

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
June 14, 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.

Mayor Cid asked Sea Scout Skipper from Sea Scout Ship 144, Mr. Apolo Lagarde, to come up and be recognized for receiving the Skipper of the Year award from the Sea Scout of America. Mr. Lagarde then spoke about the Sea Scouts program within the Boy Scouts of America and explained it involves anything with water such as sailing, kayaking, fishing, and much more. He then asked all Sea Scouts in Council Chambers to come up and gave his recognition to them.

Mayor Cid then asked Scout Master, Sean Schwinghammer to come up and be recognized for receiving the Scout Master of the Year award from the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Schwinghammer then thanked the Town for the recognition and spoke about how Boy Scouting is the oldest leadership and development program. He also thanked the Town and community for supporting Scouting as it is greatly appreciated.

Councilmember Collazo recognized the Boy Scouts who received the Eagle Scout Court of Honor over the past weekend and highlighted the values of Scouting. He then asked Mr. Angel Eladio Armesto, Mr. Lazaro Michel, Mr. William Andrew Dunkley II, Mr. Luis Javier Victores, and Mr. Javier Luis Victores to come up and receive Certificates of Recognition for their accomplishment. Mr. Armesto then thanked the Town Council and community for supporting them and their achievements. He also explained that an Eagle Scout project is a leadership service to support the community and show how the Scouts are prepared to be leaders.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:36 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Tony Fernandez joined the meeting at 6:40 pm and Councilmember Alvarez was present via zoom.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Daniel “Danny” Fiallo led the prayer.

Mr. Ariel Fernandez from Better You Minute, led a moment of mediation via YouTube.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Presentation of Colors was led by Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary.

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Cadet Chief Master Sargent Nicholas Camperos.

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

Mayor Cid moved Item 7, Appointments and Item 15A up to after Order of Business. Mayor Cid and Councilmember Dieguez then pulled Item 10C from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Alvarez moved up Item 13B to be discussed after Order of Business. Vice Mayor Rodriguez pulled 10E from the Consent Calendar and moved up Item 12A to after 13B.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to adopt the Order of Business and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. William Perez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He spoke in favor of Item 14B, the Kiki Camarena Run, and explained that the run is done by the Young Marines and Legion Post as part of a drug demand reduction program. He came forth the Town Council to ask for their support in the 5K run to be held on October 29th beginning at Veterans Park down Commerce Road.

Mr. Mario Pinera came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments on behalf of Ms. Nancy Rogers. Her public comment was in support of Item 8A, the Education Advisory Board report that requested the committee rule requiring a person to live, work, or own a business/property, to be waived for Mr. Maurits Acosta, so he could join the committee as the student member of the EAB.

Ms. Lucia Brings came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She thanked the Town Council for allowing Mr. Maurits Acosta to be the student member on the Education Advisory Board. She expressed how passionate herself and Mr. Acosta are for the town that they grew up and went to school in, even though they are not technically residents of the town.

Ms. Miriam Campos came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She stated that Miami Lakes is losing its charm because The Grahams Companies

took out the name “Don Shula” from some properties; she stated that she does not want to change the regulation of boats in Miami Lakes. She mentioned that access to the sidewalks is limited due to big pickup trucks parked in her neighborhood and that with adding boats to the front yards the situation would be worsen. She also spoke about the obstructed views of vehicles of incoming cars in many streets and expressed concern with safety issues.

Ms. Lilly participated in virtual public comments via Zoom. She thanked Councilmember Ruano and Councilmember Collazo for not giving in to pressures with regard to the wording of the bond ballot language. She stated the elected officials were not elected to word the ballot language in a more favorable outcome; that elected officials were voted to be transparent with the residents and not take advantage of the ability to put words in an order to get the results that you are looking for.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to remove Ms. Ellica Quintero from the Youth Activities Task Force and Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Herminia Ibarra to the Cultural Affairs Committee by Councilmember Luis Collazo.

Ms. Ana Soto to the Youth Activities Task Force by Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez.

Ms. Karla Acosta to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Ms. Madelin Santana to the Special Needs Advisory Board by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to waive Section 11 of the Committee Rules regarding the two-meeting requirement for Ms. Karla Acosta and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to move the list of appointments and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Alvarez was going to re-appoint Ms. Ellica Quintero to the Youth Activity Task Force but then retracted his nomination, until he can meet with her and discuss attendance issues.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Advisory Board

Chairperson Mario Pinera presented this report and began by requesting a waiver of the Committee Rules to appoint Mr. Maurits Acosta to the Education Advisory Board as the student advisor. He stated that Mr. Acosta is the only applicant for the position, and he is a student at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School. He also stated that Mr. Acosta does not live or work in the Town of Miami Lakes which is out of his control.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to waive the Committee Rules and appoint Maurits Acosta. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dieguez stated for the record his reasoning as to why he will be voting in opposition. Councilmember Dieguez stated it has nothing to do with Mr. Acosta; he stated that he feels as though the rules were just changed to be very specific about keeping appointments for town residents only, and he does not want to see other committees requesting the same. Mayor Cid then shared a story about Mr. Acosta and why he chose to go to Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School. Mr. Acosta wanted to help change the culture and revive the Miami Lakes zoned school.

The motion then passed 4-1; Councilmember Dieguez voted in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

Chairperson Pinera then requested the approval of \$10,000 for the Hialeah-Miami Lakes signage as outlined in the EAB minutes. Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to approve the request and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Ruano voting in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

B. Elderly Affairs Committee

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to adopt the transfer requested in the report and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez absent.

C. Youth Center Council

Chairwoman Lucia Bring presented this report and stated that since February they have had an improvement in attendance due to Councilmembers advocating their events. She also added that due to committee advocacy, they have gotten increased interest for a program Mr. Austin Tubbs started in November forte-sports. Ms. Bring stated they are planning open hangs that deal with board games and hopefully a video game open hang. They also plan on participating in community service projects such as beach clean ups and volunteering at the homeless shelters.

Ms. Bring also mentioned several programs and projects the committee has been thinking about starting such as a teen book club, bilingual reading group, tutoring program, music program, culinary program, children's butterfly project, and hosting youth month with the Model United Nations.

Mayor Cid made a motion to accept the report and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez absent.

A. Approval of Minutes

- May 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- May 12, 2022 Workshop on NW 146th Street Project Design Options

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- B. 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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) RESILIENT FLORIDA PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT STUDY; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FDEP'S RESILIENT FLORIDA PLANNING 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.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2022-08, TOWN WEBSITE: HOSTING, DESIGNING, DEPLOYMENT, AND MAINTENANCE TO PLANETERIA MEDIA, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Cid and Councilmember Dieguez.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to extend the Council Meeting for an extra 45 minutes and the motion passed 4-1; Vice Mayor Rodriguez voted in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

Mayor Cid expressed how important it is to have the new website be user friendly and transparent. He also asked what is new and most exciting about this new Town Website. Communications and Community Affairs Director, Ms. Clarisell De Cardenas stated that Town Staff is mostly looking forward to a responsive website meaning, anyone who is on a laptop, phone, or tablet will be able to navigate the website. She added the screen size and

icons will change to accommodate the different screens. The website will also be ADA responsive, and Town Staff hopes to use lots of images and videos that are aesthetically pleasing. Ms. De Cardenas then stated that on the back end, this website will be a much easier platform to update with minimal HTML language to be learned and trained on. This will be easier for the different departments to update their own pages, if needed.

Councilmember Dieguez then added that the website as it exists today is very difficult to navigate and not user friendly. The reason for pulling this item was to better understand the scope of work and he feels Ms. De Cardenas addressed all concerns.

Mayor Cid asked Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, Mr. German Cure, how the Imagine site will interact with the new website. Mr. Cure stated the Imagine website and the new Town website are separate however, a link can be embedded to the new website that will redirect those who click on it to the Imagine site. Regarding the new website, Mr. Cure added that they plan to create videos for residents on how to navigate the new website as Staff feels they will be helpful during the initial phase of the website creation. Ms. De Cardenas then thanked the Town Council for budgeting the important upgrade to the Town website.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to approve Item 10C and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2022-18, PARKS AND FACILITIES RESERVATION SOFTWARE SOLUTION TO CIVICPLUS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; 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 AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2022-15, TENNIS & PICKLEBALL PROGRAM TO UNLIMITED ATHLETIC ENTERPRISES, LLC DBA MGT ACADEMY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if this contract is only in respect to two of the courts. Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun responded in the affirmative. That the intent

of the contract is to award two courts to the program, with the idea of keeping one court available for rental, and another court open for general use always.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then stated his reason for concern. He stated that there has been a big increase in use on the tennis and pickleball courts since they have been refurbished, so he wants for proper access to be provided to the residents who just want to show up and use the courts without a reservation. He mentioned that he is in favor of the reservation system, but he also likes the fact that residents can show up to the courts and use them without being reserved. Councilmember Collazo mentioned he sees the courts being used a lot in the evening and is almost always being used by somebody. He mentioned that he would not like a vendor for tennis and pickleball to be in place and this to dissuade from public use. Councilmember Collazo then asked does the contract allow for a trail use to possibly use two and downsize later. Mr. Bajdaun stated they can dictate the terms of the contract, longevity, and structure during the negotiation period of the contract. Essentially the idea is to give two courts to the program for adults with special needs and the youth.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if there could be a time limit for the program to use the courts, possible like an after-school program and then open for the public at night since there will be lights at the courts soon. Mr. Bajdaun responded in the affirmative and that it can be worked out with the vendor during negotiation. Councilmember Collazo then asked if the sample schedule provided in the agenda is not set in stone, because it does not look flexible, and Mr. Bajdaun replied that it is not because the contract has not been awarded yet and that there are negotiations that can be made. Councilmember Collazo added he would like to see flexibility in the schedule.

Councilmember Ruano asked how this gets scheduled and what is the cost to the user. Mr. Bajdaun stated it is cost sharing so essentially the profits generated is a portion shared back to the Town. Councilmember Ruano then added residents have been asking for these courts for a long time and now they are really enjoying them; therefore, she agrees with her colleagues regarding the flexibility of use. Mayor Cid asked if there was a bid protest on this item and Mr. Bajdaun stated there was no formal bid protest submitted to procurement.

The owner of vendor then came up and explained the program, their flexibility, and mentioned the program is mostly to teach the kids how to play.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then asked what would happen if a resident paid an instructor to teach them while on the court; he then asked if there is permitting required to do so. Mr. Bajdaun responded that matter is a grey area. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then concluded by stating that he would still like to see those two courts available for those who bring in their own private instructors.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to move the item and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Fernandez, and Councilmember Collazo absent.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TOWN'S AMENDED 2015-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES AND GOALS UNDER THE 2015-2025 STRATEGIC

PLAN; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND 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, 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 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND 94/100 (\$159,352.94); 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.

- H. 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 WSP USA, INC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STORM WATER PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS AND 92/100 (\$231,663.92); 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.

11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-285, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-292, 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.

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

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to move the Budget Amendment and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 13-1606, TITLED "BOATS AND WATERCRAFT" 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.

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

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to remove the hitched requirement and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 4-1; Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING, ADOPTING, A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DISTRICTS; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DISTRICTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SECURITY GUARD AND MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Councilmember Collazo seconded.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 3-2; Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid voting in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND 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.

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

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi asked Mayor Cid for a moment of personal privilege. He then provided an oral explanation on what the term freeholders means. He cited and read from a United States Supreme Court on this matter. After reading from the caselaw, he emphasized that if the Town Council were to restrict this only to the property holders on general obligation bonds, we would be sued. He stated that in all his years of practicing law, he has never heard of the concept of only allowing a property owner to vote on general obligation bonds. He explained that if they were different types of bonds affecting a certain district, or a certain street, that would be a different matter. The Town Attorney stated that he provides legal opinions to the Town Council all the time on a timely manner and that he will continue to do so but not to every participant from the public.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, also provided a broader meaning of what the word Freeholder means and explained that historically it was referred to a white male who consequently owned property and who could vote and be elected to office. He explained that the term freeholder is seen as discriminatory and that as a term, it had been discontinued in most of the states of the Union.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez addressed the Town Council and participated in-person public comments. She spoke about a request from a councilmember regarding the bond, as to the legality of everybody voting to the bond. She mentioned that she is the person who initiated this request. She mentioned some caselaw, mentioned that she spoke to State Representative Fabricio for advice and that he asked her to wait for the legal opinion of the Town Attorneys on this matter. She also mentioned an opinion from the State Attorney General from 1986, regarding qualified electors and freeholders. She concluded by asking the Town Council to be in touch with the Attorney General to make sure all is good.

There being no one wanting to speak on the item, the public hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made an initial motion to approve the item and stated that he would be making an amendment to approve it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann introduced Ms. Pigeen Hanrahan, from the Trust for Public Land. The Town Manager explained that the Town has partnered with the Trust of Public Land to guide us thru the process and give us advice on the ballot language and with feasibility studies and other matters, such as the educational campaign, to answer questions our residents might have.

Ms. Pigeen Hanrahan introduced herself and stated that what she does is help cities, municipalities and county governments to fund their outdoor recreation priorities. She stated that she was aware that in the previous meeting, during the first reading of ballot question, a reordering of the ballot question was done. She stated that usually in ballot questions, they lay

out first the purposes of the bond and then you follow up with the legal verbiage, and to that regard, she encouraged the bond ballot question to be flipped back to the order as it was presented originally. She also stated that she had a document with her consisting of many different Florida bond languages that were presented similar to the way the bond language question was presented originally to this Town Council. She mentioned that Florida Legislature has cracked down on local governments doing anything that might be perceived as advocacy and that she would be more than happy to work with any citizens groups to make sure that everyone has access to information to help them understand what the Town's plans are and that this would be privately funded. She then answered questioned posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Fernandez explained that he was in the prevailing side at the May Regular Council Meeting, during the roll call of the approval of the Bond Ballot Language in 1st reading, and then he made a motion to revert to the original ballot language. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. Vice Mayor Rodriguez explained that the bond ballot question should start with "To improve community health and public green space..." and for the first three lines that start with "shall the Town of Miami Lakes..." will be moved to the end. After discussion, the motion passed 4-2, with Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voting in opposition.

The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion, as amended, and the motion failed 3-3. Councilmembers Collazo, Dieguez and Ruano vote in opposition.

After further discussion, Councilmember Collazo made a motion to consider the original language that that was debated on, prior to today, and put the ballot question that we agreed to. He also stated that he does not want this project to fail, that it should be in the hands of the voters, that he liked how it was phrased and that he liked that the Town Council is being transparent. He stated that he was in the prevailing side, and he reiterated that he would like to bring back the ballot item, as voted last time. Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella stated that Councilmember Collazo had been in the prevailing party and that he could bring back the item. Mayor Cid seconded the motion for discussion.

After additional discussion, Councilmember Collazo was asked to clarify his motion to reconsider. Councilmember Collazo emphasized that the motion was to consider the ballot question, as it was presented in the June 14th agenda, and to move the issue forward, to not lose time.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion failed 3-3; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition. Within seconds of the vote, Mayor Cid changed his vote and voted yes. Thus, the motion passed 4-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Fernandez voted in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Ruano)

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

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to move the resolution and Councilmember Dieguez seconded.

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann informed the Town Council that it was brought to Town Staff's attention that there may be a potential conflict by having early voting at Roberto Alonso Community Center during the 2022 Election cycle, because a candidate on the August Primary Election ballot has the same name as the government facility. This was then brought to the attention of the Miami-Dade Elections Department, and they suggested covering the name on the building for the days of the elections without discrediting the person and advertising the site as Royal Oaks Park instead of Roberto Alonso Community Center.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to include the proposed change and Councilmember Collazo seconded.

Mayor Cid stated he believes Early Voting should be done at the Youth Center. He also stated that if Roberto Alonso Community Center is used, he does not want to see the name covered up. He also stated that voting at Roberto Alonso Community Center will bring parking conflicts as soccer will be going on during that time.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to change the location to the Youth Center and Mayor Cid seconded.

During discussion, the Town Manager Pidermann stated if the Town Council wishes to explore other locations like the Youth Center, Town Staff can work with Elections Department to use another location for the 2024 election cycle. He also explained that Elections Department informed us that the Bob Graham Education Center precinct will no longer be a precinct, starting this 2022 election cycle and that residents who voted in the Bob Graham Education Center precinct were going to vote in Roberto Alonso Community Center. He explained that if the Town Council was unwilling to cover up the name of Roberto Alonso Community Center, then Elections Department would use Mary Collins Community Center as a precinct for this election cycle.

Mayor Cid stated he was okay with the suggestion of using Mary Collins Community Center this election cycle because it is not a presidential election and therefore it won't be as hectic and to explore other locations for the future elections. During further discussion, it was decided to not use Roberto Alonso Community Center and go use Mary Collins Community Center for this election cycle.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to withdraw this item and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez being absent.

B. A QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING-

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-304(h) OF THE TOWN'S LDC FOR A SITE PLAN APPROVAL, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7601 MIAMI LAKES DRIVE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AT EXHIBIT "B", BEARING FOLIO NOS. 32-2014-001-0410, 32-2023-011-0010 AND 32-2014-001-0400; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid read into the record the order to follow of the public hearing, to outline the procedure and order of the quasi-judicial hearing.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the resolution and the quasi-judicial instructions into the record. Town Attorney Gastesi also outlined the order and procedure to follow during the quasi-judicial public hearing.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Ruano, Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Alvarez, Mayor Cid and all made their verbal disclosures of any ex-parte communications held in the last 7 days.

Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo swore in those wishing to speak on Item 13b, including the participants on-line.

Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner, presented the item with a brief synopsis of the application of the site plan approval, replacing an existing golf course, hotel and restaurant with a golf course, residential and commercial space. and answered any questions posed by the Town Council. Ms. Alonso stated that the application is for 278 residential units and around 10,240 square feet of commercial space, that the property is zoned for BU-2, which allows the residential uses as long as they have commercial space on the ground floor. She also stated that the application is completely with the zoning rights of the zoning district, and she mentioned that it is quite less than what they would be allowed to operate per the zoning district. She entered the staff report into the agreement and made herself available to answer questions posed by Town Council.

Mr. Javi Vazquez introduced himself and stated that he is the attorney representing the Applicant, The Graham Companies. He then proceeded to introduce the following individuals, all from the applicant's team: Mr. Luis Martinez, Mr. Stu Wyllie, Mr. David Healey, from the Graham Companies; and he also introduced the next generation of the Graham Companies - Mr. Danny Martinez, Ms. Katie Martinez, Mr. Phillip Wyllie and Ms. Laura Wyllie; the architect Mr. Roger Fry, landscape architect James Socasch; from Kimley Horn, the traffic consultant Adrien Delkaski, and the civil engineer Mr. Jose Rivera; from First T Miami, Mr. Charlie De Lucca.

Attorney Vazquez then stated that the Applicant is seeking site plan approval for a proposed mixed-use development on 18 acres of land, which calls for several components. He stated the components are the demolition of the Indigo Hotel; the redevelopment of the driving

range facility; state of the art hi-end clubhouse with flexible event space, adaptable for smaller events, such as event and wedding facility and the 7-floor mixed use building with 278 residential units and over 10,000 square feet of commercial space. He also mentioned that approximately 59% of the units are 1-bedroom units and the remaining 41% are 2-bedroom units. He stated that it is zoned as BU-2 with a land use designation of business and office.

Attorney Vazquez emphasized that Land Development Code of Miami Lakes, Section 13-304(h) states the criteria under which site plan approval is to be analyzed and reviewed. He stated that this application was reviewed by Town Staff and that every item is fully compliant with the all the criteria. He also mentioned that this project has been in the planning stages for years, that it was advertised and that the Developer Information Session took place 1 week ago. He mentioned that the Graham Companies take pride in their developments and that they want this gateway property to be successful.

Architect Roger Fry, from Roger Fry and Associates, introduced himself as the architect of the project and spoke in support of the project and in support of the Applicant. While the PowerPoint presentation was displayed on the tv monitors, he provided additional information on the design and artistic concept of the proposed project.

Mr. Luis Martinez, Senior Executive Vice President of The Graham Companies and town resident for 41 years, spoke in support of the project and provided additional information on the project, such as the feasibility of this project, the importance of golf courses as an amenity to the town, spoke about the clubhouse and emphasized that this project will be for families to enjoy.

Mr. Charlie De Lucca, Golf Course Manager, spoke in support of the project, stated that he has been a resident of Miami Lakes for all his life, spoke about his commitment to golf and Miami Lakes and he shared his family experience in the golf industry in Miami Lakes, along the Graham family.

Mr. Adrien Delkaski, Traffic Consultant for the project, spoke in support of the project, stated that it satisfies the Town's traffic requirements and that it is not expected to adversely impact the adjacent roadway and intersection level of service, based on the Miami-Dade County concurrency management system. He also noted that this considers committed projects that have not yet been built but are programmed to be built in the future. He mentioned that they have prepared a preliminary study to look at traffic matters that could be brought up thru the county permit process, such as signal warrant analysis of the project driveway in Miami Lakes Drive, a right turn lane analysis at the project driveway, in addition to a westbound right turn at the intersection of Miami Lakes Drive, in NW 77th Avenue, 826 North Bound on ramp. He shared the preliminary results of the study and stated that the signal would not be warranted at the project driveway; the eastbound right turn lane at the project driveway based on the county's thresholds and the traffic volumes it would not be warranted; however, he stated The Graham Companies are committed to looking at it and pursuing it through the permit process with the county. Mr. Delksaki also stated that they evaluated the potential for a westbound right turn lane at the intersection of Miami Lakes Drive and NW 77th Avenue 826 on ramp, and with the turn lane there, he stated that the traffic delay there is expected to decrease so the level of service is expected to improve -with that westbound right turn lane

in place. Final determination will be made once they go thru the permits process with the county. Regarding access thru the site onto 77th Avenue, he stated that would create site distance issues.

Attorney Vazquez then shared that he has sent an email to the Town Attorneys, including bullet points of issues that should be included in the escrow agreement, that will be put together, because the Grahams are proffering to escrow \$300,000 to back the idea of committing to, designing, permitting and building 2 dedicated right turn lanes – one at the entrance of the project and one at the corner of 77th Avenue and Miami Lakes Drive. Attorney Vazquez then submitted into the record, a copy of an estimate that The Graham Companies received, totaling a \$145,000 per turn lane. The copy of the estimate was provided to the Town Clerk. Attorney Vazquez clarified that any shortfall of the \$300,000 will be the responsibility of The Graham Companies. The expiration will be designated by the Town Council, and he stated that The Graham Companies commits to collaborate with the Town in applying and diligently pursuing these permits. He emphasized that The Graham Companies will design, permit and build the right turn lanes, to be done at the same time as out building permit application. Attorney Vazquez concluded by thanking the Town Attorneys and Ms. Susana Alonso and Town Staff, for their work. He reminded the Town Council that Town Staff recommends the Town Council to approve the Site Plan and he stated that the Graham Companies are amenable to the addition of the escrow conversation being included as an additional condition.

Then Mayor Cid proceeded to open the hearing for public comments. The Town Clerk read into the record, the instructions regarding proper decorum. She reminded everyone providing testimony must be sworn in.

The following individuals provided public comments in-person:

Mr. Sean Schwinghammer addressed the Town Council and stated he is not in opposition of the project development but stated that he is in opposition to the look of the project. He expressed his concerns with the size of the project, and he does not want to change the nature of Miami Lakes. He stated it's out of character.

Mr. JC Fernandez addressed the Town Council and stated he is in support of the project development.

Ms. Esther Bonnie Cintron addressed the Town Council and stated that Miami Lakes is not supposed to be an urban developed place. She stated the small hotel and upgrades is very nice but a 7th floor building is out of place.

Dr. Dave Bennett addressed the Town Council and stated that he is not against the project, but the scale of the building is out of character for the area. He stated that the golf course program referenced by Mr. DeLucca is wonderful, but he expressed concern with the effect of the bridges that will open. He asked about traffic counts done for 154th Street and he stated substantial evidence is needed. He asked how to make a left turn while existing the proposed project. He recommended the Town Council to speak to a Land Development Attorney on this matter.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez addressed the Town Council and asked them to pay attention to the Staff Report and what zoning and Land Use designations BO means. She stated that they can build a 7th floor building but that the Town Council has the right to say that it is not compatible; she mentioned that mixed-use development is permitted provided that scale and intensity is not out of character, with adjacent and near development and that the project does not negatively impact any near area neighborhood. She concluded by stating that the project does not fit there because it is too big.

Mr. Miguel Martinez addressed the Town Council and spoke about urban planning and urban fabric. He stated that the development proposed is beautiful and that the area needs an upgrade but that the proposed project is not a proper solution; that once the bridges open the traffic situation will worsen; that the project needs to be re-addressed as far as design and that it will cause an endanger to the community as is it proposed.

Mr. Humberto Canellas addressed the Town Council and stated that he is not opposed to the project development but that the size of the project is uncharacteristic with Miami Lakes. He referenced the Miami Lakes Seal and asked to not lose sight of what the Town Seal stands for. He stated that the gold course is in complete disrepair and that it needs to be addressed but that the proposed project is too large and that it will impact traffic.

Mr. William Perez addressed the Town Council and stated that he resides within the affected area of the proposed project. He stated that this is a wonderful project; however, he asked for an actual independent traffic study to be done, as per Section 1304.6 and not what the traffic expert presented, to better assess what the traffic situation is in the early morning in Miami Lakes Fairway Drive and properly assess what the mobility fee should be. He also praised the Graham Companies and the Graham family.

Mr. Marcos Gutierrez addressed the Town Council and stated that he came to the Developers Information Session hosted by the applicant and that is what very informative; that he is not in opposition to the project and that The Graham Companies have done a good job caring for the community. He mentioned that he asked The Graham Companies about the future of Par 3; he asked them if Par 3 will get sold of if they will build another project. Mr. Gutierrez stated that The Graham Companies asked him to intercede with the Town Council, for the Town of Miami Lakes to take over Par 3. Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that he is aware of the clean-up issues with Par 3 so he asked that in addition to the 2 lanes that The Grahams Companies are going to give us, to perhaps agree to negotiate and clean up Par 3, for the residents to use it as a park with no more development coming forward.

Mr. Wayne Reinhart addressed the Town Council and stated that The Graham Companies are great people and that they care about our town. He stated that the golf course is in bad condition and that they need the income from the apartments and the retail to supplement and cover the expenses. He stated he is in support of this application.

Mr. James Hamilton addressed the Town Council and stated that he thinks The Graham Companies have done a great job developing our community and that this project is a much-needed project.

Ms. Arlene Resileaddressed the Town Council and stated that she likes the project and that it looks great but that the population is too high. She stated that a 7 floors building is too

high; that perhaps it is more prudent to make the units larger and put them into condos units and people will take more pride; she expressed concern regarding the power lines that go through that area; she spoke about childhood Leukemia and if children live within specific range, she questioned where the children are going to play. She also spoke about the Par 3 and about a pedestrian walkway over the street, for families to cross and have access to Par 3; about traffic and having a traffic study; about proposed developments that have still to open; emergency vehicles taking too long to get to their destinations; she also asked about other alternative ways to enter/exit into the proposed project – putting a perimeter road on the outside of the golf course and safety features in general.

Mr. Josiah Burg addressed the Town Council and stated that he encourages the TOML and their engineers to review the results of the traffic study of the developer's consultant, as compared to the last traffic study that was performed in the town. He also mentioned that the level of service per the 2020 plan with regards to the acres of urban open space per capita needs to be reviewed. He stated no objection to the development of the golf course, but he objected to the number of residential units and to the commercial development and to its impact to traffic level.

Ms. Diana de la Nuez addressed the Town Council and made reference to the Town Seal and stated that with this project we are not going to the right direction. She stated that progress needs to be done in conjunction with the people that have supported Miami Lakes. She mentioned that the traffic control needs to be looked at carefully and addressed. She is in support of revamping the golf course but not adding more residential units.

Mr. David and son addressed the Town Council and stated their objections to the proposed development and project. He stated that this project has too many residential units and that it does not go with the character of Miami Lakes.

Ms. Lynn Matos addressed the Town Council and spoke in support of The Graham Companies and their service. She stated that this project meets all the conditions of the site plan approval, that she met with Town Staff and asked questions about the project, and she stated that in her personal opinion, this project will be spectacular. She spoke about Par 3 and mentioned that perhaps the TOML should engage in conversations with The Grahams about this area. She mentioned that traffic is awful here and everywhere and that it is a fact of life. She stated that we need housing in all South Florida and stated that she is in support of this project.

Mr. Mike Huffacker addressed the Town Council and stated that his experience with traffic from his home to the golf course has not been a bad experience; that golf is a characteristic of the town of Miami Lakes and in his opinion, this addition will help offset the cost of maintaining that golf course -is a small price to pay to keep the golf course, which is an integral part of our community.

Ms. Felicia Salazar addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that the project is beautiful, yet she mentioned her concerns with traffic, density, the scale of the project and she would like this to be mitigated. She would prefer the building to go down to 5 story high instead of 7 and to blend a little more with the neighborhood and she addressed her concerns with traffic and the entrance of the project. She is glad about the revitalization of the area,

that its good to bring service to the community but not bring hardship to the community. She would like to create greener because she thinks its too dense.

Mr. Steven Herzberg addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that this is a great project but mentioned his concern is traffic, so he would like to wait for the independent traffic study results. He is all for this project condition to the traffic study reporting that it will not strain resources of the town.

Ms. Tina addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that the project has too many floors and that it will cause more traffic, and to evaluate the entrances to the project and to make sure the access is available to everyone.

Ms. Lily addressed the Town Council via zoom and stated that she lives in an area of the town where traffic is highly impacted due to the opening of the 170th bridge; she stated that it takes her approximately 10 minutes from her house to the expressway; she mentioned that she owns a unit at Villas of Miami Lakes – located across the proposed project and she is concerned with increase traffic congestion in the area. She stated that she likes the architectural design of the project, but she thinks it too big for the location; that the clubhouse will bring residents opportunities to celebrate. Her concern is with traffic and her opinion is that Miami Lakes does not need more renters.

The Town Clerk read into the record all the names of the individuals who sent written public comments regarding Item 13b. These individuals were:

Mr. Richard Nealis, Mr. Antonio Roberto Llanos, Mr. Rey Fernandez, Mr. Cedric Brown, Mr. Christopher Amador, Mr. Cesar Soto, Ms. Elissa Martinez, Mr. Fred Isenberg, Ms. JonMichael Rodriguez, from Inc. Delsports Team, Ms. Esther Bonnie Cintron, Ms. Alicia H. Gonzalez, Ms. Pam Gade, Ms. Liliam Castillo and Ms. Felicia Salazar

Attorney Vazquez stated that they do not want to rebut but he did mention that Mr. Luis Martinez, would like to address the Town Council, regarding Par 3. Mr. Luis Martinez then stated that with respect to the Par 3 and potential development on that site, he mentioned that the site has a covenant which was granted to the county, so the TOML has some sort of control; that it is a restrictive covenant, and that land can only be a green space – unless the Town Council chooses to remove the covenant. Mr. Martinez stated that The Graham Companies has no development rights on that property. Mr. Luis Martinez then answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Ms. Susana Alonso, Principal Town Planner, answered questions posed by the Town Council

Attorney Vazquez answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Mr. Adrien Delkaski answered questioned posed by the Town Council.

There being no further questions, Mayor Cid closed the public meeting.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the site plan, with the conditions provided by Town Staff and including the additional conditions that were proffered by the Applicant, with

respect to the escrow for the 2 right turn lanes, one of them on 154 to turn directly into the project and the other one on 154 turning right to 77th Avenue, in the amount of \$300,000, and with all the other conditions that they Applicant put into the record, including increasing that escrow amount depending on the cost of the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

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

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Traffic Flow/Congestion Management (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and expressed that the Police Department should be in charge of traffic flow and congestion management and for it to be included in the Town's STRAP Plan.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to transfer \$20,000 from the Transportation Planning Manager position to the Police Department, pending the approval of CITT and also amend the STRAP Plan to outline traffic flow and congestion management will be in the Police Department's purview. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Councilmember Ruano agreed with all Mayor Cid stated except for the transfer of \$20,000. She then asked Mayor Cid to clarify what the funds would be used for. Mayor Cid explained the main challenge within the Police Department is the lack of funds for extra officers and the transfer of funds would augment the situation pending CITT approval. Councilmember Ruano then stated the contract for the Police Department is such a heavy contract and she cannot imagine adding more funds to it. She expressed she is in favor of moving forward with the directive but not with allocating the funds.

Town Manager, Ed Pidermann then stated that CITT has told the Town it is not an allowable use of funds to pay the police officer's overtime. He suggested working with the Police Department to see if a program can be created to then determine if overtime is needed or not. If overtime is needed, Town Manager Pidermann suggested targeting the overtime pay with General Fund dollars and enhance the Police Department contract for the next budget cycle.

Mayor Cid expressed he is fine with the directive but still thinks in a strategic format, traffic flow and congestion management should be under the Police Department's purview. Mayor Cid also clarified that the funds are not being appropriated tonight because work needs to be done with the CITT which could take about 8 months and, in the meantime, maybe an alternative solution can be reached between the Manager and Police. Mayor insisted to make traffic flow and congestion management a top priority in the STRAT plan.

All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez absent.

B. Kiki Camarena 5K Run (Ruano)

Councilmember Ruano presented this item and explained the Young Marines and the American Legion Post 144 would like to conduct this 5K run, formerly known as “Say No to Drugs” as many parents have expressed there is not enough being done in schools anymore to stay away from drugs. Councilmember Ruano added that the run is fully funded through sponsorships, so it is only a matter of giving them the blessing to have the run within the community of Miami Lakes. She then made a motion to allow the 5K run be within Miami Lakes and Mayor Cid seconded.

Mayor Cid then added that Kiki Camarena has an entire segment showing his work within the DEA and how much he believed in the cause of taking drugs out of the streets.

All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez being absent.

C. Town Arborist (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and began by expressing how difficult it is to find a part-time Arborist for the Town.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct Town Staff to eliminate the in-house Part-Time Arborist position in the Town, move \$10,000 from the position to line-item Green Space Maintenance Superintendent, utilize \$20,000 for Town Staff to put out an RFP where the Town Manager can select an outside firm, compensate Town Staff taking on extra work through the line items, and move the leftover funds into infrastructure needs. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Town Manager, Ed Pidermann then clarified that the Town Arborist is not an in-house position, it is a Part-Time Independent Contractor and is it budgeted for \$45,000. Mr. Pidermann stated that they plan to hire the current Town Intern as an entry level full-time position and reserve money from the line item for an outside firm arborist when needed. For customer service purposes the new full-time position would be able to answer call, emails, and conduct inspections within a timely manner rather than delayed responses through a contracted arborist.

Mayor Cid stated his concern with having an in-house position. Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked who is currently handling the everyday tasks of the Arborist and Mr. Pidermann stated it is shared amongst multiple employees. Mr. Pidermann also added that whereas an in-house employee would timely respond to situations, a contracted firm may take much longer due to their other duties.

Councilmember Ruano expressed she understands Mayor Cid’s frustrations however she also understands Mr. Pidermann’s point regarding customer service. The Town Council then spoke about the idea of moving funds to the Green Space Maintenance Superintendent line item. Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated he is not in favor of hiring an in-house Arborist and would like to see the position contracted. Councilmember Collazo suggested trying out the Town Intern and if unsuccessful, the Town can contract an Arborist.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Rodriguez restated the motion which was to allocate \$10,000 to the Green Space Maintenance Superintendent to be split amongst employees handling arborist work as compensation however the Town Manager Pidermann sees fit, and the remaining balance of the \$45,000, to be used to pay an Independent Contractor Arborist on an as needed basis. Thus, to not hire an additional intern.

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo called the roll on the item and the motion passed 3-2 with Councilmember Ruano and Councilmember Collazo in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

D. Royal Oaks Neighborhood Service Districts (Ruano)

Councilmember Ruano presented this item which addresses the way in which the Council is allowed to appoint to this Neighborhood Service District. She explained each Councilmember appoints to the Neighborhood Service District for Royal Oaks based on geographical location and her seat is to appoint West of 82nd Avenue outside of the HOA. She stated that for the past 3 years no one within those two blocks has been wanting to be a part of the committee.

Councilmember Ruano then made a motion requesting the Council reconsider the way the resolution is written and to allow her seat to appoint outside the original parameters and Mayor Cid seconded. Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if this was to be opened to all of the Town Council and Councilmember Ruano apologized for misstating the motion. She then re-stated her motion and expressed her intention to request the change for all Town Council seats to appoint anyone who has a desire to serve.

All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to extend the meeting and Mayor Cid seconded. The motion passed 4-1. Vice Mayor Rodriguez voted in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

E. Youth Zones & Speed Bumps (Cid)

Mayor Cid expressed this item is an idea discussed amongst Public Safety Committee Chairwoman, Nancy Rogers as well as Youth Activities Task Force Vice Chairman Maurits Acosta. The idea is to create a program where residents can adopt a speed bump on their block because many residents have called to bypass the process and purchase their own speed bumps from the Town. Mayor Cid expressed this adoption program would be a happy medium. He also would like to create Youth Zones around the Town's Tot Lots where speeding fines will increase around Tot Lots. Himself, Town Attorney Raul Gastesi, and Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella will be working with the Clerk of Courts if the Council approves the idea to see if it is possible.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to double speeding fines around Tot Lots and allow residents to adopt speed bumps. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann asked what is meant by adopt, can residents privately pay for the speed bumps and the Town installs it no matter where they are or how many there are. Mayor Cid replied yes but Town Staff will create parameters and bring back to the Council in the form of a report.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated he is all in favor of the ideas however he understands why residents get frustrated with government because it has been two years since he proposed an omnibus agreement with the County to make improvements on interior roads without going back to the County and the agreement has still gone nowhere. He added it forces their hands to do programs like this and deal with ramifications afterwards.

Councilmember Ruano stated she is in favor of the Youth Zones because people should be ticketed for speeding in the community. However, she added she does not support speed bumps for two reasons. The first reason being that someone can adopt a speed bump but then they are no longer responsible for the maintenance and perpetuity. She stated the Town would have to replace the speed bumps and maintain them forever seeing as the more speed bumps adopted, the more infrastructure to maintain. The second reason she does not support the item is because a resident on the block may want a speed bump but the others on the block may not want it for whatever reason.

Councilmember Ruano then asked if the two ideas can be split to have separate votes because she supports one idea but not the other.

Mayor Cid then withdrew his original motion.

Mayor Cid made a motion to incorporate Youth Zones and double speeding fines in those areas. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez absent.

Mayor Cid then made another motion to allow residents to adopt a speed bump and have Town Staff create parameters and come back to Council in the form of a report. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Zonta Club of Miami Lakes Human Trafficking Presentation Request at Council Chambers (Cid)

Mayor Cid welcomed the President of the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes, Ms. Marie Korenstein, and explained they are a women's club in the Town of Miami Lakes that helps with stopping sexual trafficking, child marriages, and anything concerning women and their needs. She asked the Town Council to use Council Chambers as their venue for the State Attorney's office to give a lecture regarding human trafficking. She would like to open it to the community to get involved and listen to the speakers.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion allowing the Zonta Club to use Council Chambers for the lecture and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Update on Zip Code (Dieguez)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez absent.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a correction as this report is an update on the funding for 59th avenue and not a report on zip codes. He stated that the Congressman added this project to the list of items he is asking earmark funding for at a price of \$4 million. Councilmember Dieguez added the budget timeline is delayed but it looks like there is a very strong chance of getting it done through this process.

C. Monthly Standard Operating Procedure Update (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this report and wanted to point out that while Town Manager, Edward Pidermann was out of office, Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez and Chief Financial Officer, Ismael Diaz did a phenomenal job and there were no issues. Mr. Pidermann then stated he is proud of their work and great leadership.

D. Intergovernmental Meetings Update (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 6.7 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez absent.

Mayor Cid stated he has been meeting with Town Staff and recently met with the Director of the Florida Department of Emergency Management, Keven Guthrie, Chief Financial Officer, Ismael Diaz, Town Manager, Edward Pidermann, and Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez. They spoke about sending someone from Florida DEM down to be prepared for reimbursement in case there is a storm. Mr. Pidermann then explained the new reimbursement process they plan to implement which will allow for higher levels of reimbursement at a sooner rate.

Mayor Cid then added that the next meeting will be with the Director of Public Works for the County to have Town Hall as one of the first venues for the rescheduled monthly meeting amongst all county public works directors.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Monthly Police Report (Ruiz)

Town Lieutenant, Jose Gonzalez presented this report on behalf of Major Javier Ruiz. He began by stating crime is 37% down in comparison to last year. He also highlighted a few arrests that were made in the month of May for vehicle burglaries, stolen vehicles, and LPR arrest. Then, he stated they have ventured into their summer initiative now that school is out and officers are being deployed to summer camps, day cares, and places where there are children.

Lieutenant Gonzalez also mentioned they will be conducting their yearly active shooter training sometime this summer and Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked when they would take place. Lieutenant Gonzalez added he can let the Town Council know when they are scheduled so they can stop by.

Lieutenant Gonzalez then went into traffic and highlighted one of the traffic details conducted in the month of May. The traffic detail was on Fairway Drive where the new crosswalk installation is, and numerous vehicles were stopped and given warnings and citations.

Councilmember Ruano then addressed speeders on Fairway and mentioned residents are asking to install temporary stop signs to try and mitigate the traffic. She also addressed the recent fatality that occurred on 154th street and 82nd avenue involving a young man driving a dirt bike. Councilmember Ruano stated many ATVs and dirt bikes are on the roads every day at all hours, and that she would like to know what the standard procedure with those types of vehicles is. Lieutenant Gonzalez responded that officers try to conduct a vehicle stop and if successful, they cite the individual and tow the vehicle.

Finally, Councilmember Ruano added she spoke with Major Ruiz and would like a follow-up on the individuals who are apprehended for breaking into cars and stealing cars as she would like to know how long they are in custody. Lieutenant Gonzalez then explained the bond process situation.

B. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta presented this report virtually via Zoom and began by highlighting many roadway projects are in design. As for stormwater projects, the 1st project under construction is the NW 159th Terrace Drainage Improvement Project and the next one to begin is the NW 166th Street project which should begin construction next month. He added many stormwater projects are reaching 100% plans and can be expected to be under construction in the fall.

Mr. Acosta then stated they have received proposals for the Backup Generator at Roberto Alonso Community Center and the committee should be meeting this week to evaluate the proposals and award the contract to move on with the design. As for roadway maintenance, Mr. Acosta stated they are doing well with the sidewalk repairs. He added that all the funds budgeted as well as the additional funds recently approved for sidewalk repairs have been distributed and issued out to various work orders. Finally, Mr. Acosta added that they are pending the contractor to complete the last work orders.

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

Parks and Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun presented the report, and he began by stating the dugouts have been finalized and put into place for the pinto fields prior to the start of the all-star games. The dugouts are movable and provides sun and element protection. Vice Mayor Rodriguez thanked Mr. Bajdaun for them and added that the coach of the 6U all-star team said they made a huge difference for the kids.

Mr. Bajdaun then mentioned the tennis court lighting project and stated they are about 13 weeks away from receiving the products from the manufacture and having it installed. As well, Mr. Bajdaun stated they were able to laser grade three infields which provided upkeeping to the and created the best possible drainage for the fields as they have no subterrain drainage. He also added that throughout the park they are continuing light repairs.

Mr. Bajdaun then highlighted that the Town was issued a grant through the Scott's and MLB for the makeover of a ballfield. The Town was only one of four in the nation and the only one in Florida to receive the grant. It will serve a great need in helping the upstart of the t-ball program. He added this will allow them to get a field done for the t-ballers that is designed to play baseball.

Finally, he stated summer closures have commenced so there is limited opening to play on fields at the parks. This will allow for major renovations to commence and prepare the fields for next season.

Councilmember Collazo then thanked Town Staff for moving on the Scotts program and proceeded to ask when the field would become playable. Mr. Bajdaun stated they will receive notice within the week and anticipates completion of 2-3 weeks. He stated it would be done before the next season.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi presented his report.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the Executive-Session for next Wednesday, June 22nd at 9:00AM and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Fernandez were absent.

Town Attorney Gastesi then added that the Pizzi case bifurcated liability and damages which saves a lot of time and money. He also stated that he believes the case will be set for trial in January-February of next year. Councilmember Dieguez asked who the judge for the case is and once Mr. Gastesi finished his report, Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella stated Honorable Carlos Lopez.

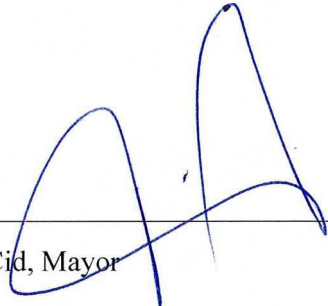
Town Attorney Gastesi also spoke about how Ms. Esperanza Reynolds filed a lawsuit against the Town, and he believes the lawsuit is baseless. He implores her legal team to reconsider their position. Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella then requested the transfer of \$20,000 for the NW 170th line item for the final bill.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then moved the request of \$20,000 and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. The motion passed 4-0; Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Fernandez, and Councilmember Ruano were absent.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

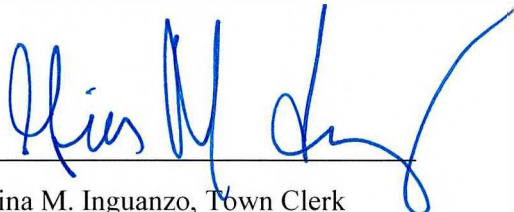
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 am.

Approved this 12th day of July 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk