

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Cid welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Cid called up Ms. Silvia Dominguez, Executive Director of Mystic Force Foundation, and the entire Matthew's Family to receive a proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Cid then read aloud the proclamation and with the entire Town Council proclaimed September 14th, 2021, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Miami Lakes. One recipient of the proclamation, JJ said he wouldn't be here today without any doctors and a cure should be found now. Then, Silvia stated as a nation we need to do better for our children and realize what they go through. She proceeded to thank everyone for the support and for raising awareness.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:37 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Josh Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Fernandez arrived at 6:41pm and Councilmember Ruano arrived at 6:47 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Luis McCarthy from Kings of Kings International Church led the prayer.

Rabbi Weiss blew the Shofar, marking the end of the fast day of Yom Kippur. Mrs. Weiss explained that this is the holiest day of the year for the Jewish nation and explained the tradition of blowing the Shofar and its religious meaning.

Mr. Ariel Fernandez from Better You Minute, led a moment of mediation via YouTube.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Collazo.

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

Councilmember Dieguez asked to move up Items 14B and 14C to be taken up with Item 13B. Councilmember Rodriguez asked to also add 16D with 14B, 14C, and 13B. Mayor Cid pulled Items 10B and 10C from the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Collazo asked to bring up Item 14G to after Public Comments. Councilmember Fernandez asked to add a report, Item 15G.

Councilmember Alvarez motion to approve the New Order of Business and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed during public meetings.

Ms. Nancy Rogers came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She came to speak on behalf of a young man that brought something to her attention as chair of the Public Safety Committee. She provided documents to the Town Council addressing the situation at the addresses provided to her by the young man. She stated that the area is NW 143rd Street over by Bob Graham Primary Learning Center. The situation presented was about the signage around the schools causing safety issues.

Mr. Bryan Morera came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak in support of the Miami Lakes Optimist Park renovation. Mr. Moreira stated that improvements are direly needed, and the improvements presented in options 3 or 4 are a great representation of “growing beautifully” in the town.

Mr. Ray Garcia came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak in support of the Miami Lakes Optimist Park improvements. He believes the park needs many improvements and at minimum basic infrastructure to make it more efficient in the long run. Mr. Garcia stated action needs to be taken now and it can't wait much longer.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She requested that the instructions of proper decorum that are read by the Town Clerk, to be followed during public meetings apply to the councilmembers as well, and not only to the attending audience. She then asked the Mayor to tell the councilmembers that the park is owned by the school board.

Ms. Ally del Valle came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She asked the Town Council to reconsider the ordinance of Miami Lakes regarding keeping boats in backyards.

Mr. Robert Criscuolo came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak on the boat ordinance of Town of Miami Lakes. He asked the reasoning behind no longer being able to keep boats in backyards and asked the Town Council to perhaps put a proposal together and have a vote on this issue. Mayor Cid then replied saying the explanation is very long, but he does not mind scheduling a sunshine meeting to discuss it further. Mayor Cid asked his Assistant, Mr. Joseph Sosa, to set up a sunshine meeting to discuss this matter.

Ms. Claudia Luces came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She came to speak about Miami Lakes Optimist Park and its renovations. She stated that renovations do need to be made; however, not everything needs to be repaired. She stated that no assumptions should be made because the Town has spent a lot of money to obtain the park. Ms. Luces also brought to the attention of traffic along 67th avenue if a sports complex were to be built; she asked the Town Council if there were any plans of expanding 67th Avenue. She asked for the dugouts to be renovated, fix the fields; but stated that \$28 millions is a stretch. She believes the dollar amount to this renovation is expensive and there is not really a need for a multipurpose building at the park. Ms. Luces also brought up the congested roads and bridges and the openings at the “Spot” not being able to be filled. She also mentioned her desire for the Town Council to put effort into the Blasting issues affecting the town; the bridges and the life to safety issues.

There being no one else in Council Chambers wanting to participate in the in-person Public Comments section of the Agenda, Town Clerk Gina M Inguanzo, proceeded to read the names of the online participants and asked if they would like to speak.

Ms. Susana Herrera participated via Remote Public Comments. She stated the community is suffering a lot in silence; she shared stories of some residents that are struggling in the community -getting evicted, dying- and she asked the Town Council to realize that this is not the right time to take money from people in the town, when it comes to the FPL fees and park renovation; that she will not support the \$28 million tag.

Ms. Karina Shmit participated via Prerecorded Public Comments. She stated that she is the owner of Sophie’s Publishing House and she follows the Hope Reynolds PDF regularly and that thanks to her PDF, many round the work follow what the Town does, and her message was to make sure any resolutions, ordinances, etc. are not in violation of guiding principles. She spoke about the education system in America compared to where she resides – Demark- and stated that she believes the children in America deserve a better education. She extended an invitation to conduct a zoom meeting and discuss the topic further with the Town Council.

There being no one else in Council Chambers wanting to participate in the Remote Public Comments section of the Agenda, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, proceeded to read the names of the participants that submitted written public comments.

The participants were Ms. Bonnie Cintron and Ms. Esperanza Hope Reynolds.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Lourdes Iglesias to the Veteran's Committee by Vice Mayor Luis Collazo.

Ms. Jessica Joseph to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez.

Ms. Clarimar Zeledon to the Special Needs Advisory Board by Mayor Manny Cid.

Ms. Gabriella Vega to the Youth Activities Task Force by Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez.

Mr. Luis Suarez to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Mayor Manny Cid.

Ms. Maribel Balbin to the Neighborhood Service Districts - Miami Lakes Section 1 by the Council.

Ms. Ely Gonzalez to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee by Councilmember Carlos Alvarez.

Mr. Bryan Morera to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Mr. Luis Botero to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Carlos Alvarez.

Mr. Renard Amaro to the Neighborhood Service Districts – Miami Lakes Section 1 by the Council.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to approve the appointments and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Neighborhood Improvement Committee

Committee Member, Mr. Javier Ley-Soto presented to the Town Council, the committee report. During the July 21st committee meeting, they voted to allocate \$1,500 from the PEDES line item to the Doggie Waste Stations line item, as well as to allocate \$800 to the Blasting Advisory Board Bike Ride.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to move both items on the report and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

B. Blasting Advisory Board

Chairman Miguel Martinez presented to the Town Council, the committee report. He requested that all BAB meetings can be accommodated to full virtual hybrid status which provides opportunity for the public to interact. Then, he stated the Blasting Bike Ride is

being developed and requested the \$800 is NIC funds be transferred to BAB for the Bike Ride. Additionally, he requested \$84 to recover remaining costs of the Freebee. Chairman Martinez then asked the Town Council to approve this report and for the Town Council to join the committee on the Bike Ride event on September 25th.

Vice Mayor Collazo asked if the \$84 will be an appropriation and Chairman Martinez responded in the affirmative. At that moment, Vice Mayor Collazo made a donation to the Town of Miami Lakes on behalf of the Blasting Advisory Board to cover the costs of the \$84.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to accept the report and for the Town Manager to come forward with the cost on the broadcasting. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Mental Health Task Force

Chairman Rosa Barroso presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Town Council as a committee report. The presentation was an overview about the resolution to create the task force and its goals. The committee presented the website created to provide support and resources to whoever visits the website.

Mayor Cid thanked the committee for their work and thanked Vice Mayor Collazo for bringing this task force to life and realizing the importance of mental health. Vice Mayor Collazo thanked each of the members for serving the community in this way and supports the recommendations presented to the council.

Vice Mayor then made a motion to adopt some of the recommendations and Mayor Cid seconded.

Councilmember Alvarez suggested that during Mental Health Awareness Month -May- the committee should do special initiatives to raise awareness. He stated he would love to partner with them to make it happen.

All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Introduction of Ms. Anaily Padron, CIP Manager

Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta introduced Ms. Anaily Padron as the new Capital Improvement Project Manager. Ms. Padron then thanked Mr. Acosta and expressed how excited she is to be a part of the team.

B. Introduction of Ms. Aisle Pastora, Committees & Special Events Coordinator

Communications & Community Affairs Director, Clarisell de Cardenas introduced Ms. Aisle Pastora as the Committees & Special Events Coordinator. Ms. Pastora thanked everyone for the welcome and is looking forward to beginning with the committees.

- C. Introduction of Ms. Victoria Vega, Marketing & Digital Services Specialist
Communications & Community Affairs Director, Clarisell de Cardenas introduced Ms. Victoria Vega as the Marketing & Digital Services Specialist. Ms. Vega then thanked everyone and expressed how happy she is to be serving the community she grew up in.
- D. Introduction of Mr. Ernesto Soto, Programs Coordinator
Parks & Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun introduced Mr. Ernesto Soto as the Programs Coordinator. Mr. Soto thanked everyone for the opportunity to work in the town and looks forward to serving the community.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Collazo moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion passed 7-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes
- August 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
 - August 26, 2021 Miami Lakes Optimist Park Workshop

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING WORK ORDERS PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2017-32(K) FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES, WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 24/100 (\$178,947.24) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORM WATER PROJECTS; MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-269, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-270, AND ORDINANCE NO. 21-272, AND 21-275; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WORK ORDERS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid pulled this item from the Consent Calendar for questions about the timeframe of the project along with Item 10C. Town Manager, Ed Pidermann stated that the work orders are in line with the timeline previously provided by the Public Works Department. He stated they are pushing and moving forth with the project.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to approve Items 10B and 10C and Vice Mayor Collazo seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI 3 LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING WORK ORDERS WITH MARLIN ENGINEERING PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2017-32(M) FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING

SERVICES, WITH MARLIN ENGINEERING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 82/100 (\$184,724.82) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORM WATER PROJECTS; MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-269, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-270, AND ORDINANCE NO. 21-272, AND 21-275; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WORK ORDERS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE WORK ORDERS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid pulled this item from the Consent Calendar for questions about the timeframe of the project along with Item 10B.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve Items 10B and 10C and Vice Mayor Collazo seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

- 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 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022, RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE, IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO, PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Town Manager Pidermann presented the ordinance and explained that it was brought back as a request of the Town Council from the first budget hearing and would need a vote to raise the fee to 6%.

Public Comments:

Ms. Mirtha Mendez participated in live public comments and expressed this item would be an immoral way of gaining funds from residents. She stated she does not want the franchise fee and that we are hiding behind the FPL. She asked to stop lying to the residents and to tell the residents that we need it for the street repair. She believes if funds are needed for street repair it should come from the Ad Valorem and not another fee hiding behind FPL.

Ms. Claudia Luces participated in live public comments and agreed with Ms. Mirtha Mendez -that they should not hide behind the FPL franchise fee if they need the money. She told the Town Council that if money is needed, to just raise the taxes and stand behind the need for it.

Seeing as no one else from the public wishes to speak, Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Fernandez spoke on this item and explained to the Town Council the origin of the list of individual projects the FPL franchise fee would be geared to along with the percentage that would need to be raised for the improvement. He stated the need for improvements exists when it comes to raising the fee up by 3%. He explained that the Town Council would have to choose what projects to work on. Councilmember Fernandez also stated that the total cost of the projects on the list is about \$1.9 million -if the Town Council approved the 3% increase, the franchise fee increase would only cover about half of the projects on the list.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded for discussion. After discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Ruano, Vice Mayor Collazo, and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

None.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO REMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO TOWN LOBBYIST, THE SOUTHERN GROUP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Town Manager Ed Pidermann presented the recommendations from our State Lobbyist and the Town of Miami Lakes prioritization of projects. Town Manager Pidermann proceeded to explain the number of projects, its elements, and funding.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to move the recommendations and Councilmember Alvarez seconded.

After some discussion, Councilmember Alvarez then motioned to amend the appropriations list, to add a bike path/bike trail in Picnic Park West. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the amendment to the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

Vice Mayor Collazo stated he would like to bring this item back along with other alternative funding sources, to bring back as much revenue as possible, from different ancillary funding streams with the county or state, in particular to mitigate the price tag on Optimist Park.

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

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS IN ORDER PREPARE A GENERAL BOND QUESTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 ELECTION DATE; PROVIDING FOR EXPIDENDURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was discussed with Item 14B, 14C and 16D.

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

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and stated that based on the provided feedback given to him at the August 26th MLOP Workshop, he recommends the Town Council to move forward with the adoption of a general obligation bond question, that will be put forth before the residents to finance the re-development of Optimist Park. He insisted that this is not a final projection but that this is just the first step that will provide direction to get started towards the bond issuance. He asked the Town Council to authorize him to expend up to \$100,000.00 of budgeted funds to take necessary measures, in order to provide the necessary information that will allow the Town Council to adopt a General Obligation Bond Question to be presented to the voters in November 2022, to finance the Optimist Park re-development.

Councilmember Alvarez motioned to get the discussion started and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Public Comments:

Mirtha Mendez came forth to express that the proposal is a blank check to the Town Manager. She mentioned that she was expecting a presentation with options and she stated that she never heard discussion from the councilmembers as to their preference with the park. She question the Town Council what would happen, if the residents vote no in November 2022, like it happened back in March 2004 for a \$12 million investment in the

parks. She stated that the people (voters) should be asked first before approving this resolution.

There being no one else for public comments, Mayor Cid closed the public comments section.

After discussion, Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella provided clarification on parliamentary procedures. He stated that during the Nee Order of Business, the Town Council combined Item 13B, with Items 14B, 14C and 16D for purposes of discussion but that these items could be taken by separate questions. Thus, procedurally, the Town Council was going to take the vote first of Item 13B.

Councilmember Dieguez then proposed an amendment and stated that in the event of this item passing, that it is first subject to be revised by the Legal Department, for a legal opinion as to its validity or invalidity for the funds to be used for this purpose -prior to the expenditure of any funds- and that the opinion has to come back favorable before the funds are spent; that is, in order for the funds to be spent, legal has to sign off on them. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Rodriguez voted in opposition.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion as amended and it passed 6-1; Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Community Association Charges (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item and explained that it seeks to restrict what an association can charge for any governing documents. He stated these documents should be provided at a more reasonable cost seeing as the documents are required by Statutes.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to instruct the Town Legal Department to pursue an ordinance relating to the governing documents. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion for discussion. Councilmember Rodriguez provided reasoning for why he is in opposition and stated that as a government he does not feel it is their position to tell an association how much to charge members. Councilmember Fernandez and Vice Mayor Collazo also agreed with Councilmember Rodriguez and stated they would also vote in opposition.

Councilmember Dieguez mentioned that he wanted to share with his colleagues his point of view on the item and proceeded to withdraw it.

B. Selecting Miami Lakes Park Optimist Renovation Options (Alvarez)

Councilmember Alvarez introduced his item and made a motion to move forward in selecting what the Town Council feels it's the best option for the voter bond approval and

those options are option #1, option #2, option #3 or option 4. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded for discussion.

Councilmember Rodriguez then made an amendment to the motion, to eliminate option #1 and option #2. The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez.

During discussion, Councilmember Fernandez then offered an amendment to the motion, to select option #3 and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Ruano, Councilmember Alvarez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

After some additional discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll on Councilmember Rodriguez' amendment to eliminate option #1 and option #2, and the motion passed 4-3; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Ruano and Vice Mayor Collazo voted in opposition.

Then, Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to amend Councilmember Alvarez' main motion, to rather look into option #3 and option #4 and not select an option. Mayor Cid seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Ruano and Vice Mayor Collazo voting in opposition.

Then, Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to reconsider and to select option #3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

C. Ancillary Funding Options for Miami Lakes Optimist Park Reconfiguration (Collazo)

This item was discussed with Item 12A, 14B, and 16D. Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion directing the Town Manager and staff to look at every other possible resource to funding option number #3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed and all were in favor.

D. Year-Round Basketball League at MLOP (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this his item and made a motion to direct Town staff to do an RFP to see if any providers would like to start a year-round league at Optimist Park. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the item for discussion. Councilmember Rodriguez stated he would vote yes for this item; however, he would like to see the costs behind the RFP and asked staff to bring it back to the Town Council.

After discussion, the motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

E. Additional Traffic Resources (Dieguez)

Mayor Cid made a motion waiving Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item and made a motion to directing staff to work with the School Board to mitigate traffic in certain areas and find better solutions. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ruano stated this has been previously addressed and the Lieutenant had put procedures in place during school pick up times which mitigated traffic. She believes maybe adding a no left turn sign would be the most effective, but it would only place traffic elsewhere. Councilmember Ruano would like to reach out to the Lieutenant to see what he had previously done.

All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

F. Committee Reports (Alvarez)

Councilmember Alvarez presented this item and made a motion to limit committee reports to 10 minutes or less. Mayor Cid seconded for discussion.

After discussion, Councilmember Alvarez withdrew his item.

G. Pedestrian Safety Along 154th Street (Collazo)

Vice Mayor Collazo presented this item and explained that in order to mitigate as many accidents as possible along 154th by Loch Isle, the Town should add some sort of buffer to make the intersection safer.

The President of the Loch Isle HOA, Mr. Javier Ley-Soto presented to the Town Council a letter and attachments explaining the accidents that have happened along the area and how changes to prevent them are needed.

Vice Mayor Collazo then made a motion to direct the Town Manager to come back with some solutions and meet with the HOA. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

H. Neighborhood Services District (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained there is confusion for residents when advertising Neighborhood Services District meetings because it is very broad.

Mayor Cid made a motion to direct staff to specify advertisements for Neighborhood Services District meetings and to add "Guard Gate Meeting" or "Lake Maintenance District Meeting" - to avoid confusion. Councilmember Dieguez seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

I. Hunger Action Month / Feeding South Florida (Collazo)

Vice Mayor Collazo presented this item and explained that this month is Hunger Action Month and Feeding South Florida has a campaign in which the Town has supported in the past. They are now asking the Town to raise awareness this year by lighting up Town Hall in orange.

Vice Mayor Collazo proceeded to make a motion directing the Town Manager to light up Town Hall in orange in honor of Hunger Action Month. Mayor Cid seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

J. Miami Lakes Senior Center (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item for discussion to look at different funding sources for the Senior Center. Without committing to anything, Mayor Cid made a motion to direct Town staff to seek possible P3's for the Senior Center and for Town staff to come back to the Town Council with options. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. COVID-19 Update (Cid)

Mayor Cid deferred this item to next Town Council meeting.

B. Census Update (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this report and reported that since the year 2010, the population has increased. As of today, the population is around 31,000-32,000 people. He stated with an increase in population, state resources could potentially go up seeing as they are based on population. Councilmember Dieguez also reported that the number is not completely up to date so the population could potentially be at 35,000 by now.

C. Contract City (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this report and thanked Town Staff for looking at the core mission for this item on Contract City.

D. Air Conditioning Unit at Royal Oaks Park (Cid)

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to waive Section 6.7 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Cid presented this report and explained the air conditioning unit at Royal Oaks Park has been an issue for a long time. He thanked Mr. Joseph Sosa, his Assistant, for his great work on gaining a sponsor to pay for 2 additional A/C units.

E. MLOP Joint Use Agreement (Cid)

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to waive Section 6.7 and 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid presented his report and thanked Town staff for their work on this. He explained how he has collaborated with staff to enhance efforts in adding to the agreement.

F. NW 59th Avenue Update (Cid)

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to waive Section 6.7 and 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order. Councilmember Dieguez seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid presented his report and thanked staff for their work on this item. However, there is an issue where he interjected himself in and that is the amount of money the county wants to charge the Town for utilizing a public road. Mayor Cid shared that he reached out and spoke with Senator Rubio and with the office of Congressman Mario Diaz Balart and explained the situation, which allowed them to find out that Amazon, a private entity, is getting charged less than the Town. Mayor Cid stated that they are all working on amending that so that this fee is waived.

G. Park Reservation Software (Fernandez)

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to waive the Special Rules of Order. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Fernandez presented this report and thanked Mr. Tony Lopez and Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun for allowing him to join them at the Parks and Recreation conference.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. 5G Monetization (Acosta)

The Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta presented this report on 5G Monetization. Based on his research he stated there are companies that are willing to take advantage of this idea. The benefit would be streamline permitting for these companies and construction costs. He stated that the best way to move on with this would be to put out a letter of interest. Then the Town can put out an RFP and proceed with a company.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if there was a way to get these types of companies to donate poles to the park renovation and bring down the costs of MLOP improvements and Mr. Acosta believes it is possible to be worked out.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Manager to begin the process with the letter of interest and see what opportunities exist. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

B. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta presented this report and started with the capital projects. The Safe Routes to School for Bob Graham plans are around 60% complete and proceeding well. The West Lakes Drainage project had a hold up with the pipe material, but it has been corrected and the project is around 80% complete. The NW 83rd Place Drainage Improvement Project anticipates the bid to go out very soon. The Streetlights Improvement Project should be out for construction bid soon. The Crosswalks Projects are awaiting final modification plans and solicitation package is ready; once that is done it'll go out for bid. The Bond Projects have been approved by the Town Council and are doing good. A lot of restriping for the Broadway Maintenance Project has been done and there is more left to do.

Councilmember Ruano asked, regarding the signage around schools brought up earlier during this meeting, if that is the Town's responsibility to redo or the School Board's. Mr. Acosta replied with that it is the School Board's responsibility.

Mayor Cid asked in regard to the crosswalks, if the Town looked into qualifying it through a general contractor, since it is such a small project and not many people might bid on it. Mr. Acosta stated the equipment is not in the contracts to get it done but that he will look into it further.

Mayor Cid also asked regarding an unfunded project on 79th, -if there was a way to add that project to the Safe Route for Bob Graham. Mr. Acosta stated it might not be able to be attached to the Safe Route project because it is different; however, the unfunded 79th project was included in the 155th street project analysis.

C. Monthly Police Report (Ruiz)

Major Javier Ruiz presented this report and started by reporting that the crime statistics are the same as last month. School started up again this past month and the officers have gone back to routine traffic details. He reported there has been traffic improvements since residents acclimated to the new routines. He also reported that this past Saturday, they observed the 9/11 20th anniversary and wanted to express their gratitude to the Veteran's Committee for observing the anniversary and holding the ceremony.

Mayor Cid thanked the Major for getting involved in an issue a resident was having at one of the residential buildings and for handling the situation accordingly.

D. Monthly Report on Miami Lakes Optimist Park (Bajdaun)

Jeremy Bajdaun, Parks Director, provided a report and mentioned that a new draft from the School Board was received, which had many of the Town's adaptations into consideration and he mentioned that the Town Attorneys will be reviewing the draft.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Mr. Raul Gastesi, the Town Attorney, provided the Attorney's Report and began by reporting that they filed the reply brief last week and that they also replied to the Attorney's Fees motion to the City of Hialeah. Regarding the case with the City of Hialeah, he is not sure when a ruling will take place; however, they have asked for a rule of argument to appear before a court. As for the Lennar entities, Lennar has filed a lawsuit to try and compel the Town on a decision for the permit.

Town Attorney Gastesi stated the Valiente Case is set for mediation on September 20th and the insurance counsel has been handling that. In the Pizzi case, they are expecting to exchange documents within the next 30 days and that Mr. Pizzi will then sit down for a deposition. The FRS case is also set for trial October 25th and Town Attorney Gastesi mentioned he may ask the Town Council for an executive session to discuss it further. He also spoke about the appeals in regard to the Bridges Case and he thanked Councilmember Dieguez for his work on this matter.

He also reported about 59th Avenue. Town Attorney Gastesi stated they are going to continue debating the purchase price of the land, but his main concern is the future. The county took the position to require the FAA to lease it to the Town at fair market value and he tends to disagree because it is fairly expensive. For that reason, the Town Attorneys have decided to hire a consultant to help navigate the Town Attorneys through the FAA on a monthly basis for \$2,500 a month.

Mayor Cid made a motion to hire the consultant for the FAA issue and Vice Mayor Collazo seconded.

Vice Mayor Collazo then made an amendment, to limit the money for the consultant to \$10,000 coming out of the litigation reserves and to not exceed 4 months of employment; to come back to the Town Council after 3 months with a report. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the amendment. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Back on the main motion as amended, Councilmember Dieguez stated he will vote in favor but wanted to point out the consultants' previous work with the Town and what is the plan now with the FAA. Mayor Cid cleared up the previous issue and stated the approach to the FAA situation with the consultant. All were in favor of the main motion as amended and the motion passed 7-0.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

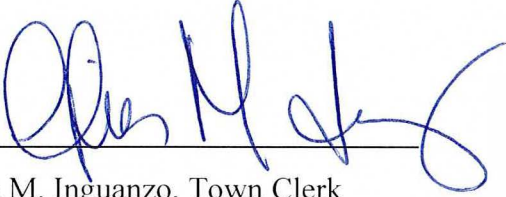
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 pm.

Approved this 14th day of September 2021



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk