

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez welcomed everyone to the Special Presentations section of the Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Collazo asked VITAS Healthcare and Catholic Hospice to come up and receive proclamations for National Healthcare Decisions Day, Ms. Diana Backoff and Mr. Etian Vizoso. Ms. Backoff encourages everyone to take a minute to contemplate decisions they may want in a healthcare situation. Mr. Vizoso then highlighted the importance of being informed and educated about what is available to individuals regarding healthcare decisions.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked the Arts for Autism team and Special Needs Advisory Board members to come up and receive a proclamation for World Autism Month. Special Needs Advisory Board Chairman John Rogger appreciated the opportunity for this proclamation because it highlights inclusion within the Town. He expressed the SNAB, and Arts for Autism are huge assets to highlight inclusion and allow everyone to enjoy themselves. Ms. Audrey Amadeo then thanked the Town of Miami Lakes for welcoming the program within the community. Ms. Amadeo provided a brief explanation of her program and how it supports those with special needs.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked students and teacher at of Barbara Goleman Senior High School mock trial team to come up and receive certificates for achieving second place at the 2022 Florida High School Mock Trial Championship. The students were then individually called upon to receive their certificate of recognition for their accomplishments, hard work, and dedication. Ms. Trujillo and Ms. Soto were also recognized for helping the students of the Barbara Goleman Mock Trial team do their best. Ms. Soto then expressed how proud she is of her students and also thanked the Town for recognizing their hard work.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez, called the roll at 6:37 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis E. Collazo, Tony Fernandez, and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano was present via zoom.

Councilmember Josh Dieguez joined the meeting at 8:33 pm and Mayor Manny Cid was absent.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Alex Christian from United Methodist led the 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 Luis E. Collazo.

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

Councilmember Collazo moved up Items 17, 13A, and 13B to before the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then moved up Item 16C to be discussed before Item 17.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to adopt the Order of Business as amended and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid were absent.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She expressed concerns with the new committee rules that passed last month. She stated that the rule requiring the appointees to attend 2 meetings prior is at least a 2-month process and should be removed. She also expressed concerns with the new rules regarding the Chair vetting each appointee, because she believes the Town Council is the one who vets appointments. Ms. Mendez also stated issues with the Special Rules of Order waiver of 7.3 at the Special Call meeting.

Mr. Michael Coote came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He spoke about the feasibility study done for the skate park and believes it is a great idea to provide the youth with that amenity. He then spoke about some ideas proposed to Town Staff regarding adding features to Veterans Park, such as a monument or flag poles. He believes a master plan should be implemented for proposed projects at the park.

Mr. Armando Bernal came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He spoke on behalf of Item 16C regarding the skate park and believes it is a great idea. He feels as though it will be good for community involvement and should be implemented as fast as possible.

Mr. Renee Valandia came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak regarding Item 13A, the Baptist Health Emergency Room. He expressed he lives close to the area proposed in the plan and currently hears a lot of ambulance

noise and feels it will affect the quality of life in Miami Lakes. He expressed his concerns regarding building the free-standing emergency room.

Ms. Claudia Luces came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She expressed the issue regarding the exchange of gate cards for Miami Lakes Section 1 residents since the gates were replaced. She explained that when she first purchased her home, she bought extra cards and when she recently went to exchange them, she was told she needed to repurchase them. Ms. Luces stated that this is taking advantage of residents.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez then read the following names of the individuals that submitted written public comments: Ms. Hope Reynolds and Ms. Daylin Garcia

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Claudia Luces to the Education Advisory Board by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Mr. Laureano Fernandez to the Mental Health Task Force by Mayor Manny Cid.

Mr. Jose Fernandez to the Sheriff Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee by Mayor Manny Cid.

Mr. Sergio Diaz to the Sheriff Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee by Councilmember Luis Collazo.

Ms. Rosa Barroso to the Mental Health Task Force by Councilmember Luis Collazo.

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to move the list of appointments and Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid were absent.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cultural Affairs Committee

Chairman Neill Robinson presented this report and stated that in 2020 the Cultural Affairs Committee prepared a proposal for a new CAC Center in the Town of Miami Lakes. He stated the committee feels as though to continue providing exceptional CAC events for residents, they need to have a cultural center. The proposed project will envision all the great ideas they have for the Town. He also asked the Council to consider the white paper project proposed by the CAC which highlights the cultural center.

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to accept the proposal of looking into options for a Cultural Affairs Center in the Town of Miami Lakes and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid were absent.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Diaz)

Chief Financial Officer, Ismael Diaz presented the Town of Miami Lakes annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending 2021. Mr. Diaz stated that because of the teamwork in the Town, there have been audits with no findings for seven consecutive years; and for nine consecutive years, they have received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

The independent audit for the Town was conducted by the firm of Garcia, Espinosa, Miyares, Rodriguez, Trueba & Co. LLP. The Senior Audit Manager Gerry Donates and Audit Supervisor Francis Cabrera provided an explanation of the audit's outcome. Mr. Donates briefly went over the results of this year's audit for the Town of Miami Lakes and explained there were no finding to report or address. He also highlighted two significant things that occurred in terms of financials for the Town in 2021; this includes the issuance of Series 2021 Stormwater Utility Bonds and receipt of half of the federal funding related to the American Rescue Plan. He also spoke about the grants received and their maintenance.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Alvarez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid being absent.

A. Approval of Minutes

- March 2, 2022 Special Call Meeting
- March 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- March 9, 2022 Open Forum Meeting
- March 16, 2022 Attorney-Client Executive Session
- March 16, 2022 Town Hall Meeting
- March 29, 2022 Town Council Workshop on NW 59th Ave TIF
- March 30, 2022 Attorney-Client Executive Session

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- ### **B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH EXP U.S. SERVICES, INC. ("EXP") FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORM WATER PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SIX DOLLARS AND 19/100 (\$461,906.19); MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 21-285; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS;**

PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR ROUNDING; AND 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 35 LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH MARLIN ENGINEERING, INC. FOR WEST LAKES GARDENS FIRST ADDITION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 30/100 (\$94,544.30); MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 21-285; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR ROUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM TGC BPW SOUTH, LLC; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO THE TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2022-07, TOWN HALL HVAC REPLACEMENT TO GREEN ALLIANCE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,950; 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 2022-20, NW 159TH TERRACE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO STAR PAVING, CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$291,235.00; APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 402-563800- 21S07; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN 45 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, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2022-06, REPLACEMENT OF OPERABLE WALL AT THE MARY COLLINS COMMUNITY CENTER TO SSE & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,774; APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 3077237-563000; 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.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES AND SATORI HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (RUIZ)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA RELATING TO PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V “CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING” TO ADD DIVISION 4 ENTITLED “PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS”; ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO APPLY THE CONE OF SILENCE TO SOLICITATIONS FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND PROVIDING THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY BY A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE WAIVE THE APPLICATION OF TOWN 56 PROCUREMENT CODE IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; LIMITING AVAILABILITY OF BID PROTESTS IN PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SOLICITATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND/OR PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE

PARTNERSHIPS; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez presented this item and explained this will establish formal procurement procedures for public private partnerships within the Town. He stated key points to the ordinance such as the application fee, deadlines, and the entire outline of the procurement process.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked the students from Miami Lakes Middle to review the Ordinance before it comes back in 2nd reading.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to approve the Ordinance in 1st Reading and Councilmember Alvarez seconded.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez called the roll and the ordinance in first reading passed 4-0; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Ruano, and Mayor Cid were absent.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ESTABLISHING ARTICLE X, TITLED “PRIVATE LAKE MAINTENANCE PARK LICENSE AND USE PROGRAM” OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (COLLAZO)

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to move the ordinance in second reading and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez called the roll and the ordinance in first reading passed 4-0; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Ruano, and Mayor Cid were absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-285 AMENDING THE TOWN’S FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann explained the budget amendment reflects the changes requested during first reading such as the legal reserve being \$250,000, \$22,000 to the MLOP tennis courts lighting project, and 29,000 to the reserve fund balance which leaves \$141,408 in undesignated funds.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to approve the item in its totality and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded.

Councilmember Alvarez then addressed the use of undesignated funds. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then spoke about the tennis courts lighting project and its funding to get it done.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to move \$17,000 from undesignated funds to fund the skate park and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. The motion passed 4-2 with Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Ruano in opposition; Mayor Cid was absent.

Councilmember Dieguez then brought up another potential need that serves the entire Town which is the Town's contract with the federal lobbyist which expired in March 2022. This will allow the lobbyists to continue the zip code change study and attain funds from the federal level for infrastructure projects.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to extend the existing lobbying contract with the Town's federal lobbyists through the end of the fiscal year for a total of \$32,500. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

The Town Council then discussed the possibility of attaining funds from the federal level for infrastructure projects. Councilmember Dieguez stated that once funds are awarded, the guidelines will be reviewed, and the Town Council will determine which projects they can be used for. Councilmember Collazo added that if at the end of the fiscal year there is no deliverable by the lobbyist, it is unlikely the contract will be renewed.

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann suggested that after the \$32,500 gets approved, the Town Council move the remaining \$91,908 undesignated funds to the MLOP capital fund. This will allow at least 3 tennis courts to be lit and then sometime in the summer when the revenues of the electric utility tax come in, the 4th tennis court can be lit. Councilmember Collazo then expressed his concerns to going about the project that way.

On Councilmember Dieguez's motion, the motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Fernandez in opposition and Mayor Cid being absent.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to assign the remaining \$91,908 in undesignated funds to the MLOP capital fund towards the tennis court lighting. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Fernandez in opposition and Mayor Cid being absent.

Back on the main motion as amended, the motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Fernandez in opposition and Mayor Cid being absent.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 39 “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES”, CREATING ARTICLE III “GOLFCARTS”; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to pass the ordinance in second reading and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Ruano in opposition and Mayor Cid being absent.

- D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 13- 1614 TITLED “COMPLIANCE WITH FAA RULES”, 69 PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to approve the ordinance in second reading and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Cid being absent.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi read the instructions for the Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez swore in all the individuals wishing to speak for both items.

The following Councilmembers made verbal disclosures of any ex-parte communications held: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez.

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 13-305(f)(1) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES (TOWN) LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC); PURSUANT TO 13-303 OF THE TOWN’S LDC, TO ESTABLISH A FREE STANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (FSED), AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-304(h) OF THE TOWN’S LDC FOR A SITE PLAN APPROVAL, ALL OF WHICH ARE PROVIDED AT EXHIBIT “A”, SITE PLAN; FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON NW 77TH COURT AND INTERSECTION OF NW 149 STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AT EXHIBIT “B”, BEARING FOLIO NO. 32-2022-009-0025; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR

VIOLETION OF CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso explained the applicant is applying for a conditional use and site plan approval to build a new free standing emergency room. She stated some of the conditions outlined in the staff report and expressed the Baptist staff is requesting shift changes at 7AM and 7PM rather than what is outlined in the conditions. Ms. Alonso also explained the conditional uses are renewable each year for any adjustments and will be reviewed by Town Staff.

Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Alvarez then posed questions regarding the shift times and overnight stays.

The following individuals presented on behalf of Baptist Health regarding: Joseph Goldstein, Alessandria San Roman, Margaret Nee, Leslie Escobar, Vicky Ruiz, Nancy Batista-Rodriguez, Luis Sosa and John Townsend.

Mr. Goldstein expressed Baptist Health approves of all conditions outlined by Town Staff regarding the free-standing emergency room however, Baptist runs on 12-hour shifts and is requesting that condition #4 be changed to reflect 7AM and 7PM staffing shifts. Ms. Batista-Rodriguez explained the Baptist outpatient services. She also gave the Town Council a background on Baptist Health and spoke about expanding services in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Ms. Ruiz then spoke about the different services at the emergency room care center. She mentioned the emergency room will operate like any emergency room based in a hospital and take care of any serious or life-threatening injuries to stabilize patients; if needed to be transferred to a hospital, they will be. She also spoke about the shift changes and hours of operation, number of patient rooms and resuscitation rooms, the pharmacy, and equipment such as CT, X-ray, and ultrasounds. Ms. Ruiz then answered any questions posed by the Town Council and by Town Manager Pidermann, regarding the operations of the free-standing emergency room.

Mr. Sosa then presented the architectural aspect to the Baptist free-standing emergency room. He presented the elevations, perspective and context, and renderings of the emergency room for Miami Lakes. It was explained that the space is design forward and functional space.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez expressed thanks to the Baptist Health employees and welcomed them to the Town as this emergency room will be an important amenity for the Town.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to approve Town Staff recommendations with the amendment to recommendation #4 to have shift changes at 7AM and 7PM. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid were absent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 13-308(f)(3) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A FINAL PLAT ENTITLED "ETERNAL SUBDIVISION" FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16401 NW 58 Ave, MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, IN THE IU-C ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso explained this item is the second part to the preliminary plat that came forth the Town Council a few months ago. She explained the plat was originally approved and then was approved by the County. She stated that the plat complies with everything the Town Council and County requested, and it also complies with the Town Code.

There being no one in the public wishing to speak, Vice Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to move the item and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez called the roll and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid were absent.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Limitations on Contract Awards (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item and explained this is to ensure the Town is not doing business with any company associated with dictatorship such as Russia and China. Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to adopt the item and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded.

Councilmember Fernandez asked for clarification whether this refers to only foreign owned firms or specific products and Councilmember Dieguez stated ideally both. Councilmember Fernandez then made a friendly amendment that in the case of technology, the Town exhaust all efforts to source products in the United States before obtaining elsewhere and Councilmember Dieguez seconded.

Councilmember Ruano asked for a cost estimate for this and Town Manager, Edward Pidermann stated Town Staff will start working on a cost estimate once the item passes and will report back to Town Council if there is a cost associated.

On the amendment to the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent. Back on the main motion as amended, all were in favor. Mayor Cid was absent.

B. Town Activities Email Blast (Alvarez)

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to incorporate a Town Activities Email Blast on his behalf, supplemental to what is currently sent out from the Town, highlighting each month's activities and events to the residents. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

After discussion, Councilmember Alvarez stated he will work with the Assistant to the Council, Victoria Martinez, on creating an email template to send out at the beginning of each month. Councilmember Fernandez suggested sending it out at a different time than the Town email. Councilmember Ruano also suggested Ms. Martinez and Ms. De Cardenas to work together.

All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

C. Upstart Student Recognition Luncheon Request at Roberto Alonso Community Center (Cid)

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann presented this item on behalf of Mayor Cid to authorize the Giving Gators to use Roberto Alonso Community Center for their Project-Upstart Student Recognition Luncheon on Friday, May 27th between 9 am-2 pm.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the request and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

D. Traffic Light Street Signs Review/Replacement (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item and explained this will ensure Miami Lakes is keeping up with the same standard of excellence residents expect of the Town.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to direct Town Staff to conduct a review of all traffic light street signs and create a list for the Miami-Dade County Department of Public Works to replace with proper signage. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

E. Speed Bump Initiative (Cid)

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Ruano in opposition and Mayor Cid absent.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella presented this item on behalf of Mayor Cid and expressed that residents have been reaching out to the Mayor regarding their desire for speed bumps on their streets. He mentioned residents would like to pay for their own speed bumps and therefore, Mayor Cid would like Town Staff to create a system where residents can purchase and install speed bumps on their own.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to move the item for discussion and Councilmember Fernandez seconded.

The Town Council then had a discussion regarding the Omnibus Agreement with Miami-Dade County to where the Town no longer had to go to the County for traffic calming devices within the Town's interior roads. They expressed concerns and frustrations regarding the issue and sending residents down the same path. They stated that the County has taken way too long with this agreement.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Rodriguez pulled his motion and Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to defer this item until Mayor Cid returns and bring it back when the timing is better. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent. The Deputy Town Attorney mentioned that he would look into the status of the Omnibus Agreement with the County.

F. New Weekend Code Officer (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item and explained a lot of oversight regarding the code occurs on the weekend seeing as there is only one weekend code officer.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Manager to include the hiring of a new weekend code officer in the 2022-2023 budget to ensure better coverage for the Town. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

G. Loch Ness Entrance (Cid)

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella asked on behalf of Mayor Cid to defer this item.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to defer this item and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

H. Miami Lakes Connect Report (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to waive Section 6.9 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

Councilmember Dieguez then presented this item and explained this report would inform the Town Council of what is going on with the Miami Lakes Connect App to make sure it is efficient in terms of how resident issues are being resolved.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to adopt and direct the Town Manager to create a report titled "Miami Lakes Connect Report" at each Regular Council Meeting to assist the Town Council in determining the efficiency and responsiveness of the app. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with Mayor Cid being absent.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Monthly Intergovernmental Gameplan Implementation Update (Cid)

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order for both Items 15A and 15B. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella presented this report on behalf of Mayor Cid and explained that Mayor Cid and Town Manager, Edward Pidermann facilitated meetings with Town Staff to work on different initiatives.

B. Transparency on Any New Standard Operating Procedures (Cid)

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order for both Items 15A and 15B. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella presented this report on behalf of Mayor Cid and explained Mayor Cid is asking that any item Town Staff puts forward that deals with how Staff interacts with the Town Council, that the Town Council shall be in all email communications.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Monthly Police Report (Ruiz)

Major Javier Ruiz presented the report and explained crime reports continue to be down in overall targeted crimes. He reported the investigators and officers have been working together on crime enforcement details in the Main Street area, targeting shopping centers specifically on weekends and evenings to prevent any criminal activity. Major Ruiz also mentioned the officers have participated in recent community events such as the community bike rides, Bike305, and Coffee with a Cop to ensure safe and successful events.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked Major Ruiz to possibly patrol the Silvercrest communities seeing as residents in that area are concerned of activities going on. Councilmember Ruano also asked to possibly patrol the alley behind Beverly Hills Café and the Shell gas station by Winn Dixie because individuals are concerned about their safety in those areas. Councilmember Collazo thanked Major Ruiz and his officers for the work that they do for the Town and touched upon mental health awareness in the community.

B. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta, presented the report and highlighted some projects: the Fairway Drive mid-block crosswalk is almost complete and the Montrose Rd. mid-block crosswalks is completed; the NW 146th Street/Green 2.0 methodology has been approved by the County and they are planning a workshop to discuss it; the 159th Terrance Drainage

Improvement project construction contract award was approved by the Council tonight. He also mentioned about five projects are with DERM for permits and will be ready to go out for bid once the permits are received. Finally, Mr. Acosta mentioned the Backup Generator at Roberto Alonso Community Center and stated the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is reviewing the draft solicitation for design services.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked the status of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Project on Miami Lakeway South and Mr. Acosta stated the road should be opening soon to the residents.

C. Skate Park (Bajdaun)

This item was pulled during the Order of Business, to be discussed before the Consent Calendar.

Parks & Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun presented this skate park feasibility report and explained different options to implement a skate park in one of the neighborhood parks without disrupting the park. Taken into account was the geographical feasibility, where neighboring skate parks were looked into; topography, to see which park made more sense to hold a skate park, square footage, and price. Pricing was pulled from competitors now and it is much higher than previously stated. Based on the feasibility, the cost of a skate park is high. Factoring in all the research, one option would be to buy small set of skate park amenities or to rent skate park equipment. However, the only company in the area no longer rents out their equipment.

Mr. Bajdaun then recommended looking into the option of a small skate park pop-up where the amenities will be kept in a trailer and be set up monthly for skate days throughout different parks in the Town. The minimum cost would be \$20,000 depending on the amenities provided.

Councilmember Collazo suggested integrating the skate days into the farmer's market or other events. He also expressed the pop-up trailer has resale value if there is no demand for the skate park equipment. Councilmember Alvarez then agreed to tying this pop-up skate park to a Town event. Vice Mayor Rodriguez also agreed to option 3 and tying it into the farmer's market; he would also like to see it as a long-term event to build onto it.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to go with Option #3 and purchase the park with the trailer. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. Councilmember Collazo then highlighted that the funding should be tied to the project now and come from the undesignated funds balance in order for the project to begin.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then amended the motion to approve Option #3 with the \$17,000 to be coming from undesignated funds. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Ruano in opposition. Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid were absent.

D. Monthly Report on Miami Lakes Optimist Park (Bajdaun)

Parks & Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun presented the Monthly Report on MLOP. He stated the JUA will be moving forward on the School Board's agenda for their meeting on

April 13th. This will allow for the closing of agreements with bond advisors and move towards drafting ballot language. Currently, Optimist has no active light issues and the shop work for Pinto field dugouts are closing up this week which will allow for fabrication onsite soon. Mr. Bajdaun also stated that on April 2nd, the Optimist Park held a successful event in partnership with the Breanna Vergara Foundation and the Optimist Club to host EKG screenings.

Councilmember Collazo verbalized opportunities for the lighting project and t-ball fields.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

This item was pulled during the Order of Business, to be discussed after Item 16C.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi presented his report and began by commending the attorneys at the firm and therefore, requested transferring the Pizzi case, 59th Avenue case, FRS case, and the insurance cases to their firm.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to ratify the decision and Councilmember Collazo seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid being absent.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella asked to move \$30,000 from General Reserve to the Pizzi Line Item. Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to move the request and Councilmember Collazo seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid being absent.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella then reported back to the Town Council addressing the TIF Workshop that took place on March 29, 2022. He stated that regarding Tax Increment Financing for the 59th Avenue area, it would not be an option at this time because it does not meet the definition of a blighted area. However, he addressed there are some alternatives that can be explored at another time if the Town Council wishes to pursue that.

Town Attorney Gastesi then mentioned in regard to The Bridges matter, that the Hialeah Council has tabled the matter until April 26th when they will convene. He also asked Vice Mayor Rodriguez to discuss Item 13B before 13A because the item will be a quick discussion.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to reopen the Order of Business and switch the sequence from Items 13B to 13A. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid being absent.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to reopen Public Comments after Items 13B and 13A and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid absent.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Before adjourning the meeting, Councilmember Collazo requested a point of personal privilege to commend Chief Financial Officer, Ismael Diaz for an outstanding job on a perfect score for the

yearly audit. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then commended Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez for a fantastic job as clerk during the Council Meeting.

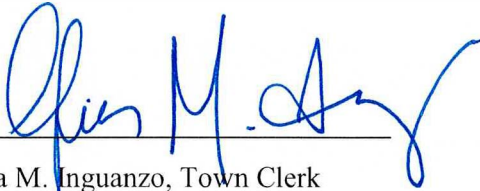
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Approved this 10th day of May 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk