

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 SECOND BUDGET HEARING September 28, 2009

7:00 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 7:00 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, and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and Councilmember Nancy Simon were absent.

Vice Mayor Pulido arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Councilmember Simon arrived at 7:10 p.m.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Sergeant Guerrero of the American Legion led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.
4. **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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)**
 - 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)**

Mayor Pizzi opened the public comments.

John Collins spoke about funding for care packages for the troops in Iraq and the budget process.

David Bennett spoke in approval of the budget process.

Luis Collazo spoke about the budget for the Elderly Affairs Committee.

Lynn Matos spoke about the budget for the Youth Activities Task Force.

Mirtha Mendez spoke about the budget.

Thomas McGrath spoke about the budget.

Caesar Mestre spoke in approval of the budget process.

Patty Hardee spoke about volunteer opportunities for senior citizens in schools.

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

Town Attorney, Mitch Bierman, announced that the taxing authority is the Town of Miami Lakes, that the proposed millage rate is 2.447 mills, that the roll back rate is 2.667 mills and that the proposed millage rate is lower than the roll back rate.

Vice Mayor Pulido made a motion to add \$25,000.00 to line item 165 (Police Overtime) to increase the \$75,000.00 in discretionary overtime to \$100,000.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to direct staff not to eliminate any positions currently listed in the Police budget. The motion received a second from Councilmember Pulido and all were in favor.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce line item 44 (Printing, Awards) from \$22,000.00 to \$11,000.00. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce line item 149 (Framing Proclamation) to \$2,500.00. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido. Mayor Pizzi proposed a friendly amendment that line item 149 be reduced to \$3,500.00. Councilmember Perdomo accepted the amendment. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

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

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to eliminate the \$30,000.00 expenditure for the Historical Committee book from line item 241 (Special Events). The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Mayor

Pizzi proposed a friendly amendment to reduce the \$30,000 expenditure to \$15,000.00. Councilmember Perdomo declined the amendment. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-3 with Councilmembers Lopez, Collins, Perdomo and Mayor Pizzi voting in favor. Councilmembers Simon, Meador and Vice Mayor Pulido voted in opposition.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to reduce the budget for line item 152 (Legal Advertising) to \$25,000.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Councilmember Perdomo withdrew the motion.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to remove \$10,000.00 from the Senior Games from line item 245 (Elderly Affairs Committee). The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi. The motion passed 6-1 with Councilmembers Meador, Perdomo, Lopez, Collins, Vice Mayor Pulido and Mayor Pizzi voting in favor. Councilmember Simon voted in opposition.

**Mayor Pizzi called for a recess at 9:25 p.m.
Mayor Pizzi resumed the meeting at 9:45 p.m.
The Town Clerk called the roll and all were present.**

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to remove \$74,000.00 for School Site Enhancement/Educational Programs from line item 243 (Education Advisory Board). The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Mayor Pizzi made a motion to amend the motion to reduce funding for the School Site Enhancement/Educational Programs from \$74,000.00 to \$37,000.00. The Education Advisory Board will be required to come before the Council to justify the allocation of the funds. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to eliminate the COLA for this fiscal year. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Councilmember Perdomo withdrew the motion.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to stop maintaining the parks. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lopez. Mayor Pizzi amended the motion to continue maintaining the parks and directing staff to send a bill for the maintenance to Miami Dade County. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo. The motion passed 6-1 with Councilmembers Lopez, Collins, Perdomo, Meador, Vice Mayor Pulido and Mayor Pizzi voting in favor. Councilmember Simon voted in opposition.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion that line item 50 (Council's Life/Health Insurance) be reduced to \$33,000.00. Councilmember Perdomo withdrew the motion.

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion to direct \$50,000.00 of the \$94,000.00 in surplus created by previous motions to the Police overtime budget. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Pulido and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to direct the remaining \$44,000.00 of the \$94,000.00 to create a full time Grant Writer position. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

Councilmember Meador made a motion to budget \$20,000.00 to complete the Parks Master Plan. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. Mayor Pizzi proposed a friendly amendment to the motion to budget \$25,000.00 for a bond counsel and \$25,000.00 for a financial analyst. Councilmember Meador accepted the amendment. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

Councilmember Collins made a correction on line item 241 (Special Events). \$25,000.00 rather than \$20,000.00 is to be budgeted to the 10th Year Anniversary Committee. There was no objection.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to eliminate the position of Procurement/Public Relations and to create a full time Communications Director position with a salary not to exceed \$55,000.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor. Councilmember Perdomo was absent.

Vice Mayor Pulido directed staff to create a public relations policy.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to direct staff to research posting legal advertisements on the Town website to reduce cost. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

Councilmember Simon made a motion to create a full time Deputy Town Clerk position with a salary of \$35,000.00. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi. Councilmember Pulido proposed a friendly amendment to set the salary range for the Deputy Town Clerk between \$35,000.00 and \$45,000.00. Councilmember Simon accepted the amendment. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to budget \$23,400.00 for funding required staff certifications and accreditations. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

The Town Attorney read the title of the millage ordinance into the record. The Town Attorney read into the record that the proposed millage rate is 2.447 mills, that the roll back rate is 2.667 mills and that the proposed millage rate is lower than the roll back rate.

Councilmember Collins made a motion to adopt the millage ordinance. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon and all were in favor.

The Town Attorney read the title of the budget ordinance into the record.

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

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

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 11:30 p.m.

Approved this 13 day of July, 2010.



Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejeda
Town Clerk