

**MINUTES**  
**Sunshine Meeting on Legislative Priorities**  
**September 20, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 9:11 a.m.

The following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez. Councilmember Luis E. Collazo was present via Zoom.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk Victoria Martinez, Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer Kay Grant, Public Works Director Omar Santos, Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager Renee Wilson, Building Director Danny Angel, Deputy Town Manager Dr. Tony Lopez, and Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella.

**2. Items Discussed:**

The Town Manager, Edward Pidermann explained this meeting is the first step for the Town Council to determine what their legislative priorities are. He added that historically what has been successful in Tallahassee are drainage and road projects. Public Works Director, Omar Santos then presented a list of the six remaining stormwater projects that are currently unfunded. The projects were listed in order of what has been determined priority based on observations over past years and are as follows: Royal Gardens Estates Phase II and III Drainage, NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Drainage, Montrose Drive Drainage, and Colorama Estates Drainage. Mr. Santos also added that for the Loch Lomond Drainage Phase II, Staff is in the process of applying for a grant however, it is on the list in case the grant is not awarded. Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager, Renee Wilson then explained the award timeframe and process for the grant.

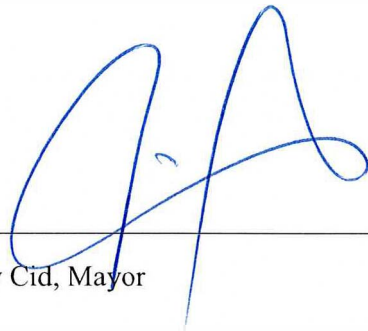
The Town Council discussed projects they would like to add to the priority list such as the underpass on 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Palmetto. Councilmember Fernandez then asked if they wanted to add the on-ramp on 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue going South on the list of priorities again this year however, Town Manager Pidermann is going to come back with more information before doing so. Other issues discussed include the funding for the senior center build out, a statutory change to extend rebates beyond the current limits, and to look at the save your homes law to try to have the same caps of 3% and 10% apply to Miami-Dade County School Board's taxable value increases year over year.

Town Manager Pidermann then explained that the next step is for Town Staff to work on the list and bring it back to the Town Council to formally adopt at the November Council Meeting. Then, once the priorities are established, the Town Council will meet with the State Representative and State Senator that represent Miami Lakes to refine the priority list. He also explained that once projects receive sponsors, the applications can be submitted.

**Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.


Approved this 11th day of October 2022.



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Manny Cid, Mayor

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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk