

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 March 10, 2009

6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Middle School

6425 Miami Lakeway North

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Michael Pizzi presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following businesses for their support:

Bank Atlantic, Barboza Group, BJ's Wholesale Club, Choice Best Services, Courtyard Marriott, The Graham Company, Hotel Indigo, JetStream Federal Credit Union, Memorial Hospital Miramar, Metro PCS and The Town of Miami Lakes Economic Development Committee.

Maria Kramer, Chair of Education Advisory Board, & Alexandra Kramer, student at Miami Lakes Education Center, stated that they would like to take 50 students from all of the Miami Lakes High Schools free of charge to Tallahassee to rally against budget cuts on March 18th. She would also like to honor Mayor Pizzi, Councilmember Perdomo and Choice Environmental with a plaque for their contributions.

Jennifer Wieczorek, Breast Cancer Network of Strength, spoke about the Walk to Empower.

Louis Collazo presented Maria Diaz from Hospice Services and she spoke about Vitas Inpatient Care.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 7:12p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pizzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Caesar Mestre spoke on the N.W. 67th Avenue & Main Street issue.

Tiffany Meyer spoke about the Public Safety issue of Club Rendezvous and requested police presence in front of Crescent House.

Bill Higgs, Shulas General Manager, spoke in favor of a safety cross walk from the hotel to the athletic club.

Aida McCarthy, Loch Lomond West HOA, thanked the Town for their reaction to two items from the HOA meeting.

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

Councilmember Simon added "Annual Miami Lakes Child and Youth Fair" as item 12A, and moved existing item 12A to 12M. Councilmember Lopez pulled item 13A.3, deleted item 13A.8 and co-sponsored item 13A.6 jointly with Town Manager Bocanegra. Councilmember Perdomo moved item 12D to be discussed first under new business. Councilmember Meador moved item 12E to be discussed after item 12D under New Business and added "Traffic Control" to reports. Vice Mayor Pulido pulled item 8C. Mayor Michael Pizzi pulled item 8B. Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Meador seconded the motion and all were in favor.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Activities Task Force: Lynn Matos presented the report and introduced several members of the Committee.

Mayor Pizzi introduced the Town's new Assistant Town Manager Guerlin Escar-Mangos.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes:

January 20, 2009 Zoning Meeting
Passed on consent.

B. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF GROUNDKEEPERS, INC. FOR THE CONTRACT FOR POCKET PARKS/TOT LOTS MAINTENANCE; APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN GROUNDKEEPERS, INC. AND THE TOWN. (Bocanegra)

Andrew Gonzalez, thanked the Town for the recommendation.
Mayor Michael Pizzi made a motion to approve the contract.
Councilmember Mary Collins seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

C. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE.
Vice Mayor Pulido spoke regarding the outreach of the school board and made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all voted in favor.

D. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION FOR LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM CERTIFICATION AND THE LOCAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (Bocanegra)
Councilmember Collins made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all voted in favor.

9. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

11. RESOLUTIONS:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Miami Lakes Child & Youth Fair (Simon)

Councilmember Simon made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution to be placed on the next Zoning Meeting agenda and to organize a "Miami Lakes Child and Youth Fair" to take place in August. Mayor Pizzi seconded the motion.

Mayor Pizzi amended the motion to include the Shriners Circus to be a part of the event. Councilmember Simon accepted the amendment.
The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

B. 67th Ave/ Main Street Pedestrian Safety (Pulido, Pizzi)

Vice Mayor Pulido made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution to be sent to the County Commission, specifically addressed to Commissioner Seijas, requesting that all steps necessary be taken to install safety devices at the Main Street and 67th Avenue intersection. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon. The Mayor amended the motion requesting that the resolution be added to next week's Zoning Meeting agenda. Vice Mayor

Pulido accepted the amendment. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

C. 2009 Legislative Session (Collins)

Councilmember Collins requested that the Town's lobbyist report all proposed legislation that will affect municipalities.

Councilmember Simon suggested that Council prepare a wish list for the lobbyist and that individual meetings be scheduled with the lobbyist. Mayor Pizzi suggested that a Special Call meeting be scheduled due to the time sensitivity of the issue.

D. Club Rendezvous (Perdomo)

Mr. David Summer from the Graham Companies explained that a lot of the people that visit Club Rendezvous are not Town residents. He also spoke about the increase of vehicle burglaries on Fridays between 3:00 am and 4:00 am.

Vice Mayor Pulido made a motion directing the Town Manager to investigate the property relating to the Town code or development order violations, and to take all appropriate action through code enforcement for Council's review at an upcoming public hearing. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

E. Police Patrol in Miami Lakes (Meador)

Councilmember Meador reported on a meeting he had with the Police Captain and the Town Manager regarding the amount of on duty Police Officers within the Town between 3:30 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

F. Miami Lakes University (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion directing the Town Manager to continue working toward a satellite campus with Miami Dade College in a prudent and cautious manner. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

G. Regulation of Hours of Operation (Pulido)

Item was withdrawn by Vice Mayor Pulido.

H. Lecture Series in Conjunction with Various Organizations (Meador)

Councilmember Meador made a motion that staff organize a lecture series to include Dr. Ceaser Palerano in conjunction with the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes to speak about heart disease in women.

Vice Mayor Pulido seconded the motion and all were in favor.

I. Protocol for Telephone Answering and Reception (Lopez)

Councilmember Lopez requested that the Town Manger review and/or create a policy for answering the phones and speaking to the residents at Town Hall.

J. Intersection Safety Project (Pizzi)

David Summer, representing the Graham Companies, spoke about visibility at the Athletic Club crossing.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution requesting that the County place a crosswalk by the health club as a traffic safety device. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

Councilmember Meador made a motion directing staff to prepare resolution to take all necessary steps to work toward a right turn lane at Bull Run and 67th Avenue. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.

K. Earth Day 2009 (Pulido)

Vice Mayor Pulido made a motion that with the facilitation of the Town Manager, an Ad Hoc Task Force be formed to coordinate the Town's Earth Day event. The motion passed being that there was no opposition.

L. F.S. 360 Opposition (Pizzi)

Item was withdrawn by Mayor Pizzi.

M. Policy Making in Town Hall (Simon)

Councilmember Simon requested that the Manager make Councilmembers aware of any policy that impacts the Council.

13. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

1. Appointments:

Tyra Suarez and Margarita Suazo were nominated to the Youth Activities Task Force; Priscilla Perez and Jerome Schneider were nominated to the Elderly Affairs Committee; Paul Ronnie and Manny Cid were nominated to the Economic Development Committee. With no objection from the Council, the nominations were confirmed.

2. Community Public Safety (Pulido)

Item was withdrawn by Vice Mayor Pulido.

3. Status of 87th Avenue (Lopez)

Item was withdrawn by Councilmember Lopez.

4. Hospice Care for Elderly Residents (Pizzi)

The Town Manager will schedule a meeting with Luis Collazo and Vita to coordinate action on this item.

5. Police Canine Unit (Pulido)

Vice Mayor Pulido deferred the item to the April meeting.

6. Status of Annexation (Lopez)

Mayor Pizzi requested that this topic be discussed at a Council Workshop. Councilmember Lopez agreed.

7. School Mentorship Program (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi will prepare a memo and submit to the Council.

8. Status of Breast Health Initiatives (Lopez)

Item was withdrawn by Councilmember Lopez.

9. Traffic Control Center (Meador)

Councilmember Meador reported on an issue on 154th Street, which was communicated with the Miami Dade County Public Works.

B. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Miami Lakes West Fire Rescue Station

Carlos Heredia and Chief Rogers from the Miami Dade County Fire Rescue Department presented the future plans and design of Miami Lakes Fire Station #64.

2. Dog Park

The Town Manager reported that Royal Oaks Park's would warrant further investigation on leash only areas.

3. Crime Watch

Officer Juan Rodriguez presented the Crime Watch report.

4. New Business Memo Form

The Town Manager distributed the New Business Memo form. Councilmember Simon made a motion to amend the Council Rules to add the following language: "Failure to include the memo shall cause the item not to be included in the agenda". Mayor Pizzi seconded the motion.

The Mayor made a motion to extend the meeting for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

5. Status of Annexation

Discussed on item 13.6.A

C. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

14. FUTURE MEETINGS:

March 17, 2009 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6 PM
April 14, 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 11:05 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of Sept, 2010.



Michael Pizzi
Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejeda
Town Clerk