

**MINUTES**  
**Sunshine Meeting**  
**on 2024 Legislative Priorities**  
**September 7, 2023**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Josh Dieguez, and Tony Fernandez. Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Ray Garcia, and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano were present via zoom. Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez and Mayor Manny Cid were absent.

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

The following were also present: State Representative Tom Fabricio and Legislative Aide Nikita Mizgirev; Representatives from State Senator Bryan Avila's Office, Ms. Alicia Araya, Ms. Judith Ruiz, and Mr. Anders Guitierrez; and Town Lobbyists Kate Deloach and Nelson Diaz.

**2. Items Discussed:**

**A. 2024 Legislative Priorities**

Town Manager, Mr. Edward Pidermann opened the meeting and explained this meeting is very beneficial to receive feedback from the Elected Officials to the Representatives and Town lobbyists. Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager, Ms. Renee Wilson then presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Town's 2024 legislative priorities, in order of priority as per Town Staff's recommendation. Town Manager Pidermann stated that the legislative priorities for 2024 are stormwater projects, roadway projects, and policy items.

State Representative Fabricio gave his input on the projects and policy items presented. He stated that he will have to do further research on the policy item presented regarding the repeal of Florida Statue 163.045 as he is unsure about backing it. He also asked for the language to be sent to him regarding that policy item.

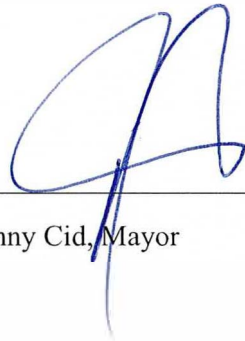
The Town Council Members present at the meeting stated which items they do and do not support for the 2024 legislative priorities. The Councilmembers also discussed adding in a policy item regarding blasting as well as funding for the Senior Center. Town Manager Pidermann stated that the 2024 legislative priorities can be amended at the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Council then asked what are the projects the state is most interested in funding and State Representative Fabricio stated flooding, transportation, and water drainage are projects that are a good use of state tax dollars.

The Town Council, Town Manager Pidermann Edward Pidermann, Grants and Governmental Affairs Manager Renee Wilson, Public Works Director Omar Santos, Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, State Representative Tom Fabricio, and Senator Bryan Avila's office all discussed and answered questions.

**3. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

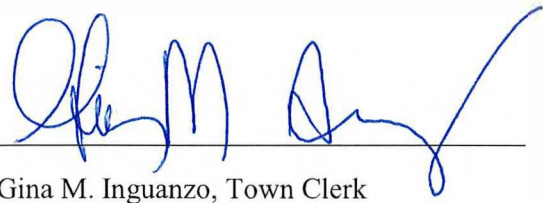
Approved this 26th day of September 2023.



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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk