

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
February 22, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cid called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Ruano arrived at 9:10 am and Councilmember Josh Dieguez arrived approximately at 9:15 am. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez was absent.

Present as well were: The Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi and Lorenzo Cobiella from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC; Town Clerk Gina Mr. Inguanzo; Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez; and the Certified Court Reporter.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo led the pledge of allegiance.

4. INVOCATION:

Ms. Bonnie Cintron led the invocation.

5. Public Comments:

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Executive Session and participated in-person public comments. Ms. Cintron stated that she does not understand why the item of bridges is discussed privately if it affects all residents of Miami Lakes. She feels as though residents have the right

to know what is being discussed. She expressed that the traffic increase if the bridges open would negatively impact each resident. Ms. Cintron stated that the Commissioners ideas to open the bridges should not concern nor impact the Town Council's decision. She stated the Town Council should always remember to keep the resident's best interest in mind before anyone else's. On behalf of all residents, she would like to hear the Town Council come up with a strong defense.

6. Open Session of Attorney-Client Executive Session

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES V. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ET AL [19-29261 CA 01]

Mayor Cid read into the record the following statement:

“In attendance at this meeting will be: Mayor Manny Cid, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez and Councilmembers Carlos O. Alvarez who is absent, Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, and Marilyn Ruano; Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez, Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Esq., and Lorenzo Cobiella Esq. of Gastesi, Lopez & Mestre, PLLC; and a Certified Court Reporter. When the open session is finished, the Town Council will go into a closed session pursuant to Section 286.011 (8), Florida Statutes. The closed executive session will last approximately 2 hours. The closed executive session is not open to the public. The Certified Court Reporter shall record the time and termination of the executive session, all discussions and proceedings that occur, the names of all persons present at any time during the discussion, and the names of all persons speaking. The transcript shall be made a part of the public records upon conclusion of the litigation.”

The names of those individuals attending today's attorney-client session are:

1. Town Councilmembers Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez, and Mayor Manny Cid;
2. Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez;
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq., and Lorenzo Cobiella Esq., from Gastesi, Lopez & Mestre, PLLC;
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 9:10 AM, the Town Council closed the open session and convened in the Council Chambers to start the private session. Mayor Manny Cid left the meeting at approximately 10:00 AM.

Once the private session was done, Vice Mayor Rodriguez welcomed everyone back to Council Chambers and re-opened the public meeting at approximately 11:10 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 11:13 AM.

Approved this 8th day of March 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk