

MINUTES
Workshop on Legislative Priorities
December 7, 2022
6:00 P.M.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

The following councilmembers were present: Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Ray Garcia, Marilyn Ruano, and Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez, Deputy Town Clerk Victoria Martinez, Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager Renee Wilson, and Public Works Director Omar Santos.

Also present were: State Representative Tom Fabricio and Legislative Aide Nikita Mizgirev, Senator Bryan Avila's Legislative Aides Alicia Araya and Judy Ruiz, and Town Lobbyists Nelson Diaz and Eddy Gonzalez.

2. Moment of Silence:

None.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

None.

4. Public Comments:

None.

5. Items for Discussion:

Town Manager, Edward Pidermann presented the PowerPoint on Legislative Priorities and went over the set of water and drainage projects, infrastructure, roads, and bridges projects, and legislative statutory and policy items. It was explained that these projects were adopted as

preliminary and is now being presented for Representative Fabricio's feedback. Town Manager Pidermann stated the final adoption of the priorities list will be at the January Council Meeting.

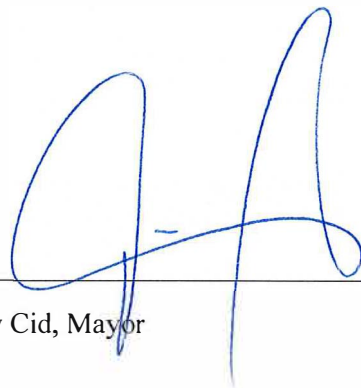
Representative Fabricio then gave his input on the projects and asked to be sent all language for each project to review. He also stated projects have a higher likelihood of occurring if they are under \$1 million and if there are 50/50 matching funds. He also added that the optics on the Optimist Park are negative in light of other priorities statewide at this time and that Phase II and III projects have better likelihood of success.

Town Manager Pidermann, Public Works Director Omar Santos, and State Representative Fabricio answered all questions posed by the Town Council. The Town Council also asked to bring this back in January for final approval of their priorities in order.

6. Adjournment:

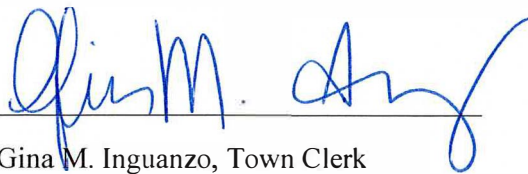
This meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of January 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk