

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
July 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Cid presented a proclamation to HDS Company, for celebrating 25 years of service and for their philanthropic work and their vision of affordable homes and inclusive communities for all. Mayor Cid read the proclamation, stating that July 11th, 2023, was proclaimed as HDS Companies Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. He asked the following individuals to come to the podium to receive the proclamation in honor of HDS Companies: Rixys Alfonso, Cristina Miranda Gilson, Paloma Miranda, Abdul Mondol, Elena Miranda and Kate Gilson. Ms. Cristina Miranda Gilson, Founder & CEO of the HDS Companies thanked the Town Council and the Town of Miami Lakes community for said recognition.

Mayor Cid, on behalf of the Town Council, presented the Key to the Town, to Ms. Nancy Rogers. Mayor Cid emphasized that Ms. Rogers is one of the longest serving committee volunteers, who loves the community immensely and who gives back to the community every single day. Mayor Cid called “Mama” Nancy Rogers to the podium and her loved ones, family and friends all gathered around the podium in support of this special presentation. The Councilmembers, Chairpersons, Committee Members, and friends spoke on behalf of Ms. Rogers

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:53 p.m. with the following Councilmembers being present: Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Ray Garcia, Marilyn Ruano, Mayor Cid. Councilmember Luis E. Collazo attended the meeting via zoom and Vice Mayor Alvarez joined the meeting in person at 6:55 p.m.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Jorge Labrin from “Ministerio Gracia Sin Limite” led the prayer.
Mr. Ariel Fernandez from “Better You Minute”, led a moment of mediation via YouTube.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Alvarez.
The Presentation of Colors was led by Sea Scouts Ship 144.

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

Mayor Cid moved Item 16B to after Special Presentations. Councilmember Dieguez moved up Item 16A, to after Item 16B. Mayor Cid then moved up Item 15B, to after Item 16B.

Councilmember Fernandez motioned to move the Order of Business and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 before the Town Council to participate in public comments. She spoke about the Sound of Freedom and the message it spreads about the dangers of human trafficking, she shared her concerns with a town wide survey about what events the town budgeting should be financing, so that the governing shows what the majority wants rather than the ideas a select few. She advised against projects that are raising residence's taxes, she emphasized the importance of trees in Miami Lakes to highlight the wide approval in describing Miami Lakes as a bird and tree sanctuary. She also asked for more police officers to increase public safety, expressed concerns with the 59th street project's effects on the businesses along the street, and asked to keep the scooters used for micro-transportation only in the areas they are commonly used. Lastly, she asked for watch on the Opa Locka Airport to ensure they remain as a general aviation facility.

Ms. Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. She asked the Town Council to roll back the rate for ad valorem taxes. She stated that finances should be spent on paving the roads and fixing sidewalks.

The president of the Zonta Club in Miami Lakes came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. She asked for permission to hold a lecture from the Human Trafficking Unit from the State Attorney's Office on October 6, 2023, in the Town Council Chambers.

Mr. Angelo Garcia came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. He expressed concerns with the entrance on 67th avenue. He claims it should be cleaned and that those living under the bridge should be taken care of.

Mr. William Perez came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. He stated that the millage should remain the same. Secondly, he expressed concerns with the crosswalk on Fairway Drive as it causes cars to speed up, similar to the crosswalk by the Running with Danny Park. He recommended speed bumps by pocket parks due to the child safety concerns.

Ms. Maria Santelices came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. She spoke about the Miami-Dade County original ordinance that was approved regarding the guard gate, expressed her concerns with the NSD Board, and she emphasized that there are 841 property owners in that NSD. She also expressed concerns with the beach park on Dunbarton Place. She stated that children and senior citizens are in danger due to damaged sidewalks, glass in the sand,

and other inappropriate objects found on the property. She also shared an incident with teenagers driving a golfcart in her neighborhood. Lastly, she expressed concerns with tree maintenance and drainage in her neighborhood.

Mr. Steven Herzburg came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. He expressed support for Item 14D and Item 14K. He stated that the citizens are limited as to how they can handle the miners, so the town should act and protect its residents.

Mr. Miguel Martinez came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. He spoke about the response letter which will be addressed in Item 14K. He asked that it go to all pertinent parties.

Ms. Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to participate in public comments. She stated that she does not want speed bumps at the entrance of Miami Lakes Section 1, she mentioned that all residents of the guard gate in Section 1 should vote and that 7 people should not have the right to make that decision. She expressed concerns with the sinking entrance to Veterans Park, addressed the overgrown shrubbery on Commerce Parkway between Lakehouse Villas and Villa Viscaya. She also addressed improper placement of security cameras in her neighborhood. Lastly, she stated that the wall on Montrose is caving in. Mrs. Luces congratulated Major Gonzalez and thanked Major Ruiz for his many years of service.

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds participated in public comments via zoom. She asked for permission to speak during the ordinance in seconding reading for the Special Taxing District, Section 1. Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo acknowledge her request and stated that according to the Special Rules of Order, it is allowed.

Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo stated for the record, that three written public comments were received: one from Mr. Albert Aguilar, one from Mr. Boris Foster, and from Ms. Hope Reynolds. All the written public comments were shared with the Mayor and Councilmembers.

There being no further public comments, public comments closed.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Cid announced the following appointments:

Mr. Christopher Locke to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Luis E. Collazo.

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

Ms. Marietta Mont to the Cultural Affairs Committee by Councilmember Luis E. Collazo

Ms. Franchesca Ortega to the Blasting Advisory Board by Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Public Safety Committee Pending

Vice Chair Brandon Diaz presented the Committee Report. He discussed the 2022-2023 Budget Report and confirmed that the funds, including those for the police appreciation breakfast, have been fully utilized. Additionally, he announced the launch of a new monthly Public Safety Announcement (PSA) in collaboration with the Town's communication department, covering various safety topics to be shared on Town social media.

Chair Diaz also addressed the recent increase in break-ins and allocated budget dollars to create three PSA video segments. He mentioned that he is actively engaging with the Target Zero Campaign during monthly meetings with FDOT and that the committee is also working on collaborating with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue to pay homage at Station 64, proposing the retention of the Main Street curfew and rules for minors throughout the year, and that the committee is exploring opportunities to establish a HOA Citizen Crime Watch program in the town.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Cid and the Town Council formally welcomed Major Jose Gonzalez, as the new Miami-Dade Police Major in Miami Lakes. Mayor Cid spoke highly of Major Gonzalez, provided a summary of his professional career and praised his work with residents and how he solves problems by embracing community policing. He also praised Major Gonzalez work with synchronizing town traffic lights, and he thanked him for working with the Town's police force for the last 5 years.

Mayor Cid then asked his family to come to the podium to join Major Gonzalez during the Badge Pinning Ceremony. Major Gonzalez thanked the Town Manager, the Mayor and Town Council for this recognition and "for having the confidence in him to carry the torch forward, as the next Commander of the Town".

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- June 15, 2023 Special Call Meeting Minutes
- June 15, 2023 Working Budget for Town Committees Minutes

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 CALVIN GIORDANO AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR WEST LAKES GARDENS FIRST ADDITION STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR AN**

AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, NINETY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$126,090.00) MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 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.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2023-25, TO ATC ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,756,062.00); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS-WEST LAKES GARDENS 1ST ADDITION DRAINAGE LINE-ITEM (402-563800-21S13); 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:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING, ADOPTING, A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATES FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SECURITY GUARD AND MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Attorney Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.
Mayor Cid opened the Public Hearing.

The following individuals provided Public Comments:

Ms. Hope Reynolds participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that the Miami Lakes Section 1 property owners met and discussed about the guard gate special taxing district. She then read into the record on behalf of resident Boris Foster, his written public comments.

Mr. Keith Halprin came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. He spoke about

The Special Taxing Districts and two broad issues: reserved funds and a better management team.

There being one else wishing to speak, Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the ordinance in second reading and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Ms. Melissa Hernandez, Budget Officer, and Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, Parks and Recreation Director, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to re-open Public Comments, and the motion received a second from Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

Ms. Claudia Luces came to the Town Council to participate in public comments. She spoke that at the Miami Lakes Section 1 HOA meeting, it was discussed that speed bumps do nothing and that they are a nuisance for the community; that guard gates used to work fine and now they have substandard equipment. She also stated that LPR's do not belong in their community but in the main throughfares.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to remove the speed humps for \$4,000 from the NSD Miami Lakes Section 1 FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Garcia, Vice Mayor Alvarez, and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to remove the guardhouse renovations \$11,282 from the NSD Miami Lakes Section 1 Proposed Budget and whatever excess surplus is there, to stay in the 10% contingency reserve. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Garcia, Vice Mayor Alvarez, and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to remove the quarterly flower change \$6,000 from the NSD Miami Lakes Section 1 Proposed Budget because it is not in compliance with the ordinance that created this special taxing district. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. After explanations provided by Town Staff, Councilmember Ruano asked Town Staff to remove it all together and if anything needs to be replaced or re-mulched, take it from the contingency fund.

Mayor Cid asked the Town Manager and the Town Attorney, if beautifying the guard gates is not in compliance with the original ordinance that created the special taxing districts. Town Attorney stated that he would review the ordinance and provide feedback. Councilmember Ruano then retracted her motion in order for the meeting to be able to move on but stated that if the Town Attorneys find that beautifying the guard gates is not in compliance with the ordinance, to please remove it and then move it to reserves, to be addressed next year.

After further discussion, Councilmember Fernandez mentioned that he would be open to having a workshop. Then, Councilmember Fernandez rephrased the main motion, and stated that he wanted to approve this ordinance as being the "ceiling" and if the Town Council wants to have a lengthier discussion about this, to workshop this and look into making budgetary cuts,

with and allowing the committees to come back to the Town Council and provide more feedback. No second was provided.

Councilmember Ruano then pointed out that the surpluses in the special taxing districts, should be considered in the 10% contingency but not in addition to the reserve, and she also spoke about her concerns with the administrative fees. Councilmember Ruano stated that this is something that could also be workshopped. Town Manager understood the points brought up by Councilmember Ruano and stated that Town Staff will come back with a different strategy to capture the administrative fees. Councilmember Ruano thanked the Town Manager.

After further discussion, Councilmember Fernandez stated that he would like to have a sunshine meeting with Councilmember Ruano and with all the other councilmembers, to discuss the NSD matters. No second was provided.

Councilmember Ruano then made a motion directing Town Staff to figure out a way to keep the contingency reserve at a 10%, including their surplus from the previous year. The motion died due to a lack of second. Mayor Cid stated that if there is a workshop held to discuss these matters, to make sure all the special taxing districts are invited.

After further clarification from Councilmember Fernandez regarding his main motion, Councilmember Fernandez stated that the main motion was to approve the budget set forth in the ordinance to make it to the TRIM notice, with an explanation from the committees forthcoming. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 42, AMENDING TITLE TO READ “TREES AND BIRDS”; CREATING SECTION 42-13 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCE, TITLED “BIRD SANCTUARY”; 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

Mayor Cid read the title of the ordinance into the record.

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

Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the ordinance and Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-1, Councilmember Fernandez voted in opposition.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA DECLARING, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE TOWN'S PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, ROLLED-BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO 200.065(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND THE DATE,

TIME, AND PLACE AT WHICH PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CHANGE BUDGET HEARING DATES IF NEEDED; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO SERVE THIS RESOLUTION ON THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PIDERMANN)

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

Ms. Melissa Hernandez, Budget Officer, and Town Manager Pidermann answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Ruano made a motion to consider the roll back rate for the residents for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Garcia and Vice Mayor Alvarez voted in opposition.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to keep the millage rate the same. The motion died due to lack of second.

Vice Mayor Alvarez made a motion to set the millage rate for fiscal year 2023-24 at 2.2664 mills and to adopt the Budget Hearings on September 14th at 6:30 pm and on September 26th at 6:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to set the millage rate for fiscal year 2023-24 at 2.2222 mills. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 2-5; Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Garcia, Ruano, Vice Mayor Alvarez and Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

Vice Mayor Alvarez made a motion to not approve the preliminary budget, as presented by the Town Manager. The motion died due to lack of second. Then, Vice Mayor Alvarez made a motion to set the millage rate at 2.2664 mills and to adopt the budget hearing dates. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Fernandez then made a motion to approve the roll back rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. After some discussion, Mayor Cid called for a 2-minute recess.

The Town Council convened after a 5-minute break and all 6 councilmembers were present in Council Chambers and Councilmember Collazo was present via zoom. The Town Clerk then called the roll to approve the roll back rate at 2.0732 and the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 22-307;

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Town Manager Pidermann explained that this item is about replacing the two existing FreeBee Gem Carts, with Tesla X vehicles, that can travel at a greater speed and with a greater range. He explained that Town Staff is requesting to transfer \$15,000 from the Transit Contingency Line Item to the Car Charging Station Line Item. Town Manager Pidermann emphasized that the TOML is not buying Teslas; he explained that Freebee, is converting their open aired golf cart type, non-aired condition vehicles to Teslas in order for riders to travel more comfortable. For this to be done, Freebee requires a special charging station and that is the reason why Town Staff is requesting the transfer from one line item to another line item.

Vice Mayor Alvarez motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Comprehensive Review of Town Committees (Ruano)

Councilmember Ruano presented this item and made a motion proposing for a “meeting of the minds” to take place regarding committees, to discuss how many meetings are the committee’s having, how many events the community enjoys versus which events have seen better days. Councilmember Ruano asked for this meeting to take place before the next fiscal year and this comprehensive review of Town Committees should include the participation of committee members, Town Staff, Town Administration, Town Council, and local stakeholders, with the goal to revamp our committee process, perhaps have less events during the year but more quality events or perhaps have no events at all. She explained that this exercise is to see where we can improve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

During discussion of the item, Councilmember Ruano mentioned that she would like to have this done via a workshop. She emphasized that resolutions that create each committee must be read to determine if all the current events are consistent and within the scope of the committee resolutions. She would also like for Town Staff to put together a town-wide survey first, and then a workshop to determine what events are liked by the community. She ended her explanation by stating for this to be expedited but no certain date for completion was given. The motion passed unanimously.

B. NW 59th Avenue (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented the item and explained via motion that this is the first major transportation infrastructure project that the Town will take on and he asked for Town Staff to review the different duties and that he would like for Town Staff to bring in some outside

expertise, to help them bring this infrastructure project to fruition. Mayor Cid emphasized that this position would be temporary, perhaps as a contractor. He asked for Town Staff do an analysis and bring it back to the Town Council, as soon as possible. Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1; Councilmember Dieguez voted in opposition and Councilmember Ruano was absent.

C. Maintenance Agreement with F.D.O.T. Underpass on 154th Street to include 67th Avenue (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented this item and explained via motion that he would like for Town Staff to look into the costs of extending the maintenance agreement the TOML has with FDOT regarding NW 154th Street, to include the Palmetto underpass on NW 67th Avenue and he also asked for the situation with the homeless in that area to be addressed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. Discussion was held regarding the high costs of maintaining this area clean. Town Manager Pidermann stated that perhaps the TOML does not have to take it on, but continue to ask the FDOT to clean, mowed and to pressure washing the slopes -as they recently did thanks to the assistance of State Representative Tom Fabricio- and for TOML to undertake the responsibility of washing the columns and the underpass, and this would be less pricey option for the TOML.

Councilmember Garcia then amended his motion and stated that he would like for the TOML to take over the underpass at a reduced cost, to get assistance to handle the homeless situation under the underpass and to ask FDOT to commit to a definite recurring schedule for them to do the mowing, trash and debris pickup and clean-up of the slopes and for the Town Manager to look into the costs of cleaning the underpass, at least once a year and for the Town Manager to report back to the Town Council. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

D. Limited Exemption Blasting Assessment (Fernandez)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive the Special Rules of Order for Items 14D, 14G, 14J, 14K, and 14L and Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

Mayor Cid made a motion to extend the meeting up to 11:30 pm and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion asking the Town Attorneys to draft a resolution to accomplish two things: first to address whether or not repairs done to a house damaged by blasting activity, would trigger a reassessment of the property and second, to ask our building department and other neighboring building departments to tag and flag applications for items that are necessitated by damage caused by blasting, so we can start creating a database of what the expenses are with fixing these issues. Councilmember Fernandez asked authorization from the Town Council, via motion, to work with the Deputy Town Attorney, in drafting such resolution and refining the scope of it. Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

E. Vac Truck Operators Compensation (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and explained via motion that he would like to see if the Town can conduct a salary survey throughout our county for vac truck operator compensations. He further explained he would like to see where the Town is at in comparison to them.

Councilmember Garcia then stated he is interested in seeing this for all positions and proceeded to ask if annual reports on median salaries are done. Town Manager Pidermann then explained that HR conducts an analysis when they believe a specific position may be an outlier.

After discussion, the motion passed 5-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Dieguez voted in opposition.

F. Public Safety Prevention and Private Sector (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented this item and mentioned he received calls from residents at different apartments that crime is up regarding car break ins. He then explained via motion that in an ongoing effort to keep residents safe, he would like to ask the new Major to extend security assessments to other areas of the Town to see what the private sector can do to improve their security which in turn helps the Police Department. He proceeded to ask if the Major can do assessments of other apartment complexes around Main Street and then expand to other areas. Mayor Cid seconded the motion.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

G. In God We Trust (Fernandez)

Councilmember Fernandez presented this item and explained that in his professional endeavors he visits public schools in Florida daily and one of the initiatives that the legislature passed 2-3 years ago was for every public school at the entrance has to display the state motto which is "In God We Trust" and state seal. He stated it dawned on him that we have the state motto in the front by the entrance of Town Hall however we don't have it in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Fernandez then made a motion directing the Town Manager to add our state motto, "In God We Trust" above the Town seal in Council Chambers and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. AED at Parks (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented this item and stated his kids play flag football and while at the championship games he thought to himself if there was an emergency, is the AED accessible? When he went to check the facility was locked and for a large portion of the time, facilities remain locked. He explained that he did research and saw that there are AEDs that are placed outdoors near the actual play area.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to have Town Staff work on transferring our AEDs from indoors to outdoors where the play area is. Councilmember Fernandez seconded for discussion.

Councilmember Fernandez then stated he sees the benefit it outside where it is accessible but not necessarily in the play area because a lot of facilities are dual purpose, and many senior events take place indoors. He added that a happy medium may be to play it outside by the front entrance of the facility. Councilmember Ruano then stated that she may have misinterpreted because she thought this item was to get additional AEDs to have one inside and one outside. She added it is a good idea to have them outside but would also like to perhaps multiple the number we have to have one indoors and outdoors. Mayor Cid stated they could work with the Breanna Vergara Foundation to let them know they are interested in obtaining more.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

I. South Bound School Zone Miami Lakes K-8 (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented this item and stated that he knows the Town Council has been working on extending the school zone for Miami Lakes K-8 to include the community on Crooked Palm for a long time. He added that a couple of weeks ago the Town Manager, himself, and Miami-Dade County representatives went out with residents so that they could explain the need of the push back. Town Manager Pidermann then reported that Dade County's Public Works and Transportation department agreed to move the south bound speed zone further south to capture the sidewalk that comes out of Crooked Palm.

Councilmember Garcia then asked via motion for his colleagues to support the continuing efforts to follow up on that and make sure it gets done in a timely manner. Mayor Cid seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

J. OLL Study Group (Fernandez)

Councilmember Fernandez presented this item and explained he was approached by one of the parents of Our Lady of the Lakes, OLL. Essentially, they have a study group of 12-15 kids that are going to start preparing for the high school entrance exams and they need a facility. They have requested Mary Collins Community Center, if possible, for a series of 10 Saturdays starting August 10th and every Saturday thereafter for 10 installments.

Councilmember Fernandez then moved his explanation and Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

K. BAB Limerock Association Response Letter (Garcia)

Councilmember Garcia presented this item and explained that on May 15th the Blasting Advisory Board sent a letter to the Miami-Dade Limerock Association, requesting meeting to discuss the issues that the residents are having. He added that the association stated they do an education campaign, however they have not done so. Therefore, Councilmember Garcia

explained that with the momentum the BAB has now, the BAB has crafted a response letter which the Town Attorney looked over and approved to be sent. The letter explains that the BAB would still like to meet with the association to discuss blasting at levels that don't affect homes. Councilmember Garcia then asked if the Town Attorney would like to add anything regarding the resolution and Town Attorney Gastesi responded by saying he thinks the committee is frustrated with the association. Councilmember Dieguez then seconded Councilmember Garcia's explanation for discussion.

Councilmember Dieguez then posed questions regarding the timeline and possible changes to the letter. He would like to see if the Chairman is open to such a change to specifically have the call to action is narrower in approach. Town Attorney Gastesi clarified Councilmember Dieguez's thoughts which is to have the meeting be between the chairs and not open to the public. Councilmember Dieguez agreed with the clarification and stated he does not think the association will attend a meeting where they will be blasted by residents; he believes it'll be a more productive meeting if Chair Martinez meets directly with the association, on everyone's behalf.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

L. Underground Telecommunication Boxes (Fernandez)

Councilmember Fernandez presented this item and explained that as he continues to walk through the Town, he noticed a lot of the telecommunications boxes, mostly AT&T ones and others have lost their lids at some point and are essentially uncapped which causes a hazard to people and pets on those sidewalks near them.

Councilmember Fernandez then made a motion directing the Town Manager to reach out to AT&T and the different telecommunications providers to put them on notice that this is a recurring problem in some neighborhoods and ask them to conduct a review looking out for those types of hazards. Vice Mayor Alvarez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Town Foundation and FIU Partnership (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented the item and stated that Mr. Pete Garcia, former Athletic Director for the University of Miami, FIU and the Cleveland Browns, is now the leading philanthropy for FIU and he explained that Mr. Garcia came up with a program that looks for sponsors, to work with municipalities and try to come up with funds to assist Pell Grants, First Generation students within their municipalities. Mayor Cid mentioned that he would like for the Town Council to help and move this forward, to work with Town Staff and the community. Councilmember Fernandez said he would like to work on this project. Mayor Cid then asked Town Manager Pidermann to send an email to Councilmember Fernandez and to Mr. Pete Garcia, so they can work together.

Town Manager Pidermann then stated that Mr. Pete Garcia is looking for the Town of Miami Lakes to commit on the next fiscal year, to put \$20,000 towards this project. He mentioned that Mr. Pete Garcia met with the Miami Lakes Town Foundation Board Members, that the Miami Lakes Town Foundation did not take action regarding this matter, but that they were

inclined to perhaps match the \$20,000 with \$5,000 coming from the Miami Lakes Foundation and to be able to commit to these efforts. Vice Mayor Alvarez also asked the Town Manager to include him as well, to work with Councilmember Fernandez and with the community to take the lead on this.

Councilmember Collazo asked the Town Manager, if the Town of Miami Lakes typically donate funds from the General Fund to institutions, like FIU? Town Manager Pidermann responded that the donations would not be going directly to FIU, but the donations would issue grants to Pell Grants, First Generation students from our community. Councilmember Fernandez clarified that he is committing to these efforts by trying to look for sponsors, so that the TOML donation would be funded by sponsors. Councilmember Collazo agreed to getting sponsors to donate to this and not using money from the General Fund.

B. Zonta Club Utilization of Town Chamber (Cid)

This item was moved up during the New Order of Business and was discussed after Item 16A.

Mayor Cid reported that Zonta Club utilizes Town Council Chambers once a year and he just wants to make sure this action continues going forward. Mayor Cid stated via Motion, that he would like the Zonta Club to utilize Town Chambers once again. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS:

A. Micromobility Report (Alonso)

Transportation Coordinator, Ms. Olivia Shock, presented a PowerPoint presentation of Micromobility Program in the Town. She mentioned that Town Staff needs direction from the Town Council on how to move forward with the program. Ms. Shock answered questions posed by Town Council.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to grant temporary authorization to our current scooter provider for 1 year, to allow them to continue operating, to ensure there is no disruption of service to the residents that are using it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed unanimously; Vice Mayor Alvarez was absent.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned and directed Town Staff to begin an RFP Process and include as parameters, closing off access to gated communities. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. Mayor Cid asked that he wants for the Town Council to see the wording of the RFP before it goes out and Councilmember Dieguez also stated that he would like for the RFP also to include a proposal for docking stations.

Shortly thereafter, Councilmember withdrew his motion and restated a new motion, directing Town Staff to prepare an RFP for a new provider and to come back to the Town Council, prior to going out to competitive bidding, and show us what the parameters are that Micromobility Program. The new motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 6-0; Vice Mayor Alvarez was absent.

B. Monthly Police Report (Gonzalez)

Town Commander Jose Gonzalez presented the Monthly Report and answered questions posed by the Town Council. He reported auto theft decrease for the month of June and continued educating the kids on Golf Cart Ordinance and the new changes; that they need a learner's permit or driver license and if you are an adult, you need some sort of ID to be driving a gold cart. Traffic initiatives enforcement continue in locations of concern and high visibility burglary detail. 4th of July event was great, and the police continue to work and enhance security detail in the Main Street area.

C. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Santos)

Director of Public Works, Mr. Omar Santos, presented the monthly infrastructure report and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

D. Monthly Report on MLOP (Bajdaun)

Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, presented the monthly report on Miami Lakes Optimist Park and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

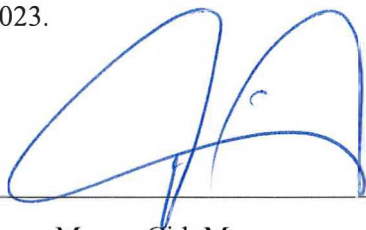
17. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Gastesi stated that regarding the Pizzi matter, the judge denied their motion to enforce the mandate, so the TOML will proceed with the case and with mediation probably, and possibly go to trial. He also stated that they have requested a jury trial.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

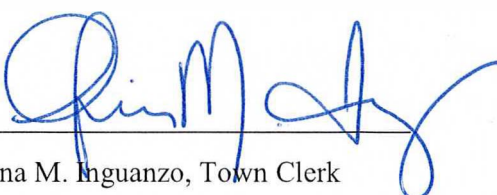
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm

Approved this 8th day of August 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk