

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
May 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Manny Cid welcomed everyone to the Special Presentations section of the Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Collazo expressed how proud he is as an alumnus to see the mark Florida International University, FIU, has left in the community. He felt as though it is a great opportunity to honor the university as they have given so much to the community. Alumnus of FIU, Councilmember Dieguez then expressed how important the university is to himself and many others in the community. He then asked the new FIU President, Mr. Kenneth Jessell, to come up and receive a proclamation for FIU Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. Mr. Jessell then thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to receive the proclamation. He also stated how well the Town of Miami Lakes is represented at Florida International University.

Mayor Cid asked Mr. Dave Caserta to come up and say a few words about Mr. Joe Spiriti. Mr. Caserta then expressed how great of a friend Mr. Spiriti is to him and that he is honored that the Town of Miami Lakes is recognizing him tonight. Mayor Cid then asked Mr. Joe Spiriti and his team to come up and receive a proclamation for himself. Mr. Spiriti then thanked his family for supporting him and thanking the Town Council for the values they teach throughout the community.

Mayor Cid asked Town Attorneys Lorenzo Cobiella and Raul Lopez to come up and present a proclamation for Town Attorney Raul Gastesi. Mr. Cobiella then explained how the Miami Lakes Bar Association and Town Council recognize May as Law Month, in which they celebrate lawyers and the work they do. Each May the Town give a proclamation to someone within the Bar Association that is deserving of recognition and this year they recognized the Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi. Mr. Gastesi then thanked the Town for the great honor and support he has received.

Mayor Cid asked Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta, to come up and present a proclamation for Mr. Ernesto A. Perez. Mr. Acosta expressed that he felt it was important to recognize Mr. Perez for his retirement and dedication as an engineer throughout his years. Mr. Perez then expressed how honored he is to be receiving this proclamation tonight.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:47 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Tony Fernandez was present via zoom.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mrs. Martha Gonzalez 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 Mr. Mike Clavelo.

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

Mayor Cid moved up Items 14D and 14B, to be discussed after Public Comments. Councilmember Dieguez agreed for his item, Item 14B, to be moved up. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then moved up Item 14A, to be discussed jointly with Item 14D. Mayor Cid agreed for both items to be combined. Mayor Cid also pulled Item 10E from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to adopt the Order of Business as amended and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She expressed concerns with an article she read regarding the plans to improve the Miami Lakes Optimist Park because it states the residents will be voting to approve the \$23-\$25 million bond to accommodate the project and she feels as though it should only be property owners voting. She then questioned some of the renovations that will take place at the park and expressed that property owners should be voting on them.

Ms. Joanie Graham came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She stated that regarding Ms. Cintron's comments, the Town should look at how Miami Lakes Optimist Park was originally designed.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She stated that the sign in the lobby of Town Hall that indicates guests must wait for the receptionist to escort them should be removed because it doesn't apply when there is no

receptionist at the desk. She also added that the posted meetings located in the lobby area for the public to see are on the other side of the sign and that the public has no access to the posted meetings unless they are escorted by a receptionist. Therefore, Ms. Mendez believes the sign should be removed because it does not apply when there is no receptionist.

Ms. Lucia Brings came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She began by congratulating the Town Council on moving forward with the Private Public Partnerships Ordinance and expressed support for Item 12A.

Mr. Mauritz Acosta came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He began by echoing the comments made by Ms. Brings. Then he stated that the Youth Activities Task Force has had a lack of quorum issue at their committee meetings and therefore have been unable to conduct business.

Ms. Jennifer Rodero came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. Ms. Rodero and her husband came to show support for Item 14A titled Modifications to Sec. 13-1606 Titled Boats and Watercraft by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Mr. Brian Rodriguez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He stated that the Youth Activities Task Force is having issues with quorum and asked the Town Council to go over their appointments. He also brought up Item 14B regarding committee sponsorships and stated that sponsorships cannot be accepted if from a religious entity and he believes that shouldn't be the case.

Mr. Ray Garcia came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He stated that part of incorporating the Town involved renovating Optimist Park and now there is an opportunity to do so. He believes this is an important choice to be made by the residents and is asking for the Town Council's support to allow it.

Mr. Steven Herzburg came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He echoed Mr. Garcia regarding the bond issue and stated the residents will ultimately decide. He then expressed that the ballot language does not educate the voters enough regarding the financial impact to residents if the bond gets approved. Mr. Herzburg then asked the Town to educate the residents and hold workshops to inform the residents on how much it'll cost them.

Ms. Claudia Luces came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She expressed issues with the bond such as the \$25 million price as well as inflation causing that price to rise. She then stated that this will increase traffic especially when the bridges open because everyone will want to come to the newly renovated park and the Town cannot handle more traffic. Then, Ms. Luces added that there are many things that need to be done in the Town that have been neglected.

Mr. Manuel Diego, Jr. came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He asked the Town Council to consider the possibility of storing boats at houses in the Town and modify the Town Code to do so.

Mr. Michael Pavelo came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to speak about the boats and the process in which the Town handles code violations. He asked the Town Council to strongly consider allowing boats on properties to store at home in backyards.

Mr. Juan Carlos Fernandez participated in virtual public comments via Zoom. He stated that he supports any improvements to the Optimist Park. Then regarding Items 14A and 14D that deal with the boats, he stated that the Town keeps changing the code to accommodate residents which thus changes the look of the Town. He feels as though boats are should not be kept on properties whether in backyards or in the front of houses.

Mr. Ed Marino came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to support the idea of storing boats on properties but feels there should be limitations. He feels as though people should be able to enjoy their boats and store them where they feel is safe.

Mr. Manuel Diego came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He came to support the items regarding boats because he feels as though the residents deserve to store their boats on their property if they meet certain criteria.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Gary Cardenas to the Mental Health Task Force by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Ms. Lindsay Wallick to the Mental Health Task Force by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Mr. Erich Valerdi to the Youth Activities Task Force by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Ms. Maria Sanchez to the Mental Health Task Force by Councilmember Carlos Alvarez.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to move the list of appointments and Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Activity Task Force

The Chairman of the Youth Activity Task Force, Mr. Brian Rodriguez, had no report to present but stated that during the last year, the YATF has been successful with their events; he mentioned that the Spring Fling was a success and had a huge turnout and that the committee is already working on their budget for the next Fiscal Year.

Chairman Rodriguez then answered questions posed by the Town Council regarding the attendance issue and the committee not meeting quorum for meetings to take place. The Chairman explained that usually the issue is that they are missing 1 person to meet quorum, and he stated that it is usually because of the students in the committee. Chairman Rodriguez asked the Town Council to reach out to their appointees and to ask them if they really want

to be part of the committee and he mentioned that on many occasions the Town Liaison reaches out to them and there is no response. He added that events are being cancelled because the committee has not been able to meet. The Chair stated that if quorum were reduced to 5 committee members – adults and students- he would meet quorum.

Councilmember Alvarez then made a motion to allow quorum to be met with 5 committee members -composed of students and adults. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dieguez suggested perhaps reducing the number of committee member appointments to solve the quorum issue. Chairman Rodriguez mentioned that this issue has never happened before. He emphasized that it's not about lowering the number of appointments but about who is being appointed to the committee, because whoever is being appointed is not showing up. Chairman Rodriguez also questioned why committee members are being re-appointed to the committee once they were removed due to their absences.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made the 1st amendment to the main motion, which was to add the zoom component and allow for zoom attendance to count towards quorum, subject to the Town Attorney's review and approval. Mayor Cid seconded the motion. Councilmember Collazo suggested that this should be a temporary situation and that it should only be in place until the YATF can get people that are vested, until the YATF can get positions filled. Vice Mayor Rodriguez suggested for a time to be set.

Councilmember Collazo then made a 2nd amendment and motion for this to be allowed to take place only for a 6-month period. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The second amendment passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent. Then, the amendment made by Vice Mayor passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Councilmember Fernandez mentioned that the Volunteer Appreciation Day or breakfast needs to be brought back, to engage some of these volunteers and show them appreciation.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez and Councilmember Collazo both mentioned that they always take into consideration the input of the Chair, prior to making any nomination to a committee, to streamline the process.

The main motion, as amended twice, passed 5-0. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Dieguez were absent.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Alvarez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 7-0.

A. Approval of Minutes

- April 6, 2022 Special Call Meeting
- April 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, RELATED TO NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. FL 000003-00; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; PROVIDING THE TOWN MANAGER WITH AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; 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 LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH 300 ENGINEERING GROUP, P.A. FOR ROYAL OAKS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SECTION D, 2ND ADD, 5TH ADD), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS AND 19/100 (\$158,992.19) 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, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2022-25, TO RG UNDERGROUND ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$498,578.00); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 402-563800-21S08; 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.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ILLUMINATED RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS AND ASSEMBLIES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FL CONTRACT 20-02-05-3 WITH LUX SOLAR, INC. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-157 OF THE TOWN CODE; 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.

Mayor Cid pulled this item for discussion.

Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta, answered questions posed by the Town Council regarding the raised pavement markers.

He explained that Town Staff recently completed improvements to the existing mid-block crosswalk on Montrose Road and on Fairway Drive and that the Town recently installed a pilot project consisting of solar-powered illuminated pavement markers on the crosswalk at the intersection of Fairway Drive and Miami Lakes Drive. He explained that recognizing that there are other areas in the town that need crosswalk improvements and lighting assembly, he decided to reach out to the City of Aventura, regarding the illuminated raised pavement markers and assemblies. He recommends for Town Council to approve this item and to furnish the installation of illuminated raised pavement markers and in-road lights on an as-needed basis.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to approve the item and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Alvarez asked Town Staff for a report assessing which walkways Mr. Acosta he would recommend a pedestrian crosswalk and which he would recommend need an illuminated raised pavement. Town Staff stated that the report would be done within 60 days.

The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR ANNUAL RENEWALS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY MATCHING FUNDS, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT LOWE'S HOMETOWNS GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CHARTER, FOR THE HOLDING OF A BOND REFERENDUM ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE TOWN SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$25,000,000, PAYABLE FROM UNLIMITED AD VALOREM TAXATION, BEARING INTEREST AT RATES DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF SALE THEREOF, NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM LEGAL INTEREST RATE AT SUCH TIME, TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC GREEN SPACE BY RENOVATING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND TO PAY COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Town Council and participated in Public Comments. She first spoke about the language of the ordinance and questioned why the residents are voting on this ballot if the Town Council can amend it and/or change it whenever they feel like it. She also mentioned that the ordinance refers to "qualified electors" but stated that the ordinance does not define what a qualified elector is. Ms. Mendez asked what a "qualified elector" is and what "maximum legal rate" means. She emphasized that this needs to be explained to the people.

The afforded 3-minutes to speak in Public Comments expired and Councilmember Ruano made a motion to extend the time for Ms. Mendez and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Mendez continued to speak and then read directly from Section 12, Article VII of the of the Florida Constitution, on Local Bonds, and stated that that municipalities are allowed to issue bonds but emphasized that only when approved by vote of the electors who are owners of freeholds; that owner can vote on this ballot and not renters. Ms. Mendez also mentioned that a law will be in effect soon, stating that town money can't be used to promote a bond.

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

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

The Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi and Lorenzo Cobiella answered questions posed by the Town Council. After a brief discussion, the Town Attorneys stated that they will provide the Town Council with a report on who are qualified electors and who can vote on bond issues.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to remove the words “baseball and” from the second sentence and remove “concession stand” and replace with restroom facilities, parking facilities. Vice Mayor Rodriguez also proposed to remove “not exceeding maximum legal rates” and replace it with “market interest rates”. However, after some legal discussion on the suggested wording of the ballot, the Town Attorneys pointed out that the wording “not exceeding maximum legal rates” should not be removed until they consult this proposed language with the financial expert on this matter – Mr. Albert del Castillo. Vice Mayor Rodriguez acknowledge the Town Attorneys’ suggestion to not make the change and asked for the proposed wording of “not exceeding maximum legal rates” be vetted with Mr. Del Castillo between 1st and 2nd reading of the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez’ proposed language of the ballot would read the following way: “To improve community health and public green space by renovating recreational facilities at Miami Lakes Optimist Park including athletic fields, walking trails and exercise stations, basketball and tennis/pickleball courts, LED lighting, restroom facilities, parking facilities and improve field and amenity accessibility, shall the Town of Miami Lakes issue general obligation bonds, not exceeding \$25 million, payable from ad valorem taxes, bearing interest not exceeding maximum legal rates, maturing with 30 years of their issuance”? This motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Dieguez voted in opposition.

Councilmember Ruano then made a motion to change the order of the ballot question, to read the following way: “Shall the Town of Miami Lakes issue general obligation bonds, not exceeding \$25 million, payable from ad valorem taxes, bearing interest not exceeding maximum legal rates, maturing within 30 years of the issuance, to improve community health and public green space by renovating recreational facilities at Miami Lakes Optimist Park including athletic fields, walking trails and exercise stations, basketball and tennis/pickleball courts, LED lighting, restroom facilities, parking facilities and improve field and amenity accessibility.” The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

After further discussion with the Town Attorneys, Vice Mayor Rodriguez withdrew his second to the motion. Councilmember Collazo then seconded Councilmember Ruano’s motion.

Councilmember Fernandez respectfully requested that Mr. Albert del Castillo attend the June Regular Council Meeting to discuss the language of the ballot. Town Manager Pidermann acknowledged the request and stated that Mr. Del Castillo will be attending.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion made by Councilmember Ruano passed 5-2; Vice Mayor Rodriguez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

The main motion, as amended twice, passed 6-1; Councilmember Dieguez voted in opposition.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND 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 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.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing. There being no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

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

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Modifications to Sec. 13-1606 Titled Boats and Watercraft (Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez presented his item and explained that Sec. 13-1606 allows you to have your boat parked on your property only for a 24-hour period and that during this time, the boat must be hitched to an operable motor vehicle. He explained that sometimes this is not practical, specially depending on where you park your vehicle. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to remove the hitching requirement on the current ordinance. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann mentioned that if this item passes, Town Staff will work with Code Enforcement and with Planning & Zoning, so that they work together in the drafting of the ordinance.

Councilmember Collazo asked the Town Manager to investigate the Marco Island Code, because they are very boat friendly.

The motion passed 7-0.

B. Committee Sponsorships (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item and explained the genesis of this item. He explained that he wants for Town Staff to help the Town Committees as a whole, to obtain more funding, in order to carry out their mission.

He then made a motion to authorize Town Administration to go ahead and develop a program and to make sure that Town Staff is delivering on everything we state that we are delivering, including on our Sponsoring Packages, and to also encourage our Town's Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager, to apply for grants and funding opportunities for the committee, for them to be able to sponsor events and activities that they want. Mayor Cid seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that under the leadership of Ms. Clarisell de Cardenas, a Town of Miami Lakes Universal Sponsorship Package has been put together so that all the Town Committees can benefit from it. He also mentioned that the Grants and Government Affairs Manager will continue paying attention to funding opportunities for Town Committees.

Mayor Cid made a motion to amend the item to include the quorum issue of the YATF; he made a motion for the YATF only have 7 committee members instead of 14 members. The motion died due to a lack of second.

Councilmember Dieguez stated that he is not opposed to the idea itself but that the amendment is not germane to the item so he has a technical objection to the amendment. Councilmember Collazo stated that he is not supportive of the amendment because no public notice was given and that it's not germane to the item. He also mentioned that the proper venue to discuss this is at the Chair Meeting.

Councilmember Fernandez mentioned that Town Staff should look into the possibility of creating a Sponsor of the Year event or recognition, to reward and incentivize the sponsorship in the town; perhaps creating a sub-committee meeting composed of committee members, for them to discuss different ways that they can work together to pursue these sponsorships opportunities; he asked Town Staff to look into these ideas. Councilmember Dieguez stated that he was in favor of this idea. All were in favor.

C. Resolution to MDCPS (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor presented his item and explained that after speaking to the Hope for Autism group, he would like to request from the School District that they raise the age eligibility for participation of special needs students in their programs, to surpass 21 years of age. He explained that once these students turn 21 years, they age out and he believes that more programming will assist families in our community.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to pass a resolution requesting the School District to raise the age eligibility from 21 years of age. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Councilmember Ruano thanked Mayor Cid for bringing forth this item. She then stated that she also attended a Hope for Autism meeting and that on this matter, Mrs. Claudia Luces had reached out to Miami-Dade College, regarding the possibility of doing something like this at the college institution. Councilmember Ruano stated that the Town should pursue both school district level and college institution level at the same time. She also mentioned that Hope for Autism is currently working on a letter that they will be sending to the Governor, requesting assistance on this matter and emphasizing that once these students reach the age of 22, they have to exit the school system and are no longer able to participate in these programs and that this affects their mental health and hampers many abilities that they have acquired.

Councilmember Ruano then asked for us to extend support to the letter that Hope for Autism is drafting and asked to perhaps look into a resolution that supports the request in its entirety, at next month's meeting. Mayor Cid agreed, and all were in favor. Councilmember Collazo was absent.

D. Boats in Miami Lakes (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that residents who owned boats prior to incorporation, were grandfathered and were able to keep them on their property and that 81 boats were registered with the Town. He also explained that after the grandfathering period, homeowners who wanted to have their boats were required to request variances and approximately 19 were approved.

Mayor Cid mentioned that when he first got elected, he led the efforts on the possibility of having a boat storage in the town but that it is still pending. Mayor Cid then stated that there needs to be some common ground and he then mentioned that perhaps we should look at what the City of Coral Gables Code has done with boats.

Mayor Cid made a motion to direct Town Staff to work with the Planning & Zoning Board to come back to the Town Council with a set of regulations and recommendations where we can allow folks to park their watercraft in their side lot, in areas in our town that do not have deed restrictions and covenants regarding this matter. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

After discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Express Lanes (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid mentioned that he spoke to FDOT and that FDOT stated that the express lanes are not going to harm the town. However, Mayor Cid believes that moving the express lanes from 67th Avenue to south of 154th will be harmful to our community. Mayor Cid urged the Town Council to continue speaking to our Town State Representatives, Senator and the FDOT Secretary about this because he feels that the traffic flow will change on 154th.

B. Monthly Standard Operating Procedures 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.

Mayor Cid mentioned about the parking situation in Town Hall and about the SOP on concrete curbs. He asked the Town Manager about the funding for the concrete curbs. Town Manager Pidermann explained that the budget for the concrete curbs was approved by the Town Council, during the most recent Budget Amendment and he explained that the Public Works Department had identified the problematic areas of rights-of-ways and the problematic areas in pocket parks. Once the list was compiled, they obtain the linear feet for that list and then it was presented to the Town Council.

Councilmember Alvarez asked the Town Manager for a monthly attendance log of the absences of the committee members be sent to the Town Council. The Town Manager Pidermann agreed with the request.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Legislative Priorities Strategy (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann presented a proposed calendar of events beneficial for the Town to follow to be more effective and efficient in understanding the priorities which the State has identified so we can better identify which projects to submit for legislative priorities.

Councilmember Collazo thanked Town Manager Pidermann for this timeline and action plan.

B. Budget Preparation Timeline (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann presented a proposed budget hearing dates for FY2022-23. Town Manager Pidermann mentioned that it is very similar to the previous year calendar but that this year Town Staff added the Budget Sunshine Meeting for Committees to take place early in the budget cycle, this way the Town Committees will be able to voice their requests to the Town Council.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to approve the proposed Council Budget Calendar and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1; Councilmember Alvarez was absent and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

C. Monthly Police Report (Ruiz)

Major Javier Ruiz presented the report. He spoke about the complaints received of individuals parking on grass across the street from the Bob Graham Education Center. He mentioned that they are in the process of re-training parents during the pick-up time and that they have placed yellow tape at the premises, to deter people from parking at the grass. They also told parents that they cannot line up on the road before the gates open. Major Ruiz emphasized that he is working with the school to resolve this issue. Councilmember Collazo stated that perhaps by staggering or modifying the time of arrival, the traffic concern could be ameliorated. Mayor Cid stated that he will invite Chief Edwin Lopez to visit the BGEC area and discuss possible solutions.

Major Ruiz answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Speeding on Fairway Drive was also discussed. Major Ruiz commented that police officers are being moved from one location to another to create high visibility and more traffic enforcement. He also mentioned that our Lieutenant is working on more traffic details and more enforcement on major corridors.

D. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta, presented the report and highlighted some projects.

Regarding the BGEC Safe Routes to School, he reported that construction is scheduled for next year; Fairway Drive & Montrose Rd Mid-Block was completed, and the Ribbon Cutting is already scheduled; Town Workshop scheduled for Town Staff to present the proposed project on NW 146th Street on May 12th.

On the Stormwater Bond Projects, NW 159th Terrace Drainage Improvements, he reported that the notice to proceed was issue and the project is expected to commence in May; he mentioned many projects on the West Lakes were submitted to DERM and are still pending. On the Facility Projects, he mentioned that the Backup Generator at Roberto Alonso was advertised, and the proposal is due on May 9th. Regarding the Roadway Maintenance, he mentioned that sidewalk repairs are taking place around the Lake Patricia area, in Egan Lane and in Harris Place; roadway repairs and roadway maintenance are taking place on Glencairn Lane.

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

Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez, presented the Monthly Report on MLOP, on behalf of Mr. Bajdaun.

Dr. Lopez stated that the Tennis Lighting design is currently finalized and by the end of the summer all the improvements will be done. He also reported that additional lighting is being

added around the t-ball area and it is under evaluation to determine what the cost would be to install additional lighting. He also mentioned the dugout for the Pinto fields are in progress and hoping to have it all done by summertime.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi presented his report and spoke about the MOU between the Town of Miami Lakes, City of Hialeah and Miami-Dade County and provided feedback.

After some discussion, Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to have the Town Attorney strike any reference to off ramps and assure that the agreement speaks only about ramps getting on to Interstate 75. This motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated that he wanted to make several changes. He first referenced Section 5 of the MOU specifically the redline change on the trucks restriction. He mentioned that they added that dump trucks with 3 or more axles would be restricted. Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated that they need to remove or correct the “except for tow trucks” phrase. Vice Mayor Rodriguez emphasized that it needs to be clear that tow trucks are to be permitted but dump trucks with 3 axles or more are not permitted.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then mentioned that subsection d of Section 6, which introduced the concept of the Green Trail was taken out and that it needs to be addressed. Vice Mayor Rodriguez emphasized that we- the TOML- want the Green Trail. He also explained that the Green Trail and the fire lane were a joint project to be completed together. Vice Mayor explained his position and stated that those two projects need to be completed and funded together – that was the intent and the agreement. He emphasized that the Green Trail construction and the first responder’s lane on 154, is to be funded and completed together. He gave direction to the Town Attorneys to address this section on the Agreement.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then stated via motion that the sentence that starts with “furthermore” in Section 7A, be removed and that language be added to address the intent that the Green Trail and the first responder’s lane are to be jointly funded and constructed at the same time”. He then added to the motion that on Section 5 of the agreement, it needs to be clear that town trucks are to be permitted but dump trucks with 3 axles or more are not permitted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed 4-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Town Attorney Gastesi then read into the record the following section: “Subject to FDOT transferring Parcel 5072 to Miami-Dade County, and subject to any necessary approvals, as part of the improvements to NW 154 Street Bridge and Green Trail, the County shall, at the Town’s election, transfer the monument in memory of Jakey Duque from its current location to an appropriate location on Parcel 5072 depicted in the attached Exhibit A, where such monument will not impeded the safe flow of future pedestrian and vehicular traffic. If FDOT does not transfer Parcel 5072 to Miami-Dade County, the parties will use reasonable efforts to maintain the monument in memory of Jakey Duque in its current location and to extent it becomes necessary, Hialeah and Miami-Dade County, agree to coordinate with Miami Lakes to relocate the monument to a location acceptable to Miami Lakes. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement, Miami Lakes agrees that the monument’s location or relocation is subordinate to

the proposed vehicular use and necessary roadway improvements of the NW 154th Street Bridge as contemplated by this Agreement". A brief discussion was held regarding the section read by Town Attorney Gastesi.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to send the revised agreement to the appropriate parties. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

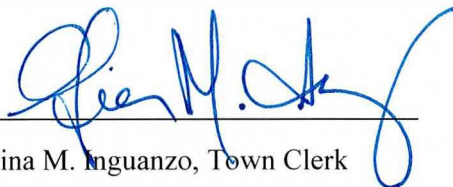
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Approved this 14th day of June 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk