

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Councilmember Ruano welcomed everyone to the Special Presentations section of the Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Ruano called up State Representatives Alex Rizo and Tom Fabricio for them to recognize Mr. Nayib Hassan and Mr. Angel Luis Vasquez. State Representative Rizo stated that himself and State Representative Fabricio both wanted to recognize Mr. Hassan and Mr. Vasquez once they heard both gentlemen had resigned from the Veterans Committee. State Representative Fabricio paid tribute to Mr. Angel Vasquez for his service to the United States, Town of Miami Lakes, and the youth in his community. State Representative Rizo then paid tribute to Mr. Nayib Hassan for all his service to the Town of Miami Lakes through the Veterans Committee. Mr. Hassan thanked the State Representatives and the community for their support in all the work he's done for Miami Lakes through the Veterans Committee. Mr. Vasquez thanked Mr. Hassan for volunteering to help veterans, although he had not serve in the armed forces. He then also thanked Councilmember Collazo for reappointing him to the Veterans Committee several years ago and he thanked the State Representatives for the tribute.

Councilmember Ruano then asked the Education Advisory Board Members along with the Graham Companies to come up and present two (2) scholarships to students in the community. Mr. Hector Abad, Vice Chairperson of the EAB thanked the Graham Companies for providing these scholarships year after year as they assist students in the community. Ms. Andrea Graham Rechichi from the Graham Companies then presented two (2) scholarship checks to Ms. Megan Casal and Ms. Juliana Maestri. Mr. Mario Pinera, Chairperson of the EAB then thanked the Graham Companies as well for providing these scholarships.

Councilmember Ruano introduced the next presentation and began by thanking State Representatives Tom Fabricio and Alex Rizo for always delivering for the Town of Miami Lakes. She added that both Representatives fought for the Town of Miami Lakes and she mentioned that the Town is very appreciative of their hard work. State Representative Fabricio briefly explained their situation in Tallahassee and the collaborative work done to bring the Town these monies. State Representative Rizo then stated that the members of the Town Council strongly advocated for the Town to receive this money for projects around the community. He then explained that this money will be for two (2) projects, one project is to alleviate traffic

getting on the Palmetto Southbound at 154th and the other is the Phase III Canal Bank Stabilization project.

After Public Comments, Mayor Cid asked his colleagues to join him in the front for a Special Presentation for former Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Ismael Diaz. Mayor Cid expressed the great impact Mr. Diaz left on the Town of Miami Lakes and thanked him for all his work throughout his years at the Town. Mayor Cid then read aloud the proclamation, proclaiming August 9th, 2022, as Ismael Diaz Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. Mr. Diaz then expressed great gratitude for everything the Town has done for him throughout his years in his position. Each Councilmember then shared a few words about Mr. Diaz, his great work ethic, leadership, and dedication.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:44 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Marilyn Ruano and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez. Councilmember Tony Fernandez was present via zoom. Mayor Manny Cid joined the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Angel Armesto led the prayer.

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

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

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

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved up Item 14B to before Public Comments. Councilmember Collazo moved up 14D to be discussed right before 13A.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to adopt the Order of Business as amended and Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Ruano being absent.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to reopen the Order of Business and Mayor Cid seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Cid then pulled Item 10B from the Consent Calendar.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She spoke regarding the wording of the Miami Lakes Optimist Park bond ballot question and expressed concerns with the formation of the question.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She spoke about the Special Rules of Order and the waivers required on some items on the agenda. She then read Section 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order to the Town Council and highlighted that the added item requiring the waiver, is not an emergency item and that the 4-day rule should be evoked.

Mr. Alseldo Gil came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He expressed concerns with the level of security within the town. He stated that many of his neighbors in the West Lakes area asked him to come before the Town Council and address the security issue, which is that many people are stealing from resident's cars in the neighborhoods. Councilmember Ruano made a motion to extend Mr. Gil's time and Councilmember Alvarez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. Mr. Gil then stated he feels as though the police are not doing anything to resolve the issues and that the Miami Lakes security has gone down.

Councilmember Ruano then read out loud a public comment left with her by the Chairman of the Veterans Committee, Mr. Michael Coote. His comments addressed the Special Presentation for Mr. Nayib Hassan and Mr. Angel Vasquez.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to reopen public comments once the technical issues get resolved and proceed with the agenda. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Ms. Claudia Luces participated in virtual public comments via Zoom. She addressed the items on the agenda that require a waiver of the Special Rules of Order. She stated that the Town Council is steadfast on enforcing rules with the residents; however, some of them do not enforce the rules on themselves. Ms. Luces also addressed the addition of Item 14D, the extension of the Attorney's Contact, and stated this item is not an emergency. She then mentioned the entry gate cards for Miami Lakes Section 1 and their respective fees for additional cards.

Ms. Lynn Matos came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She thanked Mr. Ismael Diaz for his contribution to the Miami Lakes Town Foundation and for all his assistance with the Miami Lakes Food & Wine Festivals.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Advisory Board

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Chairman Mario Pinera presented this report along with members of the Education Advisory Board. Chair Pinera requested approval to host a Town of Miami Lakes Education Advisory Board School Showcase. This event would provide parents and guardians with options, showcase different programs, and provide resources that the local schools offer. Chair Pinera stated that the date the EAB was originally looking at was October 8th at Roberto Alonso Community Center; however, the Parks & Recreation Department stated there was a conflict with that date; therefore, the EAB is looking at other dates within that week of October.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to move the Education Advisory Board's request for a School Showcase to take place and Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. Councilmember Ruano then asked the Education Advisory Board to incorporate programs that aren't well known in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Cid then addressed the phenomenal job done by the EAB and by the moderator at the EAB School Board Candidate Forum.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Ms. Kay Grant – New Finance Director-Chief Financial Officer

Town Manager, Mr. Edward Pidermann presented Ms. Kay Grant, as the new Finance Director and Chief Financial Officer. He provided a summary of Ms. Grant's accomplishments and previous positions.

Ms. Grant began by thanking Mr. Ismael Diaz for providing her with the opportunity to be the Controller. She also thanked Mr. Diaz for his leadership and mentorship over the past years. Ms. Grant then thanked Mr. Pidermann for the wonderful opportunity to be the new CFO and explained she has every intention to maintain the integrity and transparency of the Town of Miami Lakes through her new position.

Mr. Diaz then pledged to Ms. Grant and the rest of the Town that he would always be available for any assistance needed.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- July 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
- July 21, 2022 Open Forum Listening Session – Building & Parks

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2022-24, SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DISTRICTS TO SFM SECURITY SERVICES, INC. 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 pulled from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Cid.

Mayor Cid stated that he believes SFM will do a great job; however, the only issue he has with that guard gate is the extra security added on by the NSD Committee. Mayor Cid wants to make sure that the LPR's voted on by the NSD Committee will still be placed at the guard gate. Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun stated that the NSD Board did approve the LPR's and that it was planned for in their budget; however, there are delays for new cameras until October. Therefore, he explained they are going to wait until the next fiscal year to place the order for LPR's. He also added that SFM has a road captain in which they watch over the guard gate for the allotted breaks.

Councilmember Collazo then asked the vendor to come up and addressed questions he had on how they do business differently than the previous vendor. Mr. Christian Infante with SFM Security Services, then explained how SFM provides complimentary roving of the neighborhood as well digital logging of vehicle tags.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to approve the contract and Councilmember Collazo seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE, REMOVAL, AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) PLAYGROUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,362; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY CONTRACT 21-0053-MR WITH PLAYMORE WEST, INC. DBA PLAYMORE RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES 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.

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 AMENDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-292, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-297; 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 Dieguez made a motion to move the budget amendment and Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

None.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DECEMBER 18, 2018 TOWN MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TERM OF EMPLOYMENT UNTIL JULY 1, 2023; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MAYOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL STEPS TO NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS;

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to move the item and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

After discussion amongst the councilmembers, Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to enter negotiations with the Town Manager to extend his contract for a long-term basis, for a 4-year contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo.

Councilmember Collazo then stated that last time the Town Manager's contract was negotiated, it had been negotiated by the Town Attorney and by Mayor Cid. Councilmember Collazo then made an amendment and motioned for the negotiations with the Town Manager's contract to be done with one of the two councilmembers of the current Town Council that are members of the Florida Bar Association, in addition to the Town Attorney. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. The motion passed with all being in favor.

After further discussion, Councilmember Dieguez withdrew the item and made a motion to defer item 13A to the September Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid. The motion passed with all being in favor.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Pickleball Court at Veterans Park (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained that residents have asked for pickleball courts at Veterans Park; however, he stated that he is not sure if it is possible to do so. Mayor Cid then made a motion directing Town Staff to go out to Veterans Park, to see if it is possible to add a pickleball court and if possible, see if there is money to fund it. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez added that pickleball has grown through the courts at Miami Lakes Optimist Park and he would like to give more places for residents to play; therefore, he is in favor of the item. Councilmember Ruano then stated she is in support of the item, only if it is funded through grants. Councilmember Fernandez also mentioned small park impact fees as an additional source to fund.

Councilmember Collazo then amended the motion to direct Town Staff to also look at other parks and facilities in Miami Lakes rather than just Veterans Park for the pickleball court. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 7-0.

The main motion, as amended, passed 7-0.

B. Constitution Day (Cid)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked Mr. Maurits Acosta to come up and present Virtutem Populo, a student-led nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting the youth with government and inspire the youth to be civically active in their communities. Mr. Acosta then spoke about the organizations vision, introduced the Board members, and proposed a Constitutional Youth Forum. The proposed forum would take place on September 16th from 6pm to 8pm with guest speakers, activities, and food. The forum would educate students in surrounding areas on the United States and Florida Constitutions as well as the Town Charter. Mr. Acosta then requested permission from the Town Council to host the Constitutional Youth Forum in Town Hall. Councilmember Alvarez requested from Mr. Acosta to update the Town Council on how to register for students to attend.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to allow for the use of Town Hall on September 16th and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. Councilmember Ruano thanked Mr. Acosta and the student volunteers for involving the youth with civic engagement. Mayor Cid also expressed he is in full support of this item.

The motion passed 7-0.

C. Chief Innovation Officer (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained other cities have an Innovation Report that comes before the Town Council and he would like to see Mr. German Cure, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, take on this report. The report would outline where the Town Council can invest more money on an innovation side.

Mayor Cid then made a motion directing Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, Mr. German Cure, to provide a yearly innovation report to the Town Council outlining areas that can be invested in to help residents. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Collazo then stated that Mr. Cure is very capable in his position and supports this item as long as it does not detract him from his current workload. Councilmember Alvarez then asked the report to be presented during a month when the agenda does not have as many items so the Town Council can provide their undivided attention to said report.

Mr. Pidermann then asked for clarification on the directive and if the report is to be in a written format and emailed to the Council. Mayor Cid then stated he has flexibility to do any format.

The motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Ruano being absent.

D. Amending Contract with Gastesi, Lopez, and Mestre (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive the rules of his items and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. Before voting on this motion, Councilmember Ruano asked the parliamentarians -the Town Attorneys- to opine about the four (4) day rule, Section 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order. Councilmember Ruano mentioned that this has been discussed before and that she wants to make sure that the Town Council is proceeding accordingly. Town Attorney Gastesi asked for a few minutes to review the Special Rules of Order.

Councilmember Alvarez then made a motion to start the discussion of Item 13Ae- the Town Manager Employment- while the Town Attorneys review the Special Rules of Order. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then rephrased the motion by stating a motion to table Item 14D. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Collazo voted in opposition. Councilmember Collazo then stated that he wanted to make some statements before the Motion to Table was approved; however, he was reminded that the motion to table does not allow discussion and that the motion to table had already passed.

Town Attorney Gastesi then stated that they were ready to opine on the Special Rules of Order so Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion to bring it back and it was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Town Attorney Gastesi explained that Section 7.2 states that the item must be put on with 5 days' notice and if its less than 5 days, any member of the Town Council can four (4) day rule it, and that they can overrule Section 7.2 with Section 7.3, with five (5) affirmative votes, if there is a determination that the item is deem an emergency.

After the explanation given by the Town Attorney, Councilmember Ruano stated that she would like to four (4) day rule this item. Councilmember Ruano stated that she does not consider this an emergency.

Mayor Cid respected the decision of Councilmember Ruano to four (4) day rule this item but he explained that he brought up this New Business Item because the Town Council is heading to the budget process and the idea is to appoint Councilmember Dieguez or Vice Mayor Rodriguez to negotiate the contract -if the Town Council wants to go into that direction- so it can be presented at the budget hearings. Councilmember Ruano understood the explanation given by Mayor Cid, yet stated that she is invoking the four (4) day rule to be respectful of the Special Rules of Order and to be respectful towards the residents of the

town, so they have ample time to review what they would like to say to the Town Council and ample time for the Town Council to review as well.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez explained why he thought this item is necessary to be part of the budgetary process and he then made a motion to overrule the four (4) day rule, because he understands the item is an emergency. He asked the Town Attorney if this motion can be done by the Town Council and Town Attorney Gastesi responded in the affirmative, and Town Attorney reiterated that for the motion to pass, five (5) affirmative votes are necessary. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid.

After further discussion amongst the councilmembers as to whether this item constitutes an emergency and as to whether the Town Manager has enough notice to start accommodating this in the budget, Vice Mayor Rodriguez then pulled the motion to overrule the four (4) day rule, because he stated that the Town Manager now has sufficient notice to include it in the budgetary process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. Thus, item 14D was four (4) day ruled.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Monthly Standard Operating Procedures Update (Cid)

Mayor Cid tabled this item to next month.

B. Intergovernmental Update (Cid)

Mayor Cid tabled this item to next month.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Monthly Police Report (Ruiz)

Major Javier Ruiz presented this report and began by highlighting the National Night Out where officers were able to meet with residents. He then stated that the officers are preparing for school to start next week and that they are looking at their traffic plan for the first few hectic days.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if Major Ruiz and Town Staff could meet at Bob Graham to discuss the traffic flow. Town Manager Pidermann stated Town Staff has been already engaging with Major Ruiz and some staff members of Bob Graham to come up with ways to better the traffic flow.

Regarding the Public Comment speaking of crime in the Town, Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if there has been an increase in crime in the West Lakes area. Major Ruiz responded by stating one of his plans of action is to reach out to the resident who spoke and see what is going on

with his cases. He then added that vehicle burglaries in the town remain at an overall downward trend; however, in comparison to last year, there have been more vehicle burglaries.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez proceeded to ask how long will the plan to prioritize public safety take to be ready and Town Manager Pidermann then stated the plan would be ready for the Budget Workshop in August. Major Ruiz added that himself and his officers have been looking at different aspects such as response time, calls for service, technology, etc. to see whether they need more overtime funds or more staff. He stated that based off his discussions, he would like to utilize additional funds towards overtime to target crime and traffic details.

Councilmember Collazo then stated he is looking forward to reviewing the plan to see what Major Ruiz feels is needed rather than locking him in with a set number of new officers. He added that Major Ruiz is the best person to tell the Town Council what is needed in his department.

Mayor Cid then asked if the Town Council should pass a resolution setting the minimum staffing requirements for each shift and Major Ruiz responded that there already is a minimum staffing amount and mandates are in place, in the event there aren't enough officers for a shift.

Mayor Cid and Councilmember Alvarez added that this is an opportunity to add more officers as they forecast more activity coming to Miami Lakes and officers are going to be needed. Councilmember Ruano also mentioned that the reason the Town Council is emphasizing more officers is because a lot of residents have stated that they do not feel the police presence within the Town.

Major Ruiz ended the report by stating he would love more officers, but it is hard for him to justify the addition of more officers as response times and crime has kept going down throughout the years.

B. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta, presented this report and highlighted some projects. He stated that once the Safe Routes to Schools- Bob Graham's plans are 100% complete, it'll go out to bid and will be funded for construction next fiscal year. The Park West Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement project's RFP came back in July, the committee met, and now they are working with FDOT to give concurrence on the ranking to proceed with negotiations.

As for the Stormwater Bond Projects, NW 159th Terrace is being wrapped up and the NW 166th Street started this week with the major work already done in anticipation of school starting. For the Commerce Way project, the DERM permit was received. Mr. Acosta stated that both the West Lakes Gardens Second Addition and the Alameda Northwest Drainage project have been receiving bids for construction and should be back in September to award construction. As for the other Stormwater Bond Projects, they are all in different stages of design.

Mr. Acosta added that for Facility Projects, the Backup Generator for Roberto Alonso Community Center has had the solicitation for design services, and they are now in the process of negotiating with the consultant for the detailed scope and fee. Public Works is doing pretty good in regard to Roadway Maintenance. There are currently workorders for sidewalk repairs and all funds for sidewalks have been committed to this fiscal year. Mr. Acosta added that there currently are no additional funds for street signs.

Mr. Acosta then mentioned a workorder has been issued for drainage repair at Miami Lakes K-8 parking lot. Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked if the MLK-8 project will be done by the time school starts as that is the only parking parents have in the morning to drop off their children. Mr. Acosta stated contractors were tied up with other projects; however, they are proceeding quickly and hope to be done at least to a point where people can park while in the restoration phase.

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

Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun presented this report. He began by stating that the t-ball fields under the Scotts and MLB grant have been completed and they are looking at unveiling them this Friday. At the unveiling event, they plan to hold a clinic tied with the Scotts and MLB foundation. As well, he received confirmation that Mr. Hanley Ramirez, a former Marlins player, will be in attendance of the unveiling.

Regarding the tennis court lighting, Mr. Bajdaun stated they have gone back and forth with the School Board, and they are still reviewing and confirming the design aspects. He hopes to have a turnaround from the School Board in the next few weeks with the intent to have to project completed sometime during Thanksgiving or winter break.

Mr. Bajdaun stated that the summer closures are coming to an end and the fields are looking great at Miami Lakes Optimist. As well, they are currently preparing for the start of another season.

Councilmember Collazo then added that the renovated t-ball fields look amazing, and the kids are excited to play on them. Vice Mayor Rodriguez added that those fields were done with \$50,000 and he is excited to see what is done if the bond passes to renovate all of Optimist Park.

Mayor Cid then asked if anything has been done with the P3 proposals previously received for Miami Lakes Optimist Park. Mr. Bajdaun stated that there have been no submittals with the original P3's for Optimist. He added that an ordinance recently passed regarding P3s, so he is going to work with procurement to reach out to the proposers.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

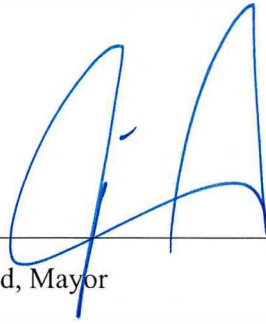
None.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Before adjourning, Councilmember Collazo had a moment of personal privilege to announce the new tollfree suicide hotline number which is 988.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Approved this 13th day of September 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk