

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
November 1, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez welcomed everyone to the Special Presentations section of the Regular Council Meeting. He mentioned that during Florida City Government Week, children were asked to write stories about city government and how the town operates and the services that they provide to their residents. Schools in the area asked their students to write fun, creative stories and over 100 submissions, and the Town selected the following three winners: Maximiliano Medina, Riley Lavery and Lily Martinez. Vice Mayor Rodriguez called their names and asked them to come to the podium, here they were given a gift. Also, a video of Maximiliano Medina, reading his story was presented in Council Chambers.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then recognized Ms. Alina Soto and Ms. Yvonne Alvarez. He presented Miami Dancity Studios with a Proclamation, recognizing their 15 years of providing dance classes to the Miami Lakes community and surrounding areas. The Town Council proclaimed November 1, 2022 as the Miami Dancity Studios Day.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then presented Scout Master Cary Garcia from Girls Scouts Troop 902, with a certificate and pins for Gold Award to be given to 13 girls scouts. These recognitions were given to the 13 girls because they lived the Girl Scout promise and Girl Scout Law.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then presented a Proclamation to the members of the Zonta Club, for their outstanding work and efforts against violence against women. The Town Council proclaimed Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022, as Zonta Club Day.

Mayor Cid recognized Mr. Martin Tasis, for sponsoring the State of the Town event. He sponsored the high-quality video that was played during the State of The Town event, were Town Staff explained their yearly accomplishments.

Mayor Cid called Chairman Roger and the SNAB Committee Members, to present to them the Check for \$25,858.82 - all money raised via the Mayor's Gala. Mayor Cid and Chairman Roger spoke about the efforts of Miami Lakes being an all-inclusive community. They thanked the community for their support.

Mayor Cid recognized Commissioner Rene Garcia for his work and support towards the Special Needs Community. Commissioner Garcia thanked the Town Council and spoke highly of Miami Lakes and their efforts as a community, to work with the Special Needs community and he stated that as the Commissioner for District #13, he was very proud of Miami Lakes and to be part of these efforts.

The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, presented the Employee of the Year Award. He explained that since he got hired to work for the Town of Miami Lakes, the Employee of the Year has been

employee driven and he presents the award based on the recommendation that comes from the employees. Ms. Melissa Hernandez was named the 2022 Employee of the Year.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 7:10 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Councilmember Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Ms. Aurora Medina 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 the Girl Scouts Troop 902.

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

Mayor Cid moved Item 10B and 10C from Consent. Councilmember Alvarez pulled Item 13D and Item 14E and asked for them to be discussed simultaneously.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name will be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known)

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed during public meetings.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She thanked Vice Mayor Rodriguez for his service, she stated that he always did a great job in helping the community.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She read Section 2.2 of the Town Charter and asked the Town Council when will

the Vice Mayor election take place. Ms. Mendez stated that as a previous Town Charter Revision Commission Board Member, the position of the Vice Mayor should be rotated every year because it is the intent that seniority is a leading example. She added that all the councilmembers should have a chance to have this position, that Councilmember Ruano has served for 6 years an elected official and that she should have a chance to become Vice Mayor.

Mr. Maurits Acosta came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked Vice Mayor Rodriguez for his service, he stated that he is in support of Item 14A, he thanked the Town Council for allowing him to host the Constitutional Day in TOML back in September and he spoke about Item 15A, the Charity Basketball Game between Miami Lakes vs. Hialeah, in support of creating Breast Cancer Awareness.

Mr. Dyan Jimenez came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He thanked Vice Mayor Rodriguez for his service, he mentioned that in the future, he would love to become a councilmember, that he would like a student/school rep in the Public Safety Committee, and he mentioned the incident that took place on October 10th at Veterans Park during a Youth Activity Task Force event. He emphasized that student participation is important for the Town. Councilmember Fernandez motioned to extend by 30 seconds minutes and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. All were in favor. Mr. Jimenez concluded by stating that he is in support of Item 14C.

Mr. Marcos Rogers came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. He presented his Eagle Scout project to the Town Council. He stated that he has been working on this project for many years and that it will be at his High School, Barbara Goleman. He explained that it consists of repairing and painting the Bike Rack, in benefit of the students that bike to school as their means of transportation. He also mentioned that he is looking for funding and that he appreciates any donation for his project.

Ms. Melissa Lamey came to the Regular Council Meeting and participated in-person public comments. She stated that she voted to support the changes and improvements to the park and stated that Optimist Park lacks proper lighting and that there is an area in the park where some individuals are sleeping in at night. She also mentioned that on 67th Avenue, in front of Main Street, speed limits are needed. She mentioned that crossing 67th Avenue is very dangerous and that flashing lights are needed. Councilmember Alvarez motioned to extend by 30 seconds and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. All were in favor. Ms. Lamey thanked the Town Council for their work.

Mr. Steven Herzberg participated in remote public comments. He thanked the Town Council for their work, and although there have been disagreements in important issues, he stated that the Town Council have provided themselves in a reasonable demeanor. He also stated that he always and that he values their work. He thanked Vice Mayor Rodriguez for his work and for appointing him to the Blasting Advisory Board. He also mentioned that he supports the current Town Attorneys, that they deserve the contract and that they represent the Town very well.

Mr. Boris Forster participated in remote public comments. He asked the Town Council to consider increasing the sidewalk maintenance. He thanked the Town Manager for his communication efforts with Lake Glenn Ellen, he also thanked Public Works and Parks Department for their efforts. He mentioned that the perimeter wall on 82nd Ave. looks awful

and that it has to do with the bad condition of the sidewalks on 82nd Avenue. He asked the Town Council to please identify the sidewalks that need to be repaired as soon as possible.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Taylor Carballo to the Youth Activities Task Force by Mayor Cid.

Ms. Hallie Prieto to the Youth Activities Task Force by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

Ms. Joselin Chiu to the Youth Activities Task Force by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the Appointments and it was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion passed and all were in favor.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Veterans Committee

Chairman Coote, presented to the Town Council the Committee Report. He also spoke about the proposed establishment of the Jingle Bell Jog 5k and he explained that the VC would like for the raised funds from this event to remain within the capital improvement fund and/or provide the funds to an outside local organization in support of veterans causes. Chairman Coote asked the Town Council if the VC could hold off on designating rather an organization and recognize that the funds could be kept under the capital improvement fund and/or provided to an organization, to benefit veterans. Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved the item and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed with all were in favor.

B. Neighborhood Improvement Committee

Mayor Cid asked for the NIC to present their oral report. As no members of the NIC were present, no oral report was given.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee of the Year Presentation

This was presented during the section of the Agenda titled: Proclamations, Recognitions and Awards.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Collazo moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. The motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Dieguez were absent.

A. Approval of Minutes

- October 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

- October 20, 2022 Sunshine Meeting

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH 300 ENGINEERING GROUP, P.A. FOR N.W. 83rd PLACE NORTH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$55,116.50); MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 22-307; 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 pulled by Mayor Cid for discussion. Public Works Director, Mr. Omar Santos, answered questions posed by the Town Council. Director Santos explained that this project does not have an outfall directly attached to it because it's in the middle of the Royal Oaks West. He stated that in the future there might be a connection, but that is to be designed, as Town Staff continues with the Storm Water program.

Councilwoman Ruano moved the resolution and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition and Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2022-39, TO STAR PAVING CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$419,151.00); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE ITEM INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS NW 83RD PLACE NORTH DRAINAGE LINE-ITEM (402-563800-21S09); 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.

The item was discussed jointly with Item 10B.

Councilwoman Ruano moved the resolution and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition and Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ROBERTO ALONSO COMMUNITY CENTER STANDBY GENERATOR, RFQ 2022-02 TO A.D.A. ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND 00/100¢(\$110,338.00); 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 CONTRACTS FOR RFP 2022-22, TREE TRIMMING SERVICES TO SFM LANDSCAPE SERVICES, LLC, THE PRIMARY CONTRACTOR, LANDSCAPE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS, INC., THE SECONDARY CONTRACTOR, SHERLOCK TREE COMPANY, THE TERTIARY CONTRACTOR, AND BRIGHTVIEW TREE CARE SERVICES, INC., THE QUATERNARY CONTRACTOR, IN AMOUNTS 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.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR ITB 2022-38, LITTER CONTROL SERVICES FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TOWN PARKS TO SFM SERVICES, INC. (PRIMARY) AND SUPERIOR LANDSCAPING & LAWN SERVICES, INC. (SECONDARY) 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.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN

MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE CITY OF WESTON, FL CONTRACT RFP NO. 2022-02 WITH BEL AIR MAINTENANCE, INC. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-157 OF THE TOWN CODE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE BROWARD COUNTY CONTRACT NO. OPN2123676B1 WITH HIGH TECH ENGINEERING, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE 17-203 (THE TOWN'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE); 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:

None.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

None.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDWARD PIDERMANN AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR VICE MAYOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Vice Mayor Rodriguez introduced the item as presented in the agenda and moved the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

During discussion, Mayor Cid praised the Deputy Town Manager, Dr. Tony Lopez and his work. He stated that he should be voted in as Town Manager. Mayor Cid then made a motion to appoint Dr. Tony Lopez as the Town Manager. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

Councilmember Alvarez stated that he is voting no - only specifically on the salary. He stated that the Town Council recently adopted salary increases for Town Staff and that the Town Manager should be equivalent to that; that he is in favor of a 5% to an 8% COLA increase for the Town Manager Employment Agreement. He then made a motion to discuss anywhere from a 5% to an 8% COLA increase for the Town Manager Employment Agreement. Mayor Cid seconded the motion.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 2-5; Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Ruano and Vice Mayor Rodriguez voted in opposition.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion, and the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Alvarez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR TOWN ATTORNEY SERVICES BETWEEN RAUL GASTESI, JR., OF THE GASTESI, LOPEZ AND MESTRE, PLLC, LAW FIRM AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Dieguez introduced the item as presented in the agenda. He explained that the contract would run for approximately three (3) years; that it includes a 60-day notice provision, to be used and granted, if the Town chooses to terminate with their Agreement; and that the Town Attorney will use a Town Hall office in Town Hall. He also added that the Town Attorneys have agreed with the terms of this Agreement. Councilmember Dieguez then moved to adopt the proposed contract. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

During discussion, Councilmember Alvarez asked if there is a preference why this agreement is being extended for a 3-year period instead of a 4-year period, like the Town Manager's agreement. Councilmember Dieguez responded that for him, the Town Manager is more of an employee and that the Town Attorney is more of a contract employee, that the Town Attorneys come from the outside and that they provide legal advice.

Mayor Cid then made an amendment to the main motion to make the Town Attorney's contract for a 4-year period. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fernandez stated that he would not be supporting the amended motion because the Town Attorney is vital for the selection of the Town Manager, and he stated that it would be detrimental to have both processes occur simultaneously. Mayor Cid then withdrew his motion and restated his motion to be, for the Town Attorney's contract to be for a 5-year period. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion by Mayor Cid.

During discussion, Councilmember Dieguez stated that 5-year contract is way too long and that it would tie up future councilmembers hand. Councilmember Ruano stated that she is not in favor of any contract in particular, she stated that she prefers 2-year contract and 3 years is the max she would support.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the amended motion, and it passed 4-3; Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

The main motion, as amended, passed 5-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-285 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-292, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-297, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 22-304; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, presented the item and explained that this is the year-end close out of the last fiscal year and by State Statute, it has to be completed by the end of November and sent to the state. He also explained that after the audited financial statements are done at the beginning of 2023, the carryforward will be presented to the Town Council at the end of the first quarter in 2023.

Councilmember Collazo moved the item and Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez explained that if there is any carryforward money in 2022, he would like for the carryforward money to apply toward the Optimist Project, so that less money is borrowed to complete the project. To that effect, Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made a motion, that if there is any carryforward, for the Town Council to consider, if the Optimist Park Bond Project question passes, that we implement carryforward amounts to reduce the amounts of the Optimist Park Bond, so we borrow less money to pay for that project. The amended motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Councilmember Collazo then added an amendment to the amendment and motion that if the Bond Optimist Park Project question fails, to apply and allocate the carryforward money towards the refurbishment of the Optimist Park. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. During the discussion of this motion, Councilmember Alvarez asked Town Manager Pidermann to also incorporate in his proposal, the pedestrian lit-up crosswalks included in the priority list created by former Public Works Director, Mr. Carlos Acosta. The amended motion by Councilmember Collazo passed 5-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

The amended motion by Vice Mayor Rodriguez passed 5-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

The main motion, as amended twice, passed 5-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENT IN FURTHERANCE OF ADVANCING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO REMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO TOWN LOBBYIST, THE SOUTHERN GROUP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Alvarez pulled this item during the Consent Calendar and asked for Item 13D to be discussed jointly with Item 14E.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed and all were in favor.

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

Councilmember Alvarez presented the item and mentioned that he was aware of the upcoming meeting being coordinated between the Town Council and State Representative Fabricio and Senator Elect Bryan Avila. Councilmember Alvarez stated that he is ok with all the projects included in the Legislative Priorities List, but that he would like to know if there is an appetite for an all-inclusive Special Needs facility in Miami Lakes, where additional programming could be offered.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that the Legislative Priorities List included in the agenda is the product of what was discussed during the Sunshine Meeting that the Town Council held back in September. Town Manager Pidermann explained he would like for the Legislative List included in the agenda to be adopted by the Town Council, so he

could present it to State Representative Fabricio and Senator Avila during the meeting that is being coordinated by the Town Clerk's office, and then in the January Regular Council Meeting, the revised Legislative Priorities List would be presented to the Town Council.

Councilmember Ruano motioned for the Optimist Park to be added to the list so we can ask for assistance and funding, in the event the Bond Referendum question does not pass. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez.

Councilmember Fernandez pointed out that it should be included in the list regardless of the Bond Referendum question passing or not. Councilmember Ruano agreed with Councilmember Fernandez.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez mentioned that in many meetings that he has participated, lobbyists and state representatives have mentioned that there is a better likelihood to get funding for water projects and infrastructure matters and that parks are always last. He stated that State Representative Fabricio has mentioned that he is happy to make the request, but Vice Mayor Rodriguez emphasized that he would not like to request funding for parks in lieu of a drainage project or a roadway project. Vice Mayor Rodriguez emphasized that he is ok with looking into specific grants for parks but not doing away with drainage projects.

Councilmember Dieguez mentioned that he is in support of Councilmember Ruano's motion. He stated he thinks that drainage is a major component of the proposed Optimist Park project, so perhaps, asking for funding for the Optimist Park should be part of a drainage water project/issue. After discussion, the motion made by Councilmember Ruano passed unanimously.

Mayor Cid then presented Item 14E. He emphasized that this item is not a funding item but a policy item. Mayor Cid explained that he would like for this item to be included in the Town of Miami Lakes Legislative Priorities List, for the State Legislature to consider Miami Lakes as the pilot program, and for the State Legislature to eliminate the Town property taxes from our residents and for the sales revenue derived from our town, then be geared for paying towards our Police Department. Mayor Cid then motioned to add this to the Legislative Priorities List. The motion passed; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion, as amended, and the motion passed 6-0.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SHORTLIST ESTABLISHED BY THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE AND APPROVING THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD RFP 2022-30, INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES TO ONE OF THE THREE HIGHEST RANKED FIRMS; 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.

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

Councilmember Fernandez moved the item and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano.

Mayor Cid thanked the Auditing Firm for their hard work. Councilmember Ruano also mentioned that she was happy to participate in the Auditing Selection Committee and she thanked the Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Kay Grant and the Procurement Manager, Ms. Nathalie Garcia, for their work during the Auditing Selection Committee.

Councilmember Ruano brought to everyone's attention the discussion had about the local preference points and whether or not if they should factor in when there is a difference in pricing. She mentioned that this discussion had no relevance in this RFP bid, but she just wanted to point out that the discussion was had and for Town Staff to look into this for the future. IT was mentioned that this would most likely require a change to the Local Preference Ordinance.

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

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES F/K/A THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS RULES AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that this is to formalize the action -the new business item action- that was brought up by Councilmember Alvarez to move the submittal deadline of New Business Items from noon to 12 midnight.

Councilmember Alvarez motioned and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Committee Rule Change (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item and stated that in conversation with Chairman Miguel Martinez, they identified two particular changes to the committee rules that would possibly make the process less cumbersome and more responsive to the appointing Councilmember.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to modify the 2-meeting requirement so that the second meeting is between the chairperson and the person to be appointed; additionally, Councilmember Dieguez would like to remove the language stating that anyone being removed from the committee requires majority vote of the Council. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella then brought up the idea of reviewing the Committee Rules as they refer to the taking in of donations and possibly adding a treasurer to each committee. He then asked the Council to bring forth some of those suggestions for consideration along with the changes made by Councilmember Dieguez.

Councilmember Dieguez then amended his motion to that effect as part of the revised resolution and Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded.

Councilmember Collazo then stated that over the past couple meetings, there has been public comments regarding the possibility of student representation on committees.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion for student representation to be contemplated when going back into revising the committee rules and asked Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella to present the Council with options for their review. Vice Mayor Rodriguez then seconded the motion. The amendment passed 5-1 with Councilmember Dieguez in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez absent.

On the amendment made by Councilmember Dieguez, the motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Alvarez absent.

Back on the main motion as amended, the motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Alvarez being absent.

B. Miami Lakes Bird Sanctuary (Cid)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Dieguez absent.

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained that the Town used to be a bird sanctuary for a long time and residents have expressed they would love to see the Town be more bird friendly. Mayor Cid stated he had done research and found there are platforms that can be placed at different parks. He would also love to see Staff look for grant opportunities by partnering with environmental groups.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct Staff to start looking into this and see if there are any funding opportunities for the bird stations to be installed throughout Town parks. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Collazo then added that he would love to add not just stations at parks, but also have Staff look into a bird sanctuary designation. Mayor Cid added that he is fine with both, and both are memorialized in the memorandum.

The motion passed 7-0.

C. First Responders Cancer Awareness Month (Ruano)

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order for the remaining items and Councilmember Dieguez seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Alvarez being absent.

Councilmember Ruano explained the reason she needed a waiver is because it was time sensitive event for the month of January and there wouldn't have been enough time to put it together.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to officially declare January as First Responder Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Miami Lakes as well as to work in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee to host a First Responders Cancer Awareness Night in the Town of Miami Lakes, where police officers and fire fighters in our community can come and receive information regarding early detection of these cancers. Councilmember Fernandez then seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Alvarez being absent.

D. Artificial Grass Turf Review (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item and explained that while going out with residents to the West Lakes area and East Miami Lakes area to look at various types of turf, it was explained to him the difference between well installed and not well installed turf. Councilmember Dieguez added that he recognized the technology with respect to artificial grass has improved so that it's pervious and allows drainage and he also recognized that the aesthetic look and feel of it has also substantially improved.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion for the Town Manager to direct Town Staff to go ahead and propose a rural scheme in which artificial turf is allowed subject to certain permitting requirements. As part of the requirements, he would like for there to also be a final inspection to ensure the work is done correctly and for it to aesthetically fit with the Town. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez added one point, specifically regarding the West Lakes area, that the portion of swales in the front of those homes are very small and hard to maintain; therefore, he is asking to allow artificial turf in front yard and swales with a size limitation. Councilmember Dieguez then expressed his concerns regarding turf in swale areas however, he is fine with Staff considering size limitations, if Vice Mayor Rodriguez would like to make that amendment.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez then made an amendment to that extent and Councilmember Fernandez seconded for discussion.

Councilmember Ruano stated that when the Town Council first discovered artificial turf, it was only for backyards where it was not visible, then they allowed it for the strips on predominately concrete driveways. She added that it is not aesthetic, not matter which type is used and it does not look like real grass. Councilmember Ruano stated she does not want this in swale areas but as for front yards, she would have to see what Town Staff comes back with.

The amendment then passed 5-2 with Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano in opposition.

Back on the main motion, Councilmember Dieguez clarified that the main motion is to also include the other sentence outlined in the memorandum, which is to temporarily halt enforcement and prosecution of existing enforcement actions in respect to artificial turf until the Town Council hears from Staff and makes a decision.

Mayor Cid then added he is fine going through with the review, working with people, and trying to see if there are alternatives regarding turf.

On the main motion as amended, the motion passed 7-0.

E. 2023 Legislative Priorities (Cid)

This item was combined with and discussed during Item 13D.

F. NW 87th Avenue Bike Lanes (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained it has been pending for a long time. He added that many residents and himself ride bike down 87th Avenue and it is extremely dangerous.

Mayor Cid stated that in line to what the Town has done regarding swales, medians on 87th avenue and 67th avenue, he would like to direct Staff to work with the County Public Works Department, to see if they can maybe place the armadillos or delineators and work out an agreement in which the County reimburses the Town for placing them. He added that the Public Works Director, County Mayor, and County Commissioner are in favor of this, however the challenge is that the County's bandwidth is very low.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to that affect, directing Staff to work directly with County staff to get this done as soon as possible in which the Town can install them and be either reimbursed or given the money up front and for Town Staff to report the findings back to the Council. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ruano would also like for Staff to bring back to the Council a couple of options to see what would look the best and what wouldn't. Town Manager Pidermann added that in the agreement the County will probably have options as to what they would and wouldn't approve.

The motion then passed 7-0.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Charity Basketball Game: Miami Lakes vs. Hialeah

Mayor Cid spoke about the game and stated that the money is going towards the Women's Health Initiative in Miami Lakes.

B. Trip to DC for Zip Code Advocacy

Mayor Cid stated that he would like all elected officials to travel to DC for the Zip Code efforts.

C. Mayor's Cup at Milander -Goleman v. HML Football Game

Mayor Cid invited all elected officials to attend the Football Game at Milander, on November 4th at 8pm.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Monthly Police Reports (Ruiz)

Councilmember Collazo asked for a moment of personal privilege and to congratulate the 8U Padres, for winning their game.

Major Javier Ruiz presented the report and answered questions posed by the Town Council. He reported on the work done by his staff to identify homelessness in the parks of the town.

B. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Santos)

Director of Public Works, Mr. Omar Santos presented the report. He answered questioned posed by the Town Council.

C. Monthly Report on MLOP (Bajdaun)

Director of Parks, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, presented the report. Vice Mayor Rodriguez thanked him for meeting up with OLL. Councilmember Collazo thanked him for the job done in the dugouts. Councilmember Ruano thanked him, on behalf of the Young Marines, for being allowed to use the park for their event.

D. Beautification Master Plan Update Report (Bajdaun)

Director of Parks, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, presented the report. He explained that Town Staff recommends that the Town work with previous design consultant, Bermello, Ajamil and Partners for the updating of the 2013 Beautification Master Plan, not to exceed \$25,000 for their Professional Services. Town Manager Pidermann stated this project is not currently funded and will be added to the carryforward, for the Town Council to consider in March.

Mayor Cid asked about code violations and the collection of the fines. He specifically asked the Building Department Director, Mr. Danny Angel, where do the collection of the fines go. Mr. Angel responded that it goes to the General Fund.

Mayor Cid stated that he would like the collection of fines of things that are not being kept properly, to go towards the Beautification Master Plan, instead of going to the General Fund. Mayor Cid then motioned that he would like to know the actual number that the TOML collects in fines from code violations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and all were in favor, Councilmember Collazo was absent.

E. Entry Feature Signage Report (Bajdaun)

Director of Parks, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, presented the report and explained that the focal point is about the Town branding and beautification to the entrance on the South border of 67th Avenue, just after the Gratigny. The report shows different options for new entry features signage in the town. It was explained that the NIC was taken into consideration. Director

Bajdaun explained that one option is a more modern design, and the other option is using more concrete or metal.

During discussion, Councilmember Alvarez motioned to approve Option A, with the recommendation of incorporating the Town Seal, and including the options of lighting and landscaping. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

Councilmember Ruano emphasized that she would like uniformity and low maintenance. Mayor Cid stated that he prefers Option B. He also mentioned that he would like wayfinding signs to come back to the Town Council, for their consideration. Councilmember Fernandez concluded the discussion by stating that we have to be make sure that all entry features are maintained well and that existing entry features, as well as whatever we do in the future- all are maintained in good standards.

The motion passed.

F. Report on Pickleball Feasibility (Bajdaun)

Director of Parks, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, presented the report and explained ways to implement pickleball in the west side of town. He explained 3 main areas to implement these courts: at Barbara Goleman, at Veterans Park and at Royal Oaks Park.

After discussion, Councilmember Collazo moved to approve Option A- Barbara Goleman. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed unanimously. Town Manager Pidermann stated that he would add to the list of carryforward list to fund in March 2023.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to rename the pickleball courts at the Optimist Park as the Jeffrey Rodriguez Pickleball Courts. Mayor Cid seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Rodriguez stated for the record that he was not in favor of this and he recused himself from voting. All were in favor.

G. Special Call Meeting Recommendation (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann stated that he recommends that the Town Council approve and schedule a Special Call Council meeting for November 28th, for the Swearing-in Ceremony, to select the new Vice Mayor, and to approve the Town Council dates of the regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Dieguez made an amendment to add the item of the foreclosure registry ordinance, retaining the law firm recommended by the Town Attorney, so that they are in charge of that Foreclosure Registry. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez. The motion passed unanimously.

All the elected officials, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney and the Town Clerk expressed gratitude towards Vice Mayor Rodriguez for his excellent work as an elected official and stated that he will be greatly missed.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez thanked the Town Council and that it was an honor to serve with this Town Council.

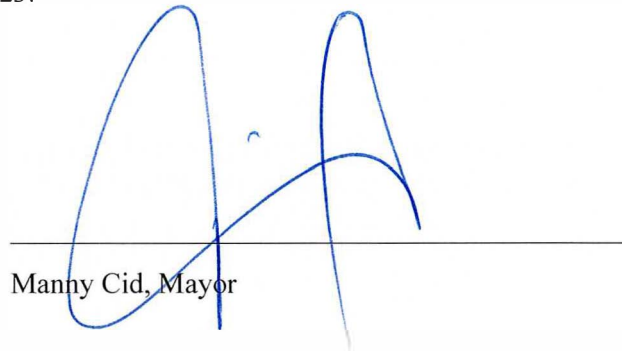
17. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

No verbal report was given.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

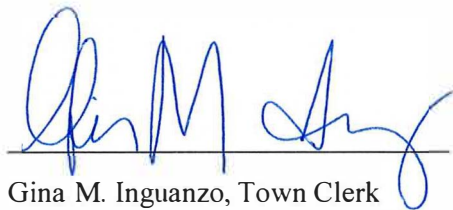
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm.

Approved this 10th day of January 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk