

RESOLUTION NO. 15-1324

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF THE SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES F/K/A THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida (the “Town”) provides that the Town Council shall determine its own rules of procedure and order of business; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 01-37, the Town Council adopted the Comprehensive Council Meeting and Agenda Procedures and thereafter amended them by Resolution No. 03-122, No. 07-516, No. 07-557, No. 07-592, No. 14-1256, and No. 15-1272, and which are now known as the “Special Rules of Order of the Town of Miami Lakes” (collectively, the “Special Rules of Order”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend the Special Rules of Order to provide that the Town Clerk collect and retain possession of speaker cards during the entirety of council meetings, call speakers to the podium in the order in which the speakers’ cards are received, and that the chair acknowledge the speaker; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that amending the Special Rules of Order in this manner is in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Amending the Special Rules of Order. The Town Council hereby amends Sections 5 and 6 of the Special Rules of Order as follows:¹

Section 5. Public Participation and Discussion.

5.1 Public Hearings. Individuals wishing to speak on matters that appear on the agenda as “Public Hearings”

¹ Additions to the text are shown in underline and deletions from the text are shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

shall fill out a speaker's card. Speakers' cards shall be delivered to the Town Clerk who shall retain possession of the cards for the entirety of the meeting. Speakers shall be called to the podium by the Town Clerk in the order that the speaker's cards are received and shall be recognized by the Mayor. The public shall be permitted to speak after the Mayor opens an item for Public Hearing. After the Public Hearing is closed by the Mayor, only members of the Town Council or Administration shall discuss the item.

5.2 Addressing Council, Manner and Time. To ensure the orderly conduct of and efficiency of the meeting, public comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes maximum per person; however, the Mayor may authorize the extension of the aforesaid time frame, after due consideration that others have had an opportunity to speak. Any extension granted should apply to other individuals speaking on the same subject. Each person who addresses the Council shall fill out a speaker's card and shall step up to the speaker's podium and shall give his/her name and address when called to the podium by the ~~Mayor~~ Town Clerk. Speakers' cards shall be delivered to the Town Clerk who shall retain possession of the cards for the entirety of the meeting. Speakers shall be called to the podium by the Town Clerk in the order that the speaker's cards are received and shall be recognized by the Mayor. No person other than the Council and the person recognized by the Mayor as having the floor shall be permitted to enter into discussion without the permission of the Mayor. All questions from the public to the Council shall be addressed through the Mayor.

5.3 Public Comments. An individual may speak during the Public Comments portion of the Agenda. An individual may speak on a particular Agenda item during the Council discussion on the particular item. If speaking on a particular Agenda item, the speaker shall limit his/her comments to the subject of the Agenda item under consideration. The Mayor may limit irrelevant or repetitive comments to ensure the orderly conduct and efficiency of the meeting.

6.9 Public Comments. Individuals wishing to speak on agenda items other than advertised public hearings shall fill out a speaker's card ~~and be recognized by the Mayor.~~ Speakers' cards shall be delivered to the Town Clerk who shall retain possession of the cards for the entirety of the meeting. Speakers shall be called to the podium by the Town Clerk in the order that the speaker's cards are received and shall be recognized by the Mayor.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

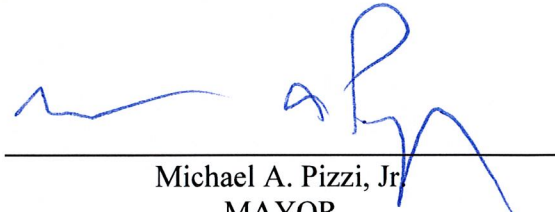
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Passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2015.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Nelson Rodriguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Tony Lama and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.	<u>No</u>
Vice Mayor Manny Cid	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Tim Daubert	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Tony Lama	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Ceasar Mestre	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Frank Mingo	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	<u>Yes</u>



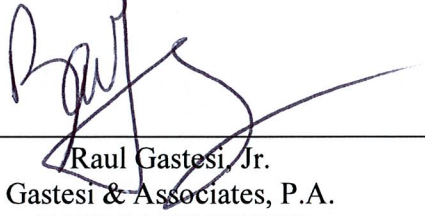
Michael A. Pizzi, Jr.
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Raul Gastesi, Jr.
Gastesi & Associates, P.A.
TOWN ATTORNEY