

MINUTES
Special Call Meeting
June 15, 2023
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Marilyn Ruano and Mayor Cid. Councilmember Luis E. Collazo attended the meeting via zoom.

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

2. Moment of Silence:

The prayer was led by Mr. Rudy Lloredo.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pedro Fiallo.

4. Public Comments:

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

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, welcomed everyone to speak.

Ms. Hope Esperanza Reynolds participated in public comments via zoom. She stated that she would be submitting her public comments through a short video, which is a testament to the leadership of Maria Magdalena Estupinan, and asked for us to open our eyes about the drive to change America to yield our freedom and self-determination, and about having zero tolerance for grants. She then asked for the 2 -minute video to be played and IT played the video.

Town Clerk Inguanzo mentioned that her office had received two written public comments; one from Ms. Reynolds and one from Ms. Bonnie Cintron. Town Clerk Inguanzo mentioned that copies of said emails were placed on the Dais, to give an opportunity to everyone to read.

Councilmember Ruano then stated for the record that she was going to read aloud Ms. Bonnie Cintron's email, and she did. Ms. Cintron's email was in opposition of the grant and for government to stop micro-managing individual's aspects of life.

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

5. Items Discussed:

US Department of Transportation (DOT) FY2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program-

The Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Principal Town Planner Ms. Susana Alonso and Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager, Md. Renee Wilson, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council. After discussion amongst the Town Council, Councilmember Dieguez motioned to move the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-1; Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition and Councilmember Fernandez and Vice Mayor Alvarez were absent.

6. Manager's Report:

Conversion of Budget Workshops to Special Meetings of the Town Council-

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Fernandez and Vice Mayor Alvarez were absent.

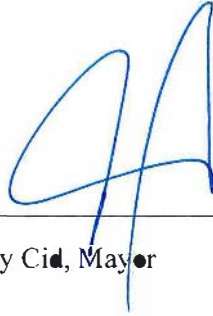
Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that he would like for the remaining 2 budget workshops to be converted into Special Call Meetings, for the Town Council to be able to vote and Town Staff be able to gain a clearer vision and concrete direction from the Town Council.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to convert the budget workshops into Special Call Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. After discussion amongst the Town Council, The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 1-4; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

7. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of July 2023.

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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gina M. Inguanzo', written over a horizontal line.

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk