

MINUTES
Special Call Meeting
March 11, 2021
6:00 P.M
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

Present at the workshop were: Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, Councilmember Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Luis Collazo, and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Carlos Alvarez, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, and Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez were absent.

Also present at the workshop were: Town Manager Edward Pidermann; Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez; Town Attorney Raul Gastesi; Town Deputy Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella; Communications and Community Affairs Director Clarisell De Cardenas; Strategic Planning, Performance, and Innovation Manager German cure; Assistant to the Town Manager Rosa Marrero, Public Works Director Carlos Acosta, Chief Financial Officer Ismael Diaz, Major Javier Ruiz, Town Clerk Gina Inguanzo, and Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Shepple. Parks and Recreation Director Daniel Angel was present via zoom.

2. Moment of Silence:

Vice Mayor Collazo led the moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Councilmember Ruano led the pledge.

4. Public Comments:

Ms. Esperanza Hope Reynolds appeared via Zoom. She spoke in support of designing the I-75 interchange at 170th.

Mr. Mario Pinera, Chairman of the Education Advisory Board, appeared in person. He came to speak about the funding reallocation from the Resolution 11-883 Development

Agreement to the Optimist Park improvements. The Education Advisory Board had proposed to use this funding to help the local schools for certain projects at the February 9th Council Meeting. He asked the council to reconsider portion be allocated to schools.

Florida State Representatives Mr. Tom Fabricio and Mr. Alex Rizo appeared via Zoom. They expressed they would like to assist the Town get consideration from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a I-75 interchange on 170th.

Mr. Hector Abad, former Education Advisory Board Chairman, appeared in person. He came to speak about the funding reallocation from the Resolution 11-883 Development Agreement to the Optimist Park improvements. He would like the council to reconsider this decision.

5. Committee Appointments:

Mr. Tirso Martinez was appointed to Building Department Ad Hoc Committee by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Mr. Carlos Fernandez Guzman was appointed to Building Department Ad Hoc Committee by Mayor Manny Cid.

Mayor Manny Cid made the motioned to approve. All were in favor.

6. Items for Discussion:

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Mayor Manny Cid motioned to direct Town Staff to come back at the next council meeting with financial options, if FDOT does not commit, for the I-75 interchange at 170th. The Town Attorneys were directed to review for litigation strategy. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.


Vice Mayor Collazo made an amendment to the motion. Vice Mayor Collazo motioned to not to limit the research to 170th but also 154th and advocate that FDOT commit to the feasibility study. Mayor Cid seconded the amendment. All were in favor of amendment and the motioned passed 4-0. Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Dieguez, and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

B. Deferred Items from Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

These items were deferred to the next council meeting as quorum would not be met. Councilmember Fernandez needed to leave for medical reasons.

7. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk