

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
April 21,2021
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

* NOTICE WAS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, **APRIL 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM.** THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CONDUCTED AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE OPEN SESSION OF THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY, GIVING ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC. THE CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT MIAMI LAKES TOWN HALL, 6601 MAIN STREET, MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33014.

*DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS, PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE IN A HYBRID FORMAT. THUS, THE OPEN SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS LIVESTREAMED, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VIRTUALLY ATTENDING PUBLIC.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Luis Collazo, and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano joined at 9:12 AM. Councilmember Carlos Alvarez was absent. Present as well were: The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi, Lorenzo Cobiella, and Raul Lopez from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC; and the Certified Court Reporter.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi led the pledge of allegiance.

4. INVOCATION:

Attorney Raul Lopez led the of the invocation.

5. Public Meeting Session:

Mayor Manny Cid read into the record the following statement:

Town of Miami Lakes v. Miami Dade County, ET AL [19-29261 CA 01]

Mayor Manny Cid also read into the record that the following statement:

“that Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes provides an exemption from the public meetings law in order to allow the Town Council to conduct a closed session to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in a pending lawsuit. This is what the Town Council will be doing today. This session will be recorded by a court reporter. The transcript will be filed with the Town Clerk and it will remain sealed until the conclusion of the litigation. When the litigation has concluded, the transcript becomes public record and can be requested by anyone. This attorney-client session is estimated to last one hour. The names of those individuals attending today’s attorney-client session are:

1. Town Councilmembers Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Luis Collazo, Mayor Manny Cid
2. Town Manager Edward Pidermann
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq. Lorenzo Cobiella Esq., and Raul Lopez Esq. from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC. and
4. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals named above, were the only individuals allowed to stay at the Council Chambers to conduct and participate at the private attorney-client session. Once the attorney-client session is done, the Town Council will once again meet at the open public meeting, to adjourn.

At approximately at 9:15 AM, the Town Council closed the open session and convened in the Council Chambers to start the private session.

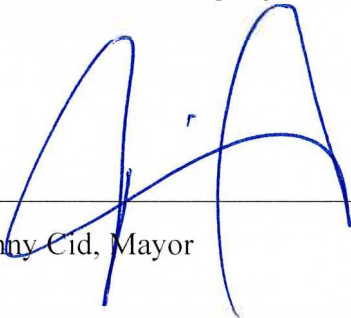
Once the private session was done, they re-opened the public meeting at approximately 10:39 AM. This portion of the meeting was livestreamed again.

Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez made a motion to direct Town Attorneys to research the hiring of specialized Appellate Council for the appeal of this case. Councilmember Tony Fernandez seconded the motion. All were in favor, 6-0, and the motioned passed. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez was absent.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

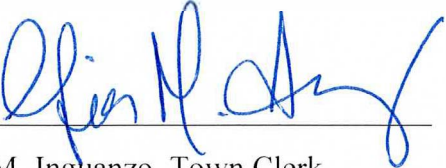
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Approved this 11th day of May 2021.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk