

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Michael Pizzi
Vice Mayor Richard Pulido
Councilmember Mary Collins
Councilmember George Lopez
Councilmember Robert Meador II
Councilmember Nick Perdomo
Councilmember Nancy Simon

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 10, 2009 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Middle School
6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Michael Pizzi presented a Certificate of Recognition to Homestead Concrete and Drainage.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Pizzi at 6:50 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk, Debra Eastman, called the roll with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Nick Perdomo, Robert Meador, George Lopez, Nancy Simon, Mary Collins, Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and Mayor Michael Pizzi.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Father Murphy of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church gave the invocation which was followed by a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Michael Pizzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.
6. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilmember Nick Perdomo made a motion to pull item 8B from the consent agenda. Councilmember Mary Collins added Florida Breast Health Initiative Open Door Event Sponsorship to Committee Reports and asked to move item 12C to 7B. The Town Manager withdrew item 12B3. Vice Mayor Pulido added item 13A4, Local Business Economic Growth Initiative. Councilmember Meador pulled item 8C and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Councilmember Meador added report 13A5, Transportation Report on the Florida Turnpike. Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Cultural Affairs Committee

Cultural Affairs Committee Chair Felicia Salazar gave a report.

B. Florida Breast Health Initiative Open Door Event

Andrea Ivory spoke about breast health awareness.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to donate to the Florida Breast Health Initiative Open Door Event. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi. The motion failed with Mayor Pizzi and Councilmember Mary Collins voting in favor. Councilmembers Nick Perdomo, George Lopez, Robert Meador, Nancy Simon and Vice Mayor Pulido voted in opposition.

Mayor Pizzi instructed Andrea Ivory to meet with the Town Manager in reference to an in kind contribution.

C. Veteran's Ad Hoc Committee Veteran's Memorial Report

Diego Hernandez, Chair of the Veteran's Ad Hoc Committee, presented the Committee's report and a scale model for a memorial at Royal Oaks Park to honor fallen Veterans.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to accept the report and approve the design concept. Private funds will be raised to fund the monument. The monument will be built in front of the Community Center at Royal Oaks Park. Mayor Pizzi seconded the motion to accept the report and design. There was no objection.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes:

**January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting
November 12, 2008 Regular Meeting**

Approved on consent.

B. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF LIMOUSINES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL BUS OPERATION SERVICES; APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN LIMOUSINES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. AND THE TOWN. (Bocanegra)

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to defer the item. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido.

The Town Manager withdrew his recommendation in order to review the contract.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to extend the present contract retroactively to February 1st and to continue for 60 days with the option for an additional 60 days. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL WITH ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC. TO ERECT A FENCE ALONG THE CANAL RUNNING PARALLEL TO 138TH STREET. (Bocanegra) (Meador)

Councilmember Meador made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO BE KNOWN AS “THE SHAYE PATRICK MARTIN SAFETY ACT.” (Collins)

Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to move the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

9. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE 5, ALLOWABLE ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE REQUIRED YARDS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHTS, OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; ALLOWING TEMPORARY PLAY EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE REQUIRED YARDS. (Pizzi)

Town Attorney, Kathy Mehaffey, read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Mayor Pizzi opened the public hearing.

Dr. Pedro Carballo spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Miriam Duman spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Raul Gangerelis spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Javier Feliciano spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Pulido made a motion to add language to the Ordinance that requires equipment to be removed in the event of a hurricane watch or warning. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilmember Simon requested to be added as a cosponsor and requested that Councilmembers Nick Perdomo, George Lopez and Robert Meador also be added as co-sponsors.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to pass the Ordinance. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. The motion passed 6-1 with Vice Mayor Pulido voting in opposition.

Mayor Pizzi called a recess at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nick Perdomo, Robert Meador, George Lopez, Nancy Simon, Mary Collins, Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

11. RESOLUTIONS:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Coffee with the Mayor and Town Council (Meador)

Councilmember Meador made a motion to direct staff to come back with a plan and recommendation for a quarterly meet and greet event with the Council and staff to be called "Coffee with the Mayor and Town Council". The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.

B. Partially paperless agenda (Simon)

Councilmember Simon discussed the benefits of utilizing a paperless agenda.

C. Veterans Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation (Collins)

Action taken on item 7C.

D. Evaluation of Town Expenses (Perdomo)

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion directing the Town Manager to evaluate all Town expenses. A report is to be provided at the next meeting. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins.

Councilmember Simon made a friendly amendment to workshop the item once the evaluation is completed in order to develop a contingency plan and to receive financial advice. Councilmember Perdomo accepted the friendly amendment. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor of the motion as amended.

E. Town Long Range Funding Allocations and Requests (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to create a task force with a mandate to forthwith meet and put together specific concrete proposals to maximize the amount of federal funding coming into Miami Lakes. The Task Force is to include Mayor Pizzi, Councilmembers Robert Meador and Mary Collins, Stu Wylie, Orlando Aguilar, David Waud, Luis Collazo, the Town Manager and Paula Hagan. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins.

Mayor Pizzi amended the motion to add Vice Mayor Pulido and Councilmember Perdomo to the Task Force. The Town Manager will facilitate but not be a member. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador and all were in favor of the motion as amended.

F. Annexation (Lopez)

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to direct staff, without spending any funds, to look into any annexation opportunities including the Opa-Locka Airport area. The Town Manager is to come back with a report. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

G. Implementation of Neighborhood Crime Watches Through Homeowner Associations (Perdomo)

Councilmember Perdomo spoke about the introduction of crime watches through presentations at Homeowner Associations meetings.

H. William Graham Street Naming (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion that a street be named in honor of William Graham. The Graham Family is to be consulted for a recommendation for an appropriate location. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

I. Opening of 87th Avenue (Lopez)

Councilmember Lopez made a motion that the Town Manager contact all relevant parties concerning the opening of 87th Avenue. The Town Manager is to come back

with a report and time frame. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

J. Visible Traffic Light Needed Palmetto Expressway East (Perdomo)

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion that the Town Manager contact Miami Dade County and request that a stop light be mounted on the west side overpass of the Palmetto Expressway East. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

13. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

1. Appointments

Mayor Pizzi nominated Dorothy Wix to the Elderly Affairs Committee; Kimberly Way to the Economic Development Committee; Peter Diaz to the Youth Activities Task Force; and Pedro Carballo to the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

2. Economic Stimulus Initiatives (Pizzi)

Mr. Jennings gave a report on foreclosures.

3. U.S. Conference of Mayors (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi gave a report.

4. Local Business Economic Growth (Pulido)

Vice Mayor Pulido requested to meet with the Town Manager on the item.

5. Transportation Report on the Florida Turnpike

Councilmember Meador reported on a study to build an interchange on 170th Street. He requested that the Mayor and staff monitor this.

B. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Retreat Update

The Town Manager gave an update.

2. Town Hall Facility feasibility study

The Town Manager gave an update on the study.

3. Florida Breast Health Initiatives 2009 Open the Door Event Sponsorship

Item was withdrawn by the Town Manager.

4. Opa-locka Rezoning Hearing Update -

The Town Manager gave a report.

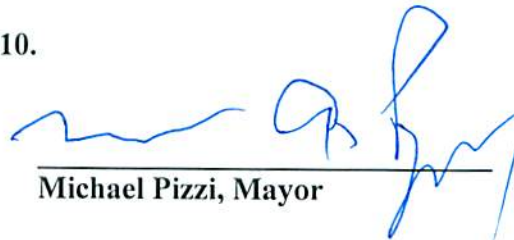
C. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

14. FUTURE MEETINGS:

February 17, 2009 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6 PM
March 10, 2009 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6:30PM

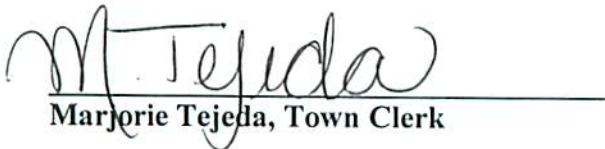
15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Approved this 14th day of Sept, 2010.



Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk