

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
May 9, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Cid asked Councilmember Luis E. Collazo and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano to help him present certificates to students for their participation in the first ever Miami Lakes UN Model Conference. Mayor Cid also introduced Mr. Dayan Jimenez, the organizer of this event, and Mr. Jimenez provided a summary of what the event entails and he thanked his family, the Town Council and the officers and participants of the UN Model Conference. Mr. Jimenez gave a certificate of recognition to the 4 officers and thanked them for their work and commitment to this event. Mr. Jimenez then recognized Mr. Giovanni Rodriguez, Mr. Anthony Reyes, Mr. Emmanuel Huertas and Ms. Alyssa Leon as winners of the conference and they were presented with a certificate. Councilmember Ruano presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Dayan Jimenez, on behalf of the Town Council, and congratulated him on his efforts to promote civic engagement and critical thinking amongst young peers.

Mayor Cid asked Rabbi Mendel Weiss and Tzippy Weiss, from Chabad Jewish Center in Miami Lakes, to come to the podium to receive a proclamation, proclaiming May 10th, 2023, as Jewish American Heritage Month in the Town of Miami Lakes. Mayor Cid stated that this month marks the 42nd annual celebration of achievements and contributions by Jewish Americans in the United States and he emphasized the important role of Jewish life in America and in the Town of Miami Lakes and their outreach efforts.

Mayor Cid asked Mr. Gary Snow and his daughter, Ms. Marisa Snow, to come to the podium to receive a proclamation in honor of Snow's Jewelers, for celebrating their 40 years in business in the Town of Miami Lakes. Councilmember Josh Dieguez read the proclamation and stated that May 8th, 2023, was proclaimed as Snow's Jewelers Day in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Mayor Cid asked longtime resident and member of the Miami Lakes Senior Softball Program, otherwise known as "The Geezers", Mr. Dave Oliver to come up to the podium and help him present a proclamation to Mr. Juan Campiz. Mr. Campiz was recognized for actively participating in the Geezer Softball Program in the Town of Miami Lakes for the last 10 years, for celebrating his 97th years old birthday and for being the oldest player in the history of the Geezers Softball Program to compete and for playing twice a week with minimal absences. May 12th, 2023 was proclaimed as Juan Campiz Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. The Town Council also sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Campiz.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:48 p.m. with the following Councilmembers being present: Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Ray Garcia, Marilyn Ruano and Mayor Cid. Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez attended the meeting in person at 7:03 p.m.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Rabbi Weiss from Chabad Jewish Center led the prayer.

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

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Luis E. Collazo.

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

Town Manager Ed Pidermann pulled Item 10F and informed the Town Council that the item would be deferred to the June Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Cid pulled item 10G.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to move the Order of Business and Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Vice Mayor Alvarez was absent.

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.

Mr. Angelo Garcia Cuadra came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. He spoke about the condition of swales and sidewalks in the town and asked for them to be repaired.

Mr. David Garcia, on behalf of the Miami Lakes U14 United Soccer Team and as captain of the team, came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. He asked the Town Council to support their team and he explained that due to their hard work and dedication, their team is participating in the President's Day Cup South Regional Tournament, scheduled to take place in

South Carolina from June 13th to June 18th. Mr. Garcia asked the Town Council to assist the team in any way possible.

Mr. Miguel Martinez came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. Mr. Martinez informed the Town Council about the June 21st Town Hall Meeting scheduled to take place at the Country Club at 6 pm, regarding the blasting issues. He informed the Town Council that Miami-Dade County Levine Cava would be attending, and he respectfully invited the Town Council to attend this informative meeting.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. She mentioned that proclamations, recognitions, and awards shall take place prior to the 6:30 pm meeting, as stated in the published Agenda. She asked the Town Council to start the meeting on time and to show up for the meeting.

Mr. Dayan Jimenez came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. He asked the Town Council to recognize teachers during the Teacher's Appreciation Week. Mayor Cid noted on Thursday, May 11th, the Town Council is recognizing and giving proclamations to every single teacher that is retiring from Miami Lakes schools or that that lives in the community. Mayor Cid stated that this event is taking place in Roberto Alonso Community Center at 6:30pm.

Mr. Lucas R participated in public comments via zoom. He stated that many sidewalks have been eroded, become uneven and damaged. He fears the elderly citizens could fall and suffer permanent damage.

Mr. Juan Arceda participated in public comments via zoom. He stated that he is a frequent user of public transit in Miami-Dade County, and he mentioned that some bus stops throughout the town are exposed without shelter. He mentioned that a roof and bench would go a long way.

Mr. Denis Rodman participated in public comments via zoom. He stated that a street near his house, the traffic light stopped working.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Cid closed public comments.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Cid announced the following appointments:

Mr. Daniel Gonzalez to the Economic Development Committee by Councilmember Tony Fernandez.

Ms. Maria Planas to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Luis E. Collazo.

Councilmember Tony Fernandez moved to waive Section 12 of the Committee Rules and to approve the Committee Appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and the motion passed unanimously.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Cultural Affairs Committee

Chairperson Felicia Salazar presented on behalf of the Cultural Affairs Committee the Semi-Annual Committee Report.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Director of Parks & Recreation, Jeremy Bajdaun, introduced Mr. John Yanes, the new Special Projects Manager.

B. Communications Strategy Presentation

Director of Communications & Community Affairs, Clarisell de Cardenas, introduced Mr. Jonathan Gil, the Marketing & Digital Services Specialist, who provided a report on the Town Wide Marketing Plan, which was proposed by Councilmember Marylin Ruano. This report outlined the standard operating procedures for marketing events, initiatives updates, meetings, and news.

Director De Cardenas stated that Mr. Gil has taken complete control of the town's branding and together with Mr. Jacob Marin, the Communication Specialist & Photographer, they have both strengthened the Digital Identity of the Town.

Mr. Gil delivered a PowerPoint presentation titled "Communications Strategy. Both Director de Cardenas and Mr. Gil answered questions posed by the Town Council.

C. Attorney Presentation – Pizzi Litigation

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Michael A. Pizzi, Jr. v. The Town of Miami Lakes Case No. 15-019303-CA. He provided a historical summary of the argument over context of misconduct charged, the timeline of consistent rulings, discussed Appellate Court issues and the Appellate Court on Private Interest.

Town Attorney Gastesi then formally requested for an Attorney-Client Executive Session to take place as soon as possible. The Town Council acknowledged the request and Town Clerk Inguanzo will work with the Town Council to schedule said meeting.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Alvarez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

A. Approval of Minutes

- April 5, 2023 Workshop on Budget Minutes

- April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- May 2, 2023 Sunshine Meeting Minutes

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, DELETING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SHERIFF ORDINANCE AD-HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE SUNSET DATE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- C. 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 CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., FOR ROYAL LAKES FIRST ADDITION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$120,360.00); MODIFYING THE TOWN 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 approved on the Consent Calendar.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CEI SERVICES FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FOR BOB GRAHAM EDUCATION CENTER, RFQ 2022-14 TO C.H. PEREZ & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$36,096); 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 A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2023-01, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FOR BOB GRAHAM EDUCATION CENTER TO HOMESTEAD CONCRETE & DRAINAGE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$158,081.50); 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 2023-21, TO GREEN DREAMS PARADISE, CORP. AND SFM LANDSCAPE SERVICES, LLC FOR TREE AND PALM PURCHASE, REMOVAL, INSTALLATION, AND RELOCATION SERVICES 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 agenda by Town Manager Ed Pidermann and deferred to the June Regular Council Meeting.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR TOWN FACILITIES, RFP 2023-16 TO MIAMI JANITORIAL SUPPLIES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,118,996; 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 for discussion by Mayor Cid.

Mayor Cid stated some individuals, who work as contractors for the Town of Miami Lakes, are exceptional and that they don't get paid enough. He stated these individuals are part of the team and that he would like to do something for the contracted employees that go above and beyond.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to approve Item 10G and Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2023-19, TO BASILE USA LLC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,590,734); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS-ROYAL LAKES 1ST ADDITION DRAINAGE LINE-ITEM (402-563800-21S06); 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, AUTHORIZING A LOAN IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$20,000,000, IN THE FORM OF A NON-REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIQUIDITY FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE TO EVIDENCE AND SECURE THE LOAN; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR PROVIDED FOR IN A SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION AND A LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A COVENANT TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE NON-AD VALOREM REVENUES, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PROCEED TO DEVELOP NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO AWARD AND ISSUE THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE AND TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to move the ordinance and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE A 89,514 SQ.FT PROPERTY LOCATED EAST SIDE OF NW 67th AVE AND JUST SOUTH OF THE PALMETTO EXPY, FROM THE RUTH, RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT, TO THE BU-2, SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Gastesi read the quasi-judicial rules and title of the ordinance into the record.

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, swore in the individuals that would be providing testimony.

All the elected officials provided the Town Clerk the completed ex-parte communication disclosure forms.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

Principal Planner, Ms. Susana Alonso, presented the item and stated that this is a request for a rezoning of the lot where the library is sitting on 67th Avenue. She explained that in accordance with the Town of Miami Lakes Land Development Code, Miami-Dade Library Department is making the following requesting an amendment to the Official Zoning Map from the RU-TH, Residential Town House, to BU-2 Special Business District, for the property described as Exhibit A of the proposed ordinance. She explained this is to expand and renovate the existing library and that the rezoning needs to be changed first and then the site plan. She stated that the approval hearing will take place in June. Ms. Alonso answered questions posed by the Town Council.

During the discussion, Ms. Alonso explained that for this land to be used for retail purposes, a comprehensive plan change would have to be undertaken. She also explained that the current agreement has a restriction that states that it could only be used for a library; however, she explained that the restriction or covenant is a private agreement that that the Town of Miami Lakes does not enter in any way, shape or form. The Deputy Town Attorney responded that this needs to be brought up during the site plan approval. Town Attorney Gastesi responded that if everyone agrees, they could add a covenant that it is not to be used for a shopping center. During discussion, Councilmember Collazo asked the Town Attorney to please place a covenant so that it would never be used as a shopping center.

Mr. Ray Baker, Director of Miami-Dade Public Library System, spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the proposed ordinance in first reading. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 17 BY CREATING SECTION 17-3 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing and there being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item. Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the ordinance and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition and Councilmember Collazo was absent.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE ARTICLE XII, DIVISION 2, NAMING PICKLEBALL COURTS LOCATED AT MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK IN HONOR OF FORMER VICE MAYOR JEFFREY RODRIGUEZ; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO TOWN MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing and there being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Fernandez moved the resolution, and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

Shortly thereafter, Vice Mayor Alvarez asked for a moment of personal privilege and recognized Mr. Nathan Nieves, a former student of COHEA, who graduated with a bachelor's in arts prior to graduating from high school. Vice Mayor Alvarez stated that Mr. Nieves has paved the way for other students and that he is inspiring other students to follow his lead.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Bob Graham Road Designation (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained that a teacher and students at Bob Graham Educational Center are asking to designate 79th Avenue as Senator Bob Graham Road. He explained they could not be present at the Regular Council Meeting; therefore, they will come at a future date to present.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to draft a resolution for this item and for Town Staff to coordinate with the students and teacher at Bob Graham Educational Center for them to hear the resolution and present this before the Town Council. Councilmember Dieguez and Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded simultaneously. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Term Limits for New Constitutional Officers (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item and explained term limits are part of political life and should be applied to all new and returning officers countywide.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion to move the item as presented in the agenda and Councilmember Fernandez seconded. The motion passed; 7-0.

C. Dedicated Parking Spaces (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented this item and stated that in an ongoing effort to relieve traffic congestion and to encourage golf cart, electric scooters, and bike usage, he asked Town Staff to see how they can work with businesses to encourage dedicated parking spaces for golf carts with charging stations and to encourage more use of golf carts and take cars off the roads. He then made a motion to that extent and Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

After discussion, Councilmember Dieguez asked for clarification on this item and Councilmember Garcia explained it is for Town Staff to create a detailed plan on how we are encouraging businesses to support sustainable mobility by working with them on how we could create these golf cart spaces with chargers. Vice Mayor Alvarez then further clarified that this is to direct Town Staff to look into this and report back to the Town Council.

The motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

D. Imagine Miami Lakes 2025 (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained there is a need to codify police visibility into the strategic plan. He stated with the growth of the town, there has to be a larger police department.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to codify our strategic plan, that as the town continues to grow and large developments continue to happen, the Town has to plan to hire more officers to the police force. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a friendly amendment to not only have that input for the Police Department, but to do this for all departments. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and the amendment passed 7-0.

Back on the main motion as amended, Councilmember Collazo wanted to make clear that there won't be added officers for the sake of having officers or visibility; he wants to ensure the community is safer.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that Town Staff will draft something and bring it back to the Town Council for their review. He added they will work with the Police Department to put a statement together to be embedded into the strategic plan.

After further discussion, the main motion as amended passed 7-0.

E. Loch Isle Wall (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item and explained that the Loch Isle wall is always under attack for lack of a better word and through speaking with the association president, they would like the Town to be more proactive to try and deter this issue in the future.

Councilmember Dieguez then made a motion directing Town Staff to actively begin pursuing other proactive efforts and measures that the Town can take. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that Town Staff has already been taking steps and exploring different things to be done and that they will bring it to the Town Council for consideration.

Shortly thereafter, Town Manager Pidermann stated that live-streaming via Vimeo has a 4-hour time limit and he asked to break for a few minutes so that IT is able to restart Vimeo's livestreaming. The Town Council understood the request and Mayor Cid called for a 3-minute recess. All were in favor.

F. EV Fast Chargers (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented the item and explained via motion that he would like the Economic Development Committee and Town Staff to work with businesses in the area to encourage them to add electric vehicle chargers to their existing infrastructure. Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded the motion.

After discussion and questions to Town Staff regarding EV chargers, Councilmember Dieguez stated he would like to have a sunshine meeting with Councilmember Garcia to go over what exists currently, what the Town has done so far, and the ways the Town can move forward regarding EV infrastructure.

After discussion, the motion passed; 7-0.

G. Golf Carts (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained that a resident brought this up to him. He stated that they came to Town Hall, registered their golf cart, everything is legal, yet they park it at home and got cited every day for it, because it's in the Town Code.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to formally eliminate that portion from the Code. Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion simultaneously. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Dieguez voted in opposition.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that this will be brought back to the Town Council as an ordinance change.

H. Monthly Update from Public Works on 67th Ave Palmetto Underpass (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented this item and asked if the Town can direct whoever has jurisdiction of the underpass to pressure wash it within the next week or two. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann stated the Town does not have the power to direct them, but the Town can work with them and request it. The motion passed 7-0.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Drainage Infrastructure Report (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item and asked via motion for the Public Works Director, Mr. Omar Santos, to provide a report on the performance of the new projects. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Director Santos presented the report and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

B. Miami Lakes Home School Group (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and asked on behalf of a Miami Lakes Homeschool group, that meets at Veterans Park every Thursday. He explained that the group is kindly requesting to use one of the rooms at Mary Collins Community Center.

The Parks & Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, explained that everything is ready for them to meet, subject to Town Council approval.

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

C. Passport Office Report (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented this item. He explained that we would like Town Staff to reapply at the end of this year or early next year. He then made a motion directing the Town Clerk, that once that window to reapply opens, for us to do so. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

D. Lights Under the Palmetto on 154 (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item. He explained that this has to do with the lights under the Palmetto all being mismatched. He stated that he is already working with the Town Manager on fixing the light bulbs so that they all match and that they notified FDOT. Both Mayor Cid and Councilmember Dieguez mentioned that FDOT did a great job with the LED lights at 57th Avenue in the Gratigny Expressway and they expressed their desire for the Palmetto to look nice as well.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS:

A. Budget Preparation Timeline (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann presented the timeline/calendar put together by Budget Officer, Mrs. Melissa Hernandez.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to adopt the calendar and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Alvarez. The motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

B. Extension of Police Services Agreement with Miami-Dade County (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann explained that the current Police Services Agreement between the Town of Miami Lakes and Miami-Dade County expires on September 30, 2024. He stated that he would like the agreement to be extended so there is no uncertainty with their agreement, and he asked for permission to meet with the other two cities as well as with the legal team of the County.

Councilmember Fernandez motioned for the Town Manager to meet with the Police Department and to have some conversations regarding this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Mayor Cid explained that he would like the new mayor of the Town of Miami Lakes to be afforded the same opportunity he had to negotiate the major points of the current police contract and he stated that he would like for the new mayor of the Town of Miami Lakes to be able to meet with the sheriff; he stated that he would be voting no on this motion.

The motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

C. Monthly Police Report (Ruiz)

Lieutenant Gonzalez reported on behalf of Major Ruiz, that during the month of April, the Police Department increased the high visibility and surveillance after the funding. He reported that vehicle burglaries went down 60% and auto theft went down 80%. He also reported that the new LPR installation on the east side took place, that they purchased 2 mobile license plate readers and reported that the afternoon traffic detail is working well. Lieutenant Gonzalez also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

D. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Santos)

Director of Public Works, Mr. Omar Santos, presented the report and responded to questions posed by the Town Council.

E. Bioretention Swales (Santos)

Director of Public Works, Mr. Omar Santos, presented the report and responded to questions posed by the Town Council.

F. Independent Cost Estimator (Santos)

Director of Public Works, Mr. Omar Santos, presented the report and responded to questions posed by the Town Council.

G. Monthly Report on MLOP (Bajdaun)

Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

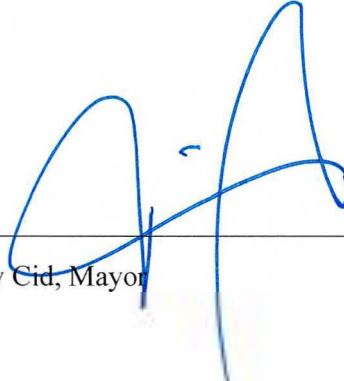
None.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

The Town Council surprised the Town Manager by singing happy birthday to him at the end of the meeting.

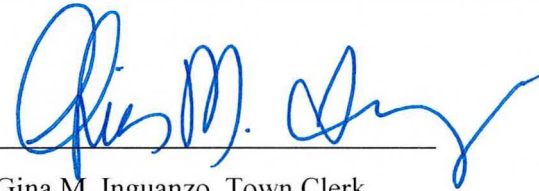
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06p.m.

Approved this 6th day of June 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk