

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
March 16, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, Councilmember Ruano and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez. Mayor Manny Cid joined the meeting at approximately 9:11am. Councilmember Josh Dieguez participated in the private executive session via phone. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez was absent.

Present as well were: The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi, Raul Lopez and Lorenzo Cobiella from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC, Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo and the Certified Court Reporter.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Tony Fernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella led the invocation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No in-person public comments and no remote public comments.

6. OPEN SESSION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, stated that we would like before the recess, at the end of the Attorney-Client Executive Session, to add a resolution regarding a settlement on the Valiente matter.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to have the resolution added to the Agenda and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then proceeded to read the following section into the record: I would like to announce that we are about to conduct an attorney client session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in the following case:

Bridges Litigation on NW 170th Street & NW 154th Street

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

1. Myself,
2. Town Councilmembers Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano and Mayor Manny Cid;
3. Town Manager Edward Pidermann;
4. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq., Raul Lopez, Esq., and Lorenzo Cobiella, Esq., from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC.,
5. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals I have just named will go into a closed session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes and this will take place at the Community Conference Room, in Town Hall. Once the attorney-client session is done, the public may return to the Council Chambers and the Council will adjourn. At approximately at 9:10 am, the Town Council closed the open session and convened in the Community Conference Room to start the private session.

Once the private session was done, they re-opened the public meeting at approximately 11:01 am. This portion of the meeting was livestreamed again.

At this moment, Mayor Cid stated that the private attorney-client session had concluded and asked if there are any motions from the Town Council. At this moment, Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to publish the latest draft of the MOU that we are discussing during the Attorney-Client Executive Session with the draft watermark and to have it posted for tonight's Town Hall Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Dieguez were absent.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella, explained that the Town Manager needs to execute the agreement in the Valiente Matter. He went on to explain that the Town's insurance courier is giving Mr. Valiente \$96,000 and that Mr. Valiente has pretty much accomplished all the Building Code violations that existed and he is currently curing one last piece with the Public Works Department, so he has pretty much complied with his

requirements. Then, the Deputy Town Attorney asked the Town Council to allow the Town Manager to go ahead and execute the agreement, as drafted.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved it and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Dieguez were absent.

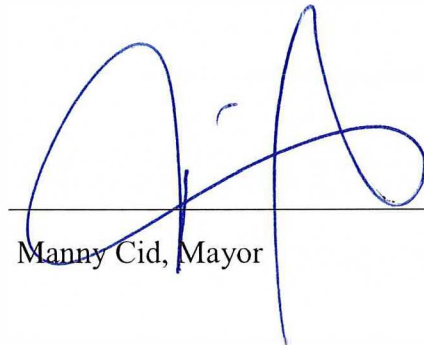
Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct Town Staff to work with the legislative team and our state representatives to continue to have the on ramps – the access to the express lanes- off 67th Avenue. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. It was clarified to keep it at 67th. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Dieguez were absent.

Mayor Cid made a motion to thank the Elderly Affairs Committee and he apologized on behalf of the Town Council, for them being late and interrupting the EAC's luncheon.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

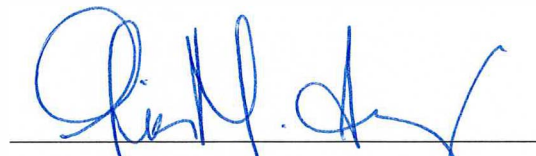
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Approved this 12th day of April 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk