

**MINUTES**  
**Attorney-Client Executive Session**  
**December 2, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

\* NOTICE WAS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THURSDAY 2, 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 LIVESTREAMED. 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 Rodriguez 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 Carlos O. Alvarez, Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, Councilmember Marilyn Ruano and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez. Mayor Manny Cid was absent. Present as well were:

The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi and Lorenzo Cobiella from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC; and the Certified Court Reporter.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. INVOCATION:**

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella led the invocation.

**5. Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

## **6. Approval of the Minutes:**

October 15, 2021 Sunshine Meeting and October 19, 2021 Sunshine Meeting.

Councilmember Alvarez motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. All were in favor. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Cid were absent.

## **7. New Business Items:**

### **Holiday Senior Social & Home Bound Seniors (Ruano)**

Councilmember Ruano presented her item and explained that the EAC is planning their first in-person Senior Social after Covid but she explained that there is a select group of seniors that are home bound and unable to come out and participate in the event, so the EAC is requesting for the Town Council to grant them permission to do the meal delivery for a small group; she explained that there is no request for funds, that the request is for permission only to move forward with these two events simultaneously. Then she motioned for this Town Council to approve for the EAC to move forward with the mobile food service for a select group – with no funding necessary. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. Councilmember Fernandez walked in during the roll call and voted in the affirmative. Mayor Cid was absent.

## **8. Public Meeting Session:**

Vice Mayor Rodriguez 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 Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez;

2. Town Manager Edward Pidermann
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq. Lorenzo Cobiella 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.

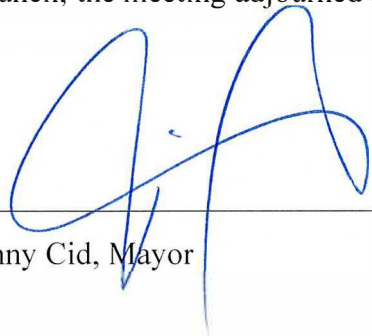
At approximately at 9:15 AM, the Town Council closed the open session and convened in the Council Chambers to start the private session.

Once the private session was done, they re-opened the public meeting at approximately 10:25 AM. This portion of the meeting was livestreamed again.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

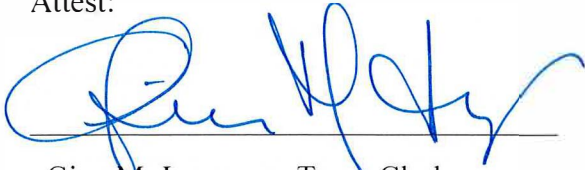
Approved this 11th day of January 2022.



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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk