

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
October 12, 2023
9:00 A.M.
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order

Councilmember Luis E. Collazo called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

2. Roll Call

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, and Councilmember Ray Garcia. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Carlos Alvarez and Mayor Manny Cid were absent.

Present as well were Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez, and Attorney Joan Carlos Wizel. Town Attorney Raul Gastesi joined the private meeting at approximately 9:15 am.

The Certified Court Reporter was not present in Council Chambers during the open session. The Certified Court Reporter was present at the Community Conference Room, during the private Executive Attorney-Client Session.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Dieguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Councilmember Fernandez led the prayer.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Open Session of Attorney-Client Executive Session

Councilmember Collazo read into the record the following section: I would like to announce that we are about to conduct an attorney client session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in the following case:

1. TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES V. TSC INVESTMENTS, INC., EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION., 2021 006842 CA 01

Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes provides an exemption from the public meetings law in order to allow the Town Council to conduct a closed session to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in a pending lawsuit. This is what the Town Council

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will be doing today. This session will be recorded by a court reporter. The transcript will be filed with the Town Clerk, and it will remain sealed until the conclusion of the litigation. When the litigation has concluded, the transcript becomes a public record and can be requested by anyone. This attorney-client session is estimated to last one hour. The names of those individuals attending today's attorney-client session are:

1. Town Councilmembers Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Ray Garcia.
2. Town Manager Edward Pidermann,
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq., and Lorenzo Cobiella, Esq., from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC.,
4. Attorney Joan Carlos Wize and
5. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals I have just named will now leave the Council Chambers and go to the Community Conference Room, to conduct the private Executive Attorney-Client Session. Once the private attorney-client session is done, they will return to the Council Chambers and the Town Council will adjourn.

7. Termination of Attorney-Client Executive Session and Reopen Public Meeting

The Town Council convened in the Council Chambers in open session at approximately 10:18 a.m. Councilmember Dieguez motion for the Town Council to convene on October 24th at 6:30 p.m. for the purposes of having a Special Call Meeting, to discuss a settlement in the case at issue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Approved this 14th day of June November 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk