MINUTES
Sunshine Meeting
December 21, 2021
10:00 AM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

Meeting began at 10:03 AM

The following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Tony Fernandez and Mayor Manny Cid

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Ed Pidermann and Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Shepple.

The following individuals from the public attended: Resident and Insurance Adjuster Lester Martinez and Executive Director & Professor, STU Institute for Ethical Leadership, Dr. Tony Andenoro

2. Items Discussed:

• To Discuss 2022 Town Priorities:

Notes on the meeting:

Councilmember Tony Fernandez discussed his priorities for the upcoming year. He stated last year he tried to tackle infrastructure. He expressed he would like this upcoming year to be the year of innovation. He suggested creating a committee that would help come up with innovative ideas on how to improve the Town and have small target programs to test out the ideas. Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Cid discussed funding options and the possibility of creating a sinking fund.

Dr. Tony Andenoro suggested that the committee could be made up of some staff members to incorporate staff feedback.

Mr. Lester Martinez suggested one of the innovative ideas would be to create a program to help residents lower their homeowner's insurance. He mentioned it could be a pilot program, where the Building Department issues certificate of inspections stating that homes are eligible for coverage. Regarding this program, Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Cid would like a follow up meeting to discuss the legality of this idea with the Deputy Town Attorney and with the Chief Financial Officer of the Town.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved this 11th day of January 2022.

Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk