

**MINUTES**  
**Workshop on MLOP**  
**August 26, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present at the workshop were: Mayor Manny Cid, Councilmembers Carlos O. Alvarez, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Jeffrey Rodriguez. Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo arrived at approximately 6:40pm and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano arrived at approximately 6:50pm.

Also present at the workshop were: Town Manager Edward Pidermann; Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez; Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella; Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun; Town Clerk Gina Inguanzo.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

The prayer was led by Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez.

**3. Public Comments:**

Mr. Rudy Lloredo came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He stated he is in favor of bringing the bond question up to ballot for the residents to vote on the redevelopment of Miami Lakes Optimist Park.

Mr. Ray Garcia came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He expressed he is in favor of redeveloping the Miami Lakes Optimist Park.

Mr. Robert Meador participated in virtual public comments via Zoom. He spoke in favor of moving forward with the Miami Lakes Optimist Park renovations and chimed in on the options presented.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to increase public comments to four minutes for all participants and Mayor Cid seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Alton Russell participated in virtual public comments via Zoom. He spoke in regard to considering basketball court lighting in the redevelopment options.

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds participated in virtual public comments via Zoom. She spoke in opposition to the Miami Lakes Optimist redevelopment as it will add more to the taxpayers.

Mr. Raul De La Sierra came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He stated he is in favor of investing in the children of the Town and redeveloping the park for them.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. She expressed she is in opposition of the redevelopment and then proceeded to mention the JUA requirements between the Town and the School Board.

Mr. Jim Hamilton came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He spoke in favor of Option #4 for the redevelopment of Miami Lakes Optimist Park. He believes that option provides the most amenities, and it is an affordable price for taxpayers.

Mr. Lazaro Arcacha came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He would like to run a youth basketball program year-round for the recreational division and believes in the Miami Lakes park.

Mr. Angelo Garcia came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He expressed concerns with some of the pricing involved for the amenities in each option.

Ms. Claudia Luces came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. She believes the park needs improvements but not luxury amenities. She also added the Town is continuing to incur debt that falls on the taxpayers.

Mr. Eddie Blanco came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He is in support of the parks however he also feels as though some residents' concerns regarding the redevelopment are valid. He then added his thoughts on the redevelopment project and design options.

Mr. Daniel Garcia came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He is in support of Option #4 or any option including a multipurpose facility. He feels as though that facility would assist the community.

Mr. Danny Diverona came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. He stated more kids are signing up each season for the programs at Miami Lakes Optimist Park. He stated the redevelopment would enhance even more participation and the extra parking would solve that issue.

Ms. Lynn Matos came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. She thanked Mr. Bajdaun for the Miami Lakes Optimist Park presentation. She added the Optimist Club has done an amazing thing for the community and believes it is past time to redevelop the park. She also stated that in real estate, parks do impact property value.

Ms. Nancy Rogers came to the workshop and participated in in-person public comments. She stated she does not want to see Miami Lakes become an area with no facilities or programs for children to play sports. She then expressed she is in support of Option #4 to redevelop the park.

**4. Items for Discussion:**

Mayor Cid made a motion to have the presentation before public comments and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann introduced the presentation and explained it is a comprehensive report that details the four different design options for the redevelopment of Miami Lakes Optimist Park.

Parks and Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun then stated the Town’s financial advisor, Lourdes Abadin is present to explain the financial portions of each option and what it means to the residents. He also mentioned that the design firm’s partner, Kirk Olney is present at the meeting for any spacing and design questions.

Mr. Bajdaun then presented the purpose of the redevelopment to the Miami Lakes Optimist Park and explained the potential ballot costs and pricing factors for each option. He then went over all four options along with each of their amenities, concept plan designs, and total projected costs. Mr. Bajdaun also provided a summary of enhancements index for each option along with each enhancement’s pricing.

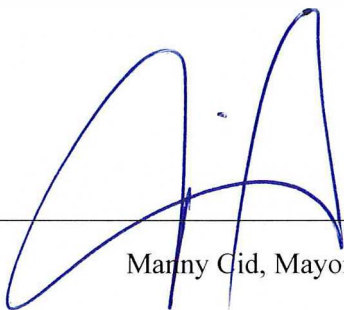
Financial Advisor, Lourdes Abadin then went over the alternative revenue source pledges, alternative methods of bond financing, financing options and recommendations, projected overviews for all options, and the millage impact on average homes in Miami Lakes for all four options.

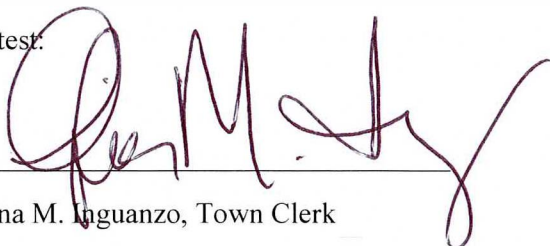
The Town Council then posed questions regarding the design options, enhancements, and costs in which Mr. Bajdaun, Mr. Pidermann, and Ms. Abadin were able to respond to.

After Public Comments closed, the Town Council and Town Staff discussed the different project design options that were presented. The Town Council then provided feedback to staff and chose an option that was more prevalent and viable than the others in order to move forward with and bring back to Council.

**5. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

  
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Marny Cid, Mayor

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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk