

# TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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## 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**

### **FIRST BUDGET HEARING**

**September 10, 2009**

**5:01 p.m.**

### **Miami Lakes Middle School**

6425 Miami Lakeway North  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Mary Collins, George Lopez, Robert Meador, Nick Perdomo, Nancy Simon, Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and Mayor Michael Pizzi.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Pizzi led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence.
4. **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**
  - A. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES. (Bocanegra)**

The Town Manager read the millage rate and proposed millage rate into the record.

Town Attorney, Richard Weiss, read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon.
  - B. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010. (Bocanegra)**

**Town Attorney, Richard Weiss, read the title of the ordinance. Councilmember Collins made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon.**

**Mayor Pizzi opened the public comments.**

**Clara Lyzniak spoke about the funding for the Main Street Playhouse and Main Street Players.**

**Lynn Matos, Chair of the Youth Activities Task Force, spoke about funding for the Youth Activities Task Force.**

**Mirtha Mendez spoke about the millage rate and budget.**

**Karen Sanders spoke about Committees and the budget.**

**There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pizzi closed the public comments.**

**Mayor Pizzi made a motion to allocate \$65,050.00 from the surplus to the Town Committees. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.**

**Mayor Pizzi made a motion to allocate \$30,000.00 from the reserve fund to the Historical Committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Project and to allocate \$20,000.00 to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to fund 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. The motion received a second from Councilmember Nancy Simon and all were in favor.**

**Vice Mayor Pulido made a motion to reduce line item 102 (Legislative Lobbyist) to \$80,000.00. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to freeze Town employee salaries and to eliminate the COLA and merit increases. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador.**

**Councilmember Simon made a motion to amend the motion to eliminate merit increases and to keep the COLA. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido. Councilmember Simon withdrew the motion.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to close the debate. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador. The motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Simon, Collins, Vice Mayor Pulido and Mayor Pizzi voting in opposition. Councilmembers Meador, Perdomo and Lopez voted in favor.**

**Councilmember Collins made a motion to amend the original motion to eliminate merit increases and to allow for a 3% COLA. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon.**

**Councilmember Meador made a motion to amend the amendment to eliminate merit increases and to allow for a 2% COLA. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo. The motion passed 6-1 with Councilmembers Simon, Meador, Perdomo, Lopez, Vice Mayor Pulido, and Mayor Pizzi voting in favor. Councilmember Collins voted in opposition.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to eliminate the position of Assistant to the Town Manager and to add the position of Town Grant Writer. The Town Grant Writer will be assigned to the Planning and Zoning Department. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Councilmember Perdomo withdrew the motion.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce line item 59 (Council Discretionary Fund) from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce line item 64 (Education and Training) from \$4,000.00 to \$2,000.00. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce line item 94 (Town Manager Car Allowance) to \$3,600.00 per year and to direct staff to have the Town lease a vehicle for \$300.00 per month. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Mayor Pizzi made a motion to defer the motion to the next meeting. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to direct staff to provide a breakdown of line item 100 (Membership, Dues, Publications) and an evaluation and recommendation. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to eliminate \$35,000.00 from line item 101 (Education & Training). The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce line item 201 (Police Equipment) from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Meador. Mayor**

**Pizzi made a motion to defer the motion to the next meeting. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to renegotiate the contract for Valleycrest Maintenance to eliminate the annual performance bonus of up to \$50,000.00, line item 239. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon. The Town Attorney will review for the next meeting.**

**Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to change the date of the Second Budget Hearing from Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> to either Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> or Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Mayor Pizzi called for a recess at 8:10 p.m.  
Mayor Pizzi resumed the meeting at 8:25 p.m.  
The Town Clerk called the roll and all were present.**

**Mayor Pizzi made a motion to change the date of the Second Budget Hearing to September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Collins made a motion to lower the flag to half staff in honor of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.**

**Mayor Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting to 12:00 a.m. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Meador made a motion to eliminate line item 230 (Park's Consultant Support). The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo. The motion was deferred pending determination of the budget for Grant Writing Support.**

**Councilmember Meador made a motion to lower the millage rate to 2.447. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Simon made a motion to add the language "with Council Approval" to section 3 of the Budget Ordinance. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.**

**Councilmember Simon made a motion to increase the salary of the Assistant to the Council to \$47,295.00. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.**

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.

Councilmember Simon made a motion to add \$5,000.00 to the Veteran's Day Parade budget. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the Millage Ordinance as amended on the record. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to move the budget as adopted and amended on the record. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

**5. FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

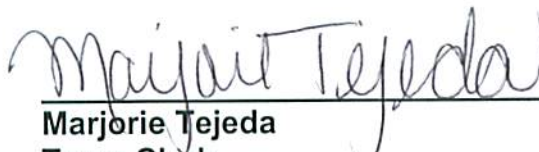
September 18, 2009 Second Budget Hearing, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes 5:01 PM  
October 13, 2009 Regular Council Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes 6:30 PM

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Approved this 13 day of July, 2010.

  
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Michael Pizzi, Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Marjorie Tejeda  
Town Clerk