

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
November 4, 2021
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

* NOTICE WAS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THURSDAY, **November 4, 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 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo led the pledge of allegiance.

4. INVOCATION:

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella led the of the invocation.

5. Public Meeting Session:

Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo read into the record the following statement:

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES V. TSC INVESTMENTS, INC., EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION., 2021 006842 CA 01

“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
2. Town Manager Edward Pidermann
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq. and Lorenzo Cobiella Esq. from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC.
4. Attorneys Joan Wizer Esq., Mark Emmanuel, Esq. and Chuck Norris Esq., from Lydecker Diaz
5. Attorney Alicia Gonzalez, Esq. from Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L
6. 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.

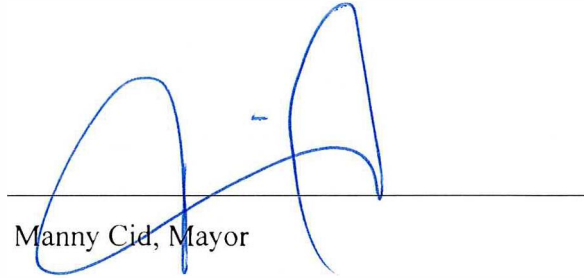
Once the private session was done, they re-opened the public meeting at approximately 10:55 AM.

Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Tony Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez and Mayor Manny Cid were absent.

6. ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Approved this 11th day of January 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk