

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
November 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Manny Cid called up Mr. Travis Davis, President of the Miami Dade County Foster and Adopted Parent Association. Mr. David asked Melina from the Citrus agency to join him while he gave an overview of the association and facts about National Adoption Month. He went on to honor a few of the families that have adopted. Mr. David first called up Ms. Charity Henry who then shared her experience adopting her son. Then, he called up Maria and George Clayton and they also shared a few words on their experience of fostering and adopting six children.

Mayor Cid then presented the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes a proclamation that Councilmember Dieguez read aloud. The proclamation proclaimed November 9, 2021, as Zonta Club of Miami Lakes Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. The members representing Zonta Club humbly accepted the proclamation and welcomed women to join the empowering group. They each thanked the Council and Town for the support of the group.

Mayor Cid welcomed up Lucy Lopez to present checks to a few individuals. First, she called up Kimberly Treyes, who sold Miami Lakes t-shirts at the Mayor's Gala this year. The proceeds from the shirts went to the Special Needs Advisory Board and the committee came up for the presentation. Ms. Treyes thanked the SNAB as well as the Council and Town for all the support and inclusivity that the town provides for children and adults with special needs. She then presented the check to the SNAB. Ms. Lopez then handed out certificates to the sponsors of the 2021 Mayor's Gala.

Mayor Manny Cid welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:57 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo, and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Alvarez arrived at 7:03 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Rabbi Mendel Weiss from Chabad of Miami Lakes led the first prayer.

Father Joseph Lucas from Christ the Savior Orthodox Church led the second prayer.

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 Councilmember Alvarez.

5. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR:

Councilmember Fernandez asked for a point of privilege to explain that he feels every elected official makes a sacrifice to be on the Town Council and that they all deserve the privilege to be elected Vice Mayor at some point. With that being said, he stated that because he heard that Councilmember Rodriguez will not seek reelection and 2022 will be his last year in the Town Council, he stated that he will be voting for Councilmember Rodriguez as Vice Mayor and asked his colleagues to join him in that vote.

The Town Council submitted their ballots to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk read the ballots aloud, thereby casting their votes for the election of Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez received 5 votes, Councilmember Luis E. Collazo received 1 vote, and Councilmember Josh Dieguez received 1 vote.

Thus, Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez became the new Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez thanked his colleagues and expressed that deciding not to run for re-election was a very difficult decision. However, serving this town has made him very proud and he looks forward to his last year on the Town Council.

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

Councilmember Dieguez asked to pull Item 11C from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Fernandez asked to move up Item 15E to after Public Comments. Mayor Cid moved up Item 15B to be discussed before Public Comments and he also pulled Items 11H and 11I from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Alvarez pulled Item 11D from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to move the New Order of Business, as amended and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed and all were in favor.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Mayor Cid noted this will be Officer Juan Rodriguez's last council meeting and he proceeded to applaud and thank him for his many service to the Town of Miami Lakes and to its community.

Ms. Yessenia Gonzalez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She explained her reasoning for the street naming across Barbara Goleman in honor of SFC Ofren Arrechaga. Mr. Arrechaga was a friend of hers that passed away in combat and who attended Barbara Goleman Senior High School. The street across the school has already been renamed therefore, the family chose to rename 143rd Street in his honor. Councilmember Ruano asked Ms. Gonzalez to also share about her fundraiser and she explained how her socks campaign commemorates Ofren Arrechaga.

Ms. Eileen Garcel Garcia and Ms. Acelys Moreno came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. Ms. Garcel-Garcia stated both of them are Barbara Goleman Senior High alumni and that they knew SFC Ofren Arrechaga. They would love to honor him through the street naming across from Barbara Goleman. Ms. Moreno also spoke on SFC Arrechaga's character and stated that she would appreciate the street naming on his behalf.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She began by thanking Town Manager Ed Pidermann for answering her questions through email and was glad to find out public forums would occur in the year to come. Ms. Cintron stated that she understands that the Town Council believes they perform their duties in the best interests of the Town; however, she feels they do not follow the parameters set out in the Constitution. She feels as though the decisions about Optimist Park are up to the homeowners and not every resident in the town.

Ms. Nancy Rogers came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She commended the Town of Miami Lakes police, volunteers, and organizers of the Veterans Parade for their work. She also commended officer Juan Rodriguez, the Public Safety Committee Police representative, for his diligence when providing aid for an injured woman at the parade. Ms. Rogers states Officer Juan Rodriguez will be missed, as he is retiring soon and on behalf of the PSC, she thanked him for his service.

Mr. Manuel Perez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak in support of Item 15A, in support of golf carts. He believes it would be a great addition to the town that is "growing beautifully".

Mr. Maurice Costa came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came speak in support Item 15A about the golf cart ordinance. He believes the Town would benefit of being a golf cart friendly community.

Mr. Yanes came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak in support of Item 15A, about the golf cart ordinance. He believes it would add to the Town and its appearance.

Mr. John Roger came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked the Town Council and is excited to see how the SNAB is working with

its initiatives. Mr. Rogers also asked the Town Council to consider opening the bridge to get to the other side of it easily. Finally, he also congratulated Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez on becoming the new Vice Mayor.

Mr. Angel Armesto came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He stated he is thankful for the Town Council for working for the people of the Town. Mr. Armesto also expressed his support on Item 15H.

Mr. Ray Garcia came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked officer Rodriguez for his service as well as Councilmember Collazo for his work as Vice Mayor. He also congratulated and thanked the new Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez for his great work. Mr. Garcia stated he is in support of Item 15H about the Blasting Advisory Board and that he is in support of the Optimist bond issue.

Mr. Rudy Blanco came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked the Town Council for their time and work, as they are doing a great job. Mr. Blanco is in support of 15H on the blasting issue. He feels the time has come for the Blasting Advisory Board to go to Tallahassee and settle the issue once and for all.

Mr. Miguel Martinez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked the Town Council for their work this year. He expressed the Blasting Advisory Board has done an incredible job and is fortunate to lead the group. Mr. Martinez encouraged the Town Council to go to Tallahassee for this committee.

Mr. Angelo Garcia came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked the Town Council for the work they have done over the year and wished them happy holidays. He stated that Mr. Miguel Martinez has dedicated a lot to the BAB and is impressed with his hard work. Mr. Garcia thanked Mayor Cid for adding Item 15H to the agenda and supports the Blasting Advisory Board to go to Tallahassee.

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo asked the I.T. Department to play the two videos received, in support of the street naming for SFC Ofren Arrechaga.

The first video was from Mr. Jose Ramos in remembrance of his friend Ofren Arrechaga. He spoke about their journey over the years together and how Mr. Arrechaga was not just a friend, but more like a brother to him. Mr. Ramos expressed that Mr. Arrechaga deserves the street to be named after him.

The second video was from Ms. Marta Alvarez, mother of Ofren Arrechaga. Mrs. Alvarez spoke highly of her son, mentioned many of his accomplishments, attested to his good nature, character and most of all, the love he had for the USA and for the liberty values of this great nation. She thanked everyone who is working in the street naming in honor of her beloved son.

Mrs. Claudia Luces came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She first addressed the 25-mph speed limit discussed at the last meeting. She asked if the expense of this change is worth a 5-mph reduction seeing as it won't be enforced; she stated that if it's not going to be enforced, it means nothing at the end of the day. She feels the

money for the speed reduction could be used to fix more crosswalks. Mrs. Luces also expressed that the park bond is a huge debt and she stated that improvements need to be made but that in her opinion, a sports complex is not needed.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. William Knickerbocker to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Ms. Martha Gonzalez to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez.

Ms. Stephanie Cruz to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Mr. Anibal Perez to the Neighborhood Service Districts – Royal Oaks by Mayor Manny Cid.

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

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Special Needs Advisory Board

Chairwoman Vivian Levy presented the committee report to the Town Council. She stated the SNAB has launched the Special Needs Registry with the Miami Lakes Police Department, that the committee has also paired with Arts for Autism to host dance classes for children and adults with special needs every Saturday at Mary Collins. Chairwoman Levy also mentioned there is a sports and fitness program in the works, that the committee has also donated sports equipment to the Hope for Autism Summer Splash Event and she outlined all the events the committee took part in or sponsored, as well as future plans and programs they are working on.

Councilmember Collazo shared a story about an experience he had with a resident and how the committee's work is not going unnoticed. Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to direct the Town Manager to ask the Communications staff to promote the Special Needs Registry. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. John Tingle and Town Liaison, Ms. Yessenia Leyva, shared ideas of events and programs the committee is planning. Councilmember Alvarez made some remarks regarding a program from the City of Hialeah, that allows adults with special needs to work within the town and he believes it is an idea to explore in Miami Lakes.

10. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Introduction of Mr. Richard Annese, Building Official

Building Department Director, Daniel Angel introduced Mr. Richard Annese as the new Building Official. Mr. Annese expressed how happy he is to be working at the Town.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- October 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – DIRECT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – DIRECT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2021-45, NW 83RD PLACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO RG UNDERGROUND ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$108,141; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING A BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFER; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled from Consent by Councilmember Dieguez and by Mayor Cid.

Mayor Cid asked the Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta what is the timeframe on this item. Mr. Acosta stated the timeframe is to start executing the project the week after Thanksgiving and end before the Christmas holiday. Councilmember Dieguez added he is glad to hear the project is moving faster than originally planned.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. All were in favor the motion passed 7-0.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI 3 LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2021-42, FAIRWAY DRIVE AND MONTROSE ROAD CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT TO LUX SOLAR, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$202,217; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled from Consent by Councilmember Alvarez.

Councilmember Alvarez called up Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta and asked him to please start the Montrose project first seeing as it is simpler. Mr. Acosta added that once the contract is approved, he will reach out to the contractor so they start on the Montrose project.

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to approve the resolution and Mayor Cid seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH 300 ENGINEERING GROUP, P.A., EXP U.S. SERVICES, INC., H.W. LOCHNER, INC., MARLIN ENGINEERING, INC., KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., WSP USA, INC., CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC., AND CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2021-46, STREETLIGHTS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (JACARANDA LANE, LAUREL LANE, HOLLY ROAD, AND CROOKED PALM) TO R&D ELECTRIC, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$272,024; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING WORK ORDER WITH MARLIN ENGINEERING

PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2017-32(M) FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES, FOR THE DESIGN OF , MIAMI LAKES GREEN 2.0, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND AND 41/100 (\$111,860.41); 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.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-285; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled from Consent Calendar by Mayor Manny Cid.

Mayor Cid stated he will be voting no on this item.

Special Projects Manager, Kristina Labossiere, answered questions regarding this project and about the new technology being implemented. Ms. Labossiere also responded that this item had been voted on the Neighborhood Services District- Miami Lakes Section 1 Board.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to approve this resolution and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. The motion passed 6-1 with Mayor Cid in opposition.

- I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH DYNAMIC BUILDERS CORP. AND ESKIMO AIR CONDITIONING AND APPLIANCES CORP. FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS 2021-23 FOR FACILITIES TECHNICIAN SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled from Consent Calendar by Mayor Cid.

Mayor Cid asked Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta about having a general contractor (G.C.) that can oversee this item and smaller projects. Mr. Acosta responded that he would explore that option.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

- J. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-285; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND 5 CONDITIONS OF THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

12. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

None.

13. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

None.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20-269, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 20-270, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 21-272, AND AMENDED BY 21-275; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann explained this resolution is the year-end close out of last fiscal year and not the carry-forward amendment. He stated that by state statute, the Town is required to adopt this by the end of November.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to move the resolution and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo called the roll and the resolution passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

15. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Golf Cart Friendly Ordinance (Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez presented his item and explained that Transportation Planning Manager, Michael Zayas-Morales has been looking into different cities that have similar ordinances.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion directing Town Staff to develop an ordinance that would facilitate and promote the use of golf-carts and/or low-speed vehicles around the Town. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

B. Miami Dade County “Let’s Clean Things Up” Campaign (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and welcomed the Director of MDC Solid Waste Management, Mike Fernandez to explain the “Let’s Clean Things Up” campaign. Mr. Fernandez stated it is a program to help combat litter in partnership with Keep Miami-Dade Beautiful. The goal in mind to create community awareness on litter and help clean things up. He provided each member of the Town Council a package of flyers and brochures to promote the program.

Mayor Cid made a motion for the Town to join the Miami-Dade County “Let’s Clean Things Up” campaign and Councilmember Collazo seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Signage – “Drive Like Your Children Play Here” (Alvarez)

Councilmember Alvarez presented his item and explained this item derived from the Public Safety Committee. He stated there have been temporary signs promoting “Drive Like Your Children Play Here.”

Councilmember Alvarez explained that he would like the Town Manager and Town Staff to look into identifying 10 to 30 locations where the TOML can deploy permanent signs using the TOML brand, where we would be promoting public safety and making it visible to drivers and residents that they need to drive safely. Councilmember Alvarez then made a motion directing the Town Manager to look into signage with TOML branding to permanently put the public safety sign across our town and come back to the Town Council with costs of signage. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Update To Legislative Proprieties (Ruano)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Collazo seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilmember Ruano presented her item and explained she is looking for the support of the Town Council to update the legislative priorities list to include potential funding for the

59th Avenue Extension Project. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. Councilmember Ruano added that State Representative Alex Rizzo noticed no projects on the east side of the Town were included on the list and he requested to do so to deliver to his constituency.

The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

E. Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School Satori Developer Agreement Funds (Fernandez)

Councilmember Fernandez moved this item to be discussed after Public Comments.

Councilmember Fernandez presented this item and explained that this item was added to the agenda but that it was resolved prior to the Regular Council Meeting, so no action was required. He stated that working alongside Deputy Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, they reached out to the Dunn family who agreed working on a Letter of Interpretation of the Dunwoody Development Agreement to disperse funds to HML.

Hialeah-Miami Lakes student, Mr. Mauritz Acosta accompanied by classmates and students from Miami Lakes Middle came up to discuss what the funds would be used for. His classmates, Mia and Megan, explained the funds would provide the school with a courtroom. They explained the courtroom would be beneficial to those taking law classes and would allow participation in mock trial.

Councilmember Fernandez added that this will allow the Education Advisory Board to meet in November and they would be able to consider projects from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High.

Ms. Claudia Luces came to the Regular Council Meeting and spoke on this item. She applauded the students for coming forth the Town Council and petitioning this item. Mrs. Luces stated that years ago, Councilmember Ruano and her worked on trying to acquire the \$300,000 as part of the Development Agreement and she emphasized that initially it was meant to mitigate the damage that Barbara Goleman and Bob Graham Education Center were to incur. As a former EAB Chair, she added that the Education Advisory Board always addressed the concerns of all schools in an equal manner, meaning that all 6 schools were part of the EAB and all 6 school received their assistance. She concluded by stating that now that the monies are funneled back into the EAB, and that \$100,000 were pulled for other purposes, she opined that it would be wise to include HML for these funds and that the EAB take the school into consideration because it is the right thing to do. She mentioned that this initiative is inspirational.

F. LPR (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained HOA's have been given the opportunity to partner the Town's Police Department and he would like to do the same for the private sector.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct Town Staff to communicate with businesses in the community and make them aware of this public safety opportunity available to them. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

G. Signage (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained many have reported people driving in the wrong direction on NW 77th Avenue. Although there is some signage, he feels more needs to be done seeing as that is very dangerous.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct Town Staff and the Public Works Department to go out there and see if a sign can be made and then report back to the Council with their findings to resolve the one-way issue on that road. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fernandez recommended to look at one-way signage and wrong way signage along that road. Councilmember Ruano also recommended the Public Works Department to work with that community to add striping or signage that says right turn only when exiting the community.

The motion passed 7-0.

H. Blasting Advisory Board (Cid)

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to waive Section 6.9 and 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Cid made a motion to direct Town Staff to work with the Blasting Advisory Board to come up with dates and legislative lobbyists to go to Tallahassee. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. Mayor Cid added that the motion was simple for staff to work with the committee and see the possibilities of what can be done to get them to Tallahassee whether it be the Town pays or the individuals pay.

Councilmember Fernandez stated that he will hold up his promise to Chairman Miguel Martinez and if for any reason the Town Council decides not to fund the trip, he will do so himself and that he liked the idea proposed by Councilmember Dieguez, which was to have a refundable deposit.

The motion passed 7-0.

16. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Building Department (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this report and thanked many Town Staff members in the Building Department for doing a good job. He shared that the other day he received a letter from a

bigger employer in the community commending the Building Department for their customer service. Mayor Cid wanted to recognize them for all the hard work.

17. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Street Naming Request (Acosta)

The Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta, presented this report and began stating the section in front of Barbara Goleman is already co-named as Barbara Goleman Way. In the document provided, Mr. Acosta highlighted potential streets to consider renaming. As heard in Public Comments, the speaker Ms. Yessenia Gonzalez stated the family preferred the 143rd Street to rename in honor of Mr. Ofren Arrechaga. Mr. Acosta showed Ms. Gonzalez how it would look, and the next step would be to issue the notifications as required by the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to change the designation to NW 143rd Street, from 82nd Ave. to 89th Ave. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

B. Stormwater Utility Vacuum Truck Purchase Options (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta presented the report and stated this is a follow-up to the item Mayor Cid presented in the July Council Meeting. Mr. Acosta stated the department reached out to a firm to purchase a new vacuum truck and they received quotes for different options. In the memorandum provided, all three options were laid out; the first is to purchase, the second is to finance for five years, and option three is to lease for five years with the option to buy at the end. Mr. Acosta added that after discussion with Town Staff, it is recommended to go with option 3.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to choose option 2 because in doing so would allow the Town to have a second vacuum truck when needed. Mayor Cid seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann explained the difference between options 2 and 3 in more depth.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez believed option 3 to be the better option because it doesn't force them to buy the second truck now and it also allows them to not purchase it at the end of five years, if for any reason they decide not to. The only price difference is \$15,000. Councilmember Fernandez then stated he is comfortable with that option.

Councilmember Fernandez withdrew his amendment and made a new motion to select option 3. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Mayor Cid asked about the old vacuum truck and Director Acosta stated Town Staff will look at taking it to auction to see how much the Town could get for it. Town Manager Pidermann and Director Acosta then explained the process to obtain the truck.

The motion passed 7-0.

C. Town Public-Private Partnership Report (Bajdaun)

Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez, presented the report and stated the purpose of this report is to share information from three letters of interest for Public-Private Partnerships in the Town. The first P3 proposal is for an indoor soccer center at Royal Oaks Park. The second proposal is for a recreational facility at Miami Lakes Optimist Park with three full basketball courts and a small weight room. Finally, the third proposal is for an outdoor covered basketball court and a basketball program at Miami Lakes Optimist Park.

With any proposal, the next steps would require a great amount of staff time and potential costs to the provider for additional information. Deputy Town Manager Lopez stated the plan is to discuss these items at the P3 Workshop to properly assess these proposals.

Councilmember Alvarez asked if these proposals are to fully fund each project mentioned and Deputy Town Manager Lopez replied based on the letter of interest, yes; however, he added that the private provider still has a lot to do to determine the final proposal.

Councilmember Ruano asked how do companies offering these proposals get return on their investment and Deputy Town Manager Lopez stated that typically, they would deliver a service, such as programs, and that would provide them revenue. Councilmember Ruano then asked who covers the maintenance costs and Deputy Town Manager Lopez replied that it would be discussed in the contract negotiation process.

D. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta, presented this report and started with the Safe Routes to School Bob Graham project. He stated the 60% has been reviewed and it is progressing very well. The Streetlights, Fairway Drive, Montrose, and NW 146th Street Projects were all on this agenda for approval and once contractors are ready the Public Works Department will coordinate and groundbreaking events for those projects. Director Acosta then stated as for the stormwater projects, a lot of them are working on geotechnical studies and utility coordination. Other projects have design plans that will have the 60% review in November and December. He stated that the Bank Stabilization Phase 3 Project will have the 30% plans for review this month. The ARP Projects were approved last council meeting and notices to proceed have been issued. As for the West Lakes Drainage Improvement project, it is 95% complete. The NW 83rd Place project was approved this council meeting. Director Acosta stated they are still waiting for the State to agree on giving a generator for Royal Oaks. The contractors started on the Police Parking Lot Fence this week. Director Acosta then wrapped up talking about a few facility projects and roadway maintenance.

Councilmember Fernandez recommended looking at the current state of traffic around the NW 146th Street Project to see if the street can handle that decrease in lanes. He then thanked Town Manager Pidermann for breaking ground on the police fencing project.

E. Monthly Crime Police Report (Ruiz)

Major Javier Ruiz presented the monthly report and stated this past month has been busy. They have remained stable in terms of crime, busy in terms providing security and traffic control for different events. Police staff assisted in the Blasting Bike Ride providing traffic control. During

Halloween and the Nightmare on Montrose, police patrolled the streets and provided security. The Coffee with a Cop event was successful and thanked those that coordinated it. Major Ruiz added they participated in the Veterans Day Parade. They will be prepping for more of the events that are coming up as well. He informed the Council of the new LPR that was installed and functioning. Major Ruiz also thanked the councilmembers for the kind words to those retiring in the police department.

Councilmember Ruano thanked Major Ruiz and the Police Department for participating in the events and in particular the Veterans Day Parade. She then went on to ask if some officers could patrol along Commerce Way because the speeding has gotten out of control there.

Councilmember Alvarez alerted Major Ruiz that the digital speedometer on Montrose is not working and suggested that in addition to a vehicle patrolling the area around Picnic Park West maybe a speedometer can be placed there.

18. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

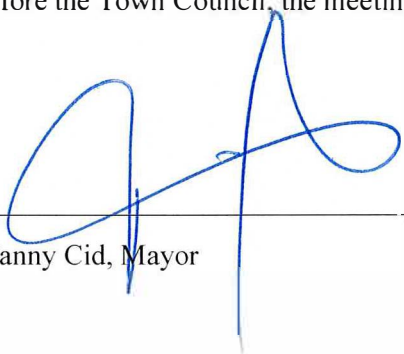
Town Attorney Gastesi provided the Attorney's Report and explained that in the Bridges Litigation an order came down from the Third District Court of Appeal on a technical issue. He stated he would like to speak about this case in detail to the Town Council and called for an Attorney-Client Executive Session.

Councilmember Collazo asked for a moment of personal privilege and congratulated the new Vice Mayor. He stated it was an honor to serve as Vice Mayor and is glad to see the title go in rotation amongst the Town Council.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 pm.

Approved this 11th day of January 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk