, which included an email from the CEO of Nicklaus Children's Hospital; ICM Health Medical Centers.; CEO of San Marino Foundation and many emails from parents and residents. Attorney Serra also stated the TOML has always supported the special needs community; that they adopted in 201, Resolution 11-888 creating a Special Needs Committee and in 2018, they adopted Resolution 18-1523, to rename the committee Special Needs Advisory Board.

The site plan was displayed for the Town Council; Attorney Serra stated that minimal changes were being proposed to the site; that the exterior of the building will remain the same; that increased landscaping/greenspace by removing 5 parking spaces in front of the building; that the parking that is provided exceeds the parking requirements (no shortage of parking); that

there would be increase in the circulation for first responders; a fence where the areas are unfence and that they would provide a recreation space for the unique needs of the children.

Regarding Request #1 the Conditional Use: Attorney Serra stated that Town staff recommends approval and that the application meets the approval of a conditional use and coincides with the Town Strategic Plan.

Regarding Request #2 – the Variance: Attorney Serra stated that Town staff recommends approval; the variance is for the outdoor play area requirements which exceeds this entire parcel; Town Code provides 7 criteria for approval of a variance but meeting any one of those criteria is enough to approve a variance and this application meets all 7 of the criteria.

Regarding Request #3 – Approval of the Site Plan: Attorney Serra stated that Town staff recommends approval; the site remain the same with minimal modifications as mentioned before; meets parking and landscape/greenspace; providing outdoor recreation play areas. These modifications are for safety and circulation and to increase the greenspace and recreation space for the children.

Regarding Request #4 – Reduction of the Mobility Fee: Attorney Serra stated that the applicant is requesting a reduction of the fees and Town staff does not agree with this reduction. Attorney Tony Recio addressed the Town Council on this request. He explained that the Town Council has the ability or authority to reduce the fee because it is part of the Town Code, Sec. 3-20007(4).

Attorney Recio explained that this school will enhance the quality of life; that the fee imposes tremendous costs to this non-profit; that some students will be doing virtual school a couple days of the week and that the mobility fee is setup as if the kids will be coming to school daily. He also explained that the school will not be at 150 students immediately; that 150 students are not predicted until the year 2024. He emphasized that the fee states that the school would be charged for 150 students immediately. He stated that the mobility fee is little over \$70,000 total and that is not including road impact fees. Attorney Recio concluded his presentation by stating that the applicant is asking for a reduction or at least spacing out the payment arrangement.

The following people provided testimony:

Ms. Samantha Slater addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Mr. Brett Schwartz addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Aurora Pelaez addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Tayler Alvarez addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Giovanna Romero addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Vanessa Fabricio addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke about Angels Reach Foundation and her experiences as a mother of a child who attended said school. She stated that Angels Reach is not a bad school; that they have great therapists but that decisions were done and the kids were not put first; that the special needs of kids were not taken into consideration in numerous times; that the founder of the school sometimes did not answer answers to parents of students; that she did not inform parents about the moving situation of the location.

Mr. Manny Ribadeo addressed the Town Council in-person and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Adriana Vega Izaguirre addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Vivian Levy addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Alexandra Levine addressed the Town Council via zoom and spoke in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Mr. Matthew Sosa addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that he is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Allison Jump addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Alysson Jaafar addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Samantha R. addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Robin A. Hernandez addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Amanda Iglesias addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Aaliyah Cole addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Jennybel Herrera Justo addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Yianne Cuza addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Mr. Daniel Sosa addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that he is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Ronnie Garcia Jr. addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Danny Guijaro addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Elizabeth Monteverde addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Mildred addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Maria Londono addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Ileana Reyes addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Amanda Sosa addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Ms. Deborah addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

Mr. Alexis Porro addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that he is in support of Angels Reach Foundation and in support of Item 12B.

No cross-examination took place.

The Town Council posed questions to Town Staff and to the applicant, Ms. Luzardo. After discussion, Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella and Attorney Recio stated that they had come up with a solution; to pay the mobility fee for only 80 students right now, and that every year they would have to inform the Town of their enrollment. They explained that the payment would be based on the increase; that if they can't make the payment, they will stop operating. Attorney Recio stated that the Applicant would be fine with paying the mobility fee of 80 students. It was clarified that it would not be a reduction and that they would like to lock in the rate.

Mayor Cid, Vice Mayor Collazo, Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Rodriguez, and Councilmember Ruano all stated for the record, that they had sent their ex-parte communications to the Town Clerk via the disclosure form. They all made verbal disclosures of any ex-parte communications held in the last 7 days.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the conditional use variance based on Town staff report and testimony of the applicant. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the site plan based on Town Staff report and testimony of the applicant. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the variance for recreation space based on the Town staff report and testimony of the applicant. Councilmember Fernandez seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

On request #4, Councilmember Fernandez motioned for the applicant to pay the mobility fee based on current enrollment projections which is 80 students and then this would be reassessed every year along with the conditional use renewal up to 150 students set at the current mobility rate without interests. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ruano then amended the motion by stating that considering the pandemic and that many students are participating virtually, she would like this first year to begin with mobility fee for 40 students and to re-visit if the 80 students are back and learning in-person and raise it at that moment. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Immediately thereafter, Councilmember Alvarez asked Councilmember Ruano if she would consider Town staff to coordinate with the applicant, Angels Reach Foundation, what the face-to-face enrollment will be for the upcoming projected year. He stated that the Mobility Fee should be tied to the exact number of students that are enrolled in-person at the time. Councilmember Ruano accepted Councilmember Alvarez' amendment to her amendment.

After further discussion, Councilmember Fernandez withdrew his motion and Councilmember Ruano withdrew her amendment to the motion.

Councilmember Ruano then motioned to direct Town staff to work with the applicant to base the mobility fee on actual in-person student enrollment upon the opening of the school and that this would be re-visited upon each subsequent year. The max capacity will be 150 students. Councilmember Alvarez seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to re-open Public Comments. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

Chairman Rudy Lloredo participated in-person Public Comments and stated that he is in support of Item 12B – regarding the dugouts and the portable potties. He fears of a future lawsuit due to safety concerns. He asked the Town Council to act now to protect our children.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-304 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR AN

AMENDMENT TO A SITE PLAN APPROVAL AS PROVIDED AT EXHIBIT "A", IN ORDER TO CORRECT A SCRIVENERS ERROR; FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF COMMERCE WAY AND N.W. 146TH STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AT EXHIBIT "B", BEARING FOLIO NO. 32-2022-008-0010; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella presented the item and explained that back in 2019, a resolution was approved to approve a modification to a site plan for the senior residential and assisted living facility project titled "The Residences at Governor's Square". Applicant provided a donation of 1.3 acres of land, the exterior build out of 6,000 square foot facility and design services at cost to the Town. However, the applicant's provision of design services was not added in the resolution. Thus, in order to properly memorialize this agreement, it is recommended that the Town Council pass this resolution amending Resolution 2019-1650.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Additional Zip Code Strategies (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item.

Councilmember Dieguez first thanked Mayor Cid for his efforts in pushing and trying to secure our own zip code; he stated that having our own zip code will provide a financial benefit to our residents. He also thanked Congressman Mario Diaz Balart and Senator Marco Rubio for their efforts.

During the discussion of this item, Councilmember Dieguez shared with the Town Council the information provided in an article that he referenced to during the Town Council meeting, titled "The conservatives strike back: House floor fight imperils popular bills", regarding bipartisanship. Councilmember Dieguez emphasized that chaos and bipartisanship will probably continue to get worse and that the Town's zip code will continue to be a victim of petty fights that occur in Washington, D.C. Councilmember Dieguez then asked his colleagues to look at an alternative proposal- to consider not only going along with the stand-alone policy bill, but to rather get it done through the U. S. Congressional Budget Appropriation process.

In that spirit, Councilmember Dieguez proposed for the Town of Miami Lakes to approach the Appropriations Process in two angles; first by submitting an appropriations request form and request funding for a review of our zip code designation process and the current zip code placement in our area, which would be conducted by U.S. Postal Service; that study would occur within 180 days from the start of the 2022 fiscal year and the report would come back and the funding would already be in the budget to get it done. The other

alternative would be to bring back earmarks, which in essence means congressional funding or community projects funding. Councilmember Dieguez proposed getting this done via a Washington, DC. Lobbyist firm called New Century Government Affairs. NCGA is based in D.C. with an office in Hialeah and they work with New Century Partnership. He added that the lobbyists that would secure the Town's zip code would be Mr. T. C. Wolfe and Mr. John Slay.

During the discussion, Councilmember Dieguez emphasize that time is of essence and moved to waive the procurements requirements, as to their service, and directly hire them and work on this process through the Congressional Appropriations process for the next year and regarding the funding amount to pay them for this service- would be \$54,000 for the entire year. The breakdown to be: \$4,000 for the first 6 months and \$5,000 for the rest 6 months. This would need to be re-visited next year for full disclosures. This would be paid from the contingency reserves and to be included in the budget amendment that was approved earlier tonight. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

B. Miami Lakes Optimist Park (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained the four parts of this item in detail.

Mayor Cid made a motion requesting Town staff, when feasible, to look at the owner builder options- to get a great service and save money; Mayor Cid directed Town staff to move forward immediately to fix the dugouts, to fix the ML●P tennis courts, to start the process- at least the permitting process- when it comes to the dry retention areas, and to start the conversations with the Optimist Club regarding field # 5. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion.

Mayor Cid asked for internal procurement, owner builder price and working with other municipalities.

Vice Mayor Collazo then stated that he is in agreement with the motion except the construction of the bathrooms and concessions. Vice Mayor Collazo made an amendment to the main motion and stated that he is in agreement and would like to move forward with part B, C, D of the Mayor's New Business Item but not in favor of part A – construction of 600 sf center bathrooms & concessions. Vice Mayor Collazo also asked for Town staff's feedback on the numbers – projections- presented in the Mayor's New Business Item. The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the amendment passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Rodriguez then made an amendment to the main motion and state that when the ML●P tennis courts are being resurfaced, for Town staff to look into resurfacing and putting a couple of Pickleball lines on the tennis courts. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo. All were in favor of the amendment.

Councilmember Ruano spoke about delivering a safe environment for the children to play at the Optimist Park. She stated that the dugouts are in dangerous conditions and that the tennis courts are in need of improvement. She asked the Town Manager for an accurate cost

estimate. She also mentioned the \$300,000 from the Development Agreement and mentioned that the EAB had proposed some uses for the monies. She mentioned that she spoke to the Legal Department about investing those funds for the ML●P; she mentioned that the schools are swimming in money from the Cares Act and she stated that the best use for those funds is to allocate them to the ML●P. Councilmember Ruano added that the park belongs to the Miami-Dade Public Schools and by improving the park we are improving the physical education of children in our community. Councilmember Alvarez spoke in support of allocating the \$300,000 to the ML●P and stated that ML●P has a dire need to be improved.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that Town staff will come back with an accurate cost estimate regarding these items and ready to procure in the April Regular Council Meeting.

Vice Mayor Collazo asked the Town Manager to look into reconsidering the \$50,000 grant opportunity for the refurbishing of the ML●P fields. Vice Mayor Collazo asked for lighting to be enhanced in the tennis courts. Vice Mayor Collazo asked for Town Staff to look into this.

Councilmember Alvarez then made an amendment to the motion to move, to allocate the \$300,000 from the EAB to be allocated to the ML●P and gave direction to Town staff for the Town Liaison to communicate to the EAB, that those monies will be re-allocated to the ML●P. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion.

After more discussion, it was clarified that the Town Council's desire was to rescind the January resolution -which approved \$100,000 for EAB to distribute amongst the schools- and to re-allocate the \$300,000 towards the ML●P. The amendment passed 5-2; Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

The main motion as amended three times, passed.

Vice Mayor Collazo motioned to defer all pending items that have not been discussed by 2 am, to the next meeting- which is the Special Call meeting taking place on Thursday, March 11th at 6 pm.

C. Picnic Park West – Bike Trails (Alvarez)

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion for Town staff to begin the design and cost estimate of incorporating into small hills by the Pavilion of Picnic Park West, bike trails for children to ride through at the park, as an alternate to the walking path, since it's not permissible. Mayor Cid seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. Solid Waste Services (Fernandez)

Councilmember Fernandez presented his item and stated that he's a little dissatisfied with the County's bulky waste and Christmas tree removal pick up. He moved for the Town Manager to look at options to either have the county improve their offerings or ask them to give us the option to do it ourselves or to outsource these services. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

E. Building Department Recommendations (Rodriguez)

Waiver by Councilmember Fernandez and seconded by Councilmember Alvarez

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of building industry experts, to meet over the next three months – April, May and June- and come back to the Town Council with ways that they can improve the experience of the customer experience of our residents and business owners in our town. This was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

After discussion, the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Ruano and Vice Mayor Collazo voted in opposition.

F. Infrastructure Workshop (Cid)

This item was pulled by Mayor Cid because the question was answered during the budget discussion.

G. National Flood Insurance Program (Fernandez).

Councilmember Fernandez asked the Town Manager for a study on the potential impact of proposed stormwater improvements on flood insurance to be conducted. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

H. Lighting at Royal Oaks Playground (Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Collazo motioned to waive the Special Rules of Order and it was seconded by Mayor Cid. All were in favor.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion for Town staff to install lighting at the playground of Royal Oaks Park and for this to be turned off at 10 pm. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

I. Dog Feces Signs (Cid)

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

J. Short-Term Vacation Rentals (Fernandez)

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

K. Optimist Park Temporary Bathroom Options (Rodriguez)

Mayor Cid motioned to waive the Special Rules of Order and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. All were in favor.

Councilmember Rodriguez presented the item. He explained and motioned that what he was looking into portable trailers with bathrooms- he emphasized that he is not interested in porta potties. As part of the motion, the Town Manager Pidermann stated that Town staff will be looking into dugouts, tennis courts and bathroom options to present to the Town Council in the April Regular Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-1 Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Miami-Dade County BCC Agendas (Cid)

Deferred to the next meeting.

B. Florida Mine Blasting Public Rule Workshop Notice (Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Collazo motioned to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and all were in favor. Councilmember Ruano was absent.

Councilmember Rodriguez explained that the State of Florida is holding a public rule workshop on March 10th at 1:30 pm, to consider public input on changing the rule. Councilmember Rodriguez and Mayor Cid both introduced State Representative Fabricio, who spoke on this behalf, via zoom. He spoke about the blasting effects and asked the community in general to call and participate in the zoom meeting. State Representative Fabricio mentioned the recently passed House bills regarding Covid liability and Covid fraud.

State Representative Alex Rizzo was also present via zoom and echoed the sentiments of State Representative Fabricio. He added the importance of listening to the concerns of the constituents and asked all the constituents that are being victims of the blasting effects to call and voice their opinion. He also mentioned that he became aware that Mr. Angel Vazquez and Mr. Nayib Hassan had resigned from their volunteer positions in the VC; he stated that these two gentlemen are great citizens and have brought many benefits to the VC; that he considers them friends and that he is working with State Representative Fabricio's office to honor these two volunteers. State Representative Rizzo also stated that they are advocating and pushing hard on the Town of Miami Lakes projects, although the budgetary constraints are very strong.

15. MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

B. School Speed Zone-Miami Lakes K-8 Center (Acosta)

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

C. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

D. Monthly Report on Miami-Lakes Optimist Park (Angel)

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

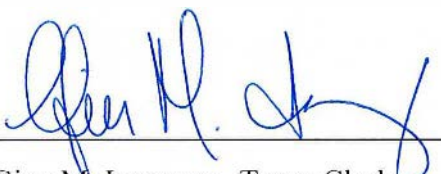
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 am.

Approved this 13th day of April 2020



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk