

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 May 12, 2009 6:30 PM

Miami Lakes Middle School

6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Michael Pizzi and the Town Council presented a certificate of appreciation to 154th Street Medical Plaza and Barbara Goleman High School for being Gold Sponsors at the Senior Games.

Mayor Pizzi and the Council presented Nancy Pringle with the David Waud MVP Award.

Mayor Pizzi and the Council presented the 2009 Key to the Town Scholarships to Alexander Schneider and Eneida Pinon.

Perla Tabares- Hantman, Miami Dade County Public School Board Member, spoke about the arrival and dismissal time changes pertaining to Miami Lakes K-8 Center.

Mayor Michael Pizzi presented Alexander Schneider and Eneida Pinon, the recipients of the 2009 “Key to the Town of Miami Lakes Scholarship” with certificates of recognition and Keys to the Town.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Michael Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Deputy Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nick Perdomo, Mary Collins, George Lopez, Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmembers Robert Meador and Nancy Simon were absent.
- 3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Michael Pizzi called for a moment of silence. Pastor Ralph Rodriguez gave the invocation.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Michael Pizzi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lynn Matos spoke about the Power Optimist Program.

Elizabeth Travieso spoke about the Barbara Goleman High School Math Competition.

Kevin Morejon spoke about Police Coverage.

Adrienne Chiron spoke about the lakes in Loch Isle.

Pedro Carballo spoke about the start time of Council meetings, and local area children driving ATVs and golf carts.

Julio Garcia spoke about the start time of the Council meetings and the Super Bowl Committee.

David Bennett spoke about Public Record Requests.

David Southwell spoke about the codification of consistent policies, provision of services to gated communities, and bid procedures.

Alex De Soto spoke about the boat registration process and the installation of speed bumps.

Frank Diaz presented a handout to Council and spoke about Rendezvous on the Lakes.

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

Mayor Michael Pizzi pulled item 8D. Councilmember Mary Collins added item 12I supporting Palmetto Bay Resolution No. 09-51. Vice Mayor Richard Pulido requested to co-sponsor item 8F. Councilmember Mary Collins requested that Councilmember George Lopez co-sponsor item 9.

Vice Mayor Richard Pulido made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Beautification Committee

Adrienne Chiron, Chair of the Beautification Committee, gave the report.

B. Elderly Affairs Committee

Luis Collazo, Chair of the Elderly Affairs Committee, gave the report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting April 14, 2009

Approved on consent.

B. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AWARDING ALEXANDER SCHNEIDER AND ENEIDA PINON WITH THE 2009 "KEY TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES SCHOLARSHIP." (Bocanegra) Approved on consent.

C. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ROYAL

RESTROOMS OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC. FOR A PORTABLE RESTROOM AT THE MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK. (Bocanegra)
Approved on consent.

D. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE ORDER WITH PLAYMORE RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES, INC. FOR BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND A SHADE SHELTER FOR MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK. (Bocanegra)

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Mayor Michael Pizzi and all were in favor

Mayor Michael Pizzi made a motion that staff assist with the organization of the June 20th Mayor's Gala. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to adopt the remaining items on the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Councilmember George Lopez and all were in favor.

E. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES TO PROVIDE RESURFACING AND STRIPING IMPROVEMENTS ON COMMERCE WAY. (Bocanegra) Approved on consent.

F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009 AS "MIAMI LAKES FITNESS MONTH." (Pizzi)
Approved on consent.

Mayor Michael Pizzi called a recess at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Michael Pizzi called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejada, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nick Perdomo, Mary Collins, George Lopez, Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

Town Manager Frank Bocanegra introduced Finance Director, Michael Appleton, and Town Commander, Ignacio Alvarez.

9. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-51 PERTAINING TO
PURCHASING PROCEDURES. (Bocanegra)**

Town Attorney, Kathy Mehaffey, read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember George Lopez made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. Deputy Town Clerk Marjorie Tejeda called the roll and the motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Richard Pulido voting in opposition.

10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

11. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING THE RESOLUTION NO. 09-718 ADOPTED BY THE TOWN, AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO BE KNOWN AS “THE SHAYE PATRICK MARTIN SAFETY ACT.” (Collins)

Town Attorney, Kathy Mehaffey, read the title of the resolution. Project Citizen gave a presentation on speeding vehicles.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to amend the resolution to include the Miami Dade County Public School Board to section 4 and adopt the resolution as amended. The motion received a second from Mayor Michael Pizzi and all were in favor.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Parks Pavilion Rental Policy (Pulido)

Vice Mayor Richard Pulido made a motion to discuss the item. There was no second made on this motion.

B. Economic Incentive Programs (Pizzi, Perdomo, Lopez)

Orlando Aguilar, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, gave a presentation on the “Flavors of Miami Lakes.”

Mayor Michael Pizzi made a motion to grant \$7,580.00 to the Economic Development Committee with the provision that the committee must come back before the Council with a detailed budget of the program before allocation of the funds. There was a second by Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

Mayor Michael Pizzi made a motion directing the Town Manager to establish a one-stop shop to streamline the event permitting process. The motion received a second from Councilmember Nick Perdomo and all were in favor

C. Pedestrian Crossing Light (Perdomo)

Councilmember Nick Perdomo made a motion directing the Town Manager to approach Miami Dade County to install crossing lights on NW 157th St. and 82nd Ave and on 154th St. and 79th Ave. There was a second by Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

D. Improve Traffic on 154th Street and 77th Court (Lopez)

Councilmember George Lopez made a motion directing the Town Manager to contact the appropriate parties to conduct a feasibility study on building a bridge from 77th Court to the Palmetto Expressway Southbound. The motion received a second from Councilmember Nick Perdomo and all were in favor.

E. Stimulating the Town's Economy (Pizzi)

Mayor Michael Pizzi made a motion to direct to the Town Manger to release an RFQ for a needs assessment for a Government Center to comply with the Town's strategic plan and must include a cost proposal within the RFQ. Councilmember Mary Collins amended the motion to pursue all available grants to assist with the cost of the Government Center. Mayor Michael Pizzi accepted the amendment and all were in favor.

F. Town Management (Perdomo)

Councilmember Nick Perdomo made a motion to reinstate the full time administrative assistant position for Mayor Michael Pizzi and to expend budget funds. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. Deputy Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda, called the roll and the motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Richard Pulido voting in opposition.

G. Maintain Tax Base by Identifying and Reporting Homestead Exemption Violations (Lopez)

Councilmember George Lopez made a motion to create a system for staff and the Council to identify Homestead Exemption Violations.

Vice Mayor Richard Pulido amended the motion to include a method of identifying out of area students in Miami Lakes Schools to alleviate overcrowding.

There was a second by Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

H. Committee Rules and Protocol (Lopez)

Councilmember George Lopez would like to revisit the Committee Rules and Procedures at a later date now that Councilmembers are participating on Committees.

I. Supporting the Palmetto Bay Resolution No. 09-51 (Collins)

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to support the Palmetto Bay Resolution No. 09-51 and requested that a support letter be sent from the Mayor to the Governor in favor of his vetoing the item. There was a second by Councilmember Nick Perdomo and all were in favor.

13. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

1. Appointments

Mayor Pizzi appointed himself, Luis Collazo, and Kevin Morejon to the Public Safety Committee.

2. Update on Local Business Economic Growth Initiative (Pulido)

Vice Mayor Pulido gave an update on the Local Business Economic Growth Initiative.

3. Update on Evaluation of Town Expenses (Perdomo)

Councilmember Perdomo asked the Town Manger, Frank Bocanegra, to give an update on what is being done to trim our budget.

4. Fight Against Breast Cancer Efforts (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi gave an update on the Breast Cancer Network's Power Walk Event.

5. Update on Club Rendezvous Safety Mechanisms (Perdomo)

Councilmember Perdomo asked the Town Manger, Frank Bocanegra, to give an update on crime occurring at Club Rendezvous.

6. Miami Lakes Adult and Higher Education Efforts (Pizzi) Mayor Pizzi deferred this item to the June Council Meeting.

B. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Children Internet Safety Event

The Town Manager gave an update on the progress of the event planning for this event.

2. Town Updates- Developments/Businesses/Events

The Town Manger reported on new developments in the Town.

3. Crime Statistics

Police Major Ignacio Alvarez gave the report.

4. Gated Communities

The Town Manager gave an update on providing local services to private gated communities.

5. Election Education Plan

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to direct staff to draft a letter on behalf of the Mayor and Town Council regarding Mitigation; to publish the letter in the form of a full page advertisement in the Miami Laker; and to send a single mass mail out to the residents. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Richard Pulido and all were in favor.

6. Health Care Insurance (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi directed staff to prepare a resolution for the June Council Meeting for health insurance for the family members of the Council and to include a legal analysis. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo and all were in favor.

C. ATTORNEY’S REPORTS:

14. FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 19, 2009 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6 PM
June 9, 2009 Regular Council 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 10:00 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:

Marjorie Tejeda
Town Clerk