

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

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

MINUTES SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 2010

6:00 PM

TOWN HALL

15700 N.W. 67th Avenue, Suite 302
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Michael Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Marjorie Tejeda, Town Clerk, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nancy Simon, George Lopez, Mary Collins, Richard Pulido, Vice Mayor Perdomo and Mayor Pizzi. Councilmember Meador was absent.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence.
4. **MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION:** The Mayor introduced the discussion/action items on the agenda.

Councilmember Pulido requested a point of personal privilege. The Mayor denied his request.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

A. New Town Government Center/Town Hall

Dorothy Cook spoke about her preference of the new Town Hall being located in the center of the Town and her preference to own rather than rent.

Ramon Rasco, representing the Capitol Office Center, gave a presentation.

Alberto Aguiar, representing Oak Plaza, spoke about his concern on the location of the new building, finance and lease options, access to the property, hurricane shutters, size, and property values.

Stu Wyllie, representing the Graham Companies, spoke about their property, the restrictive covenant clause and ceiling height options.

Tim Daubert spoke about the process used to choose the building.

Rudy Gonzalez spoke about the decision making process he used to arrive at his Town Hall choice, Capitol Building.

Jose Villalobos, representing the Capitol Office Center, stated for the record that he does not know the previous speaker.

Alex Rey, incoming Town Manager, made a presentation before the Council regarding the purchasing and lease options for a new Town Hall.

The Mayor made a motion directing the Town Manager to purchase and not to lease. The motion received a second from Councilmember Simon. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Meador was absent.

The Mayor made a motion to direct the Town Manager, Alex Rey, with the assistance of the Attorneys, to negotiate a purchase agreement with the Grahams, the Capitol Building and Oaks Plaza before the end of the month of September; and to bring back before the Council a written purchase agreement; and for the Council to refrain from participating in the negotiation process. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all voted in favor. Councilmember Meador was absent.

B. Hiring Freeze

The Mayor made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to hire vacant positions within the current fiscal budget. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Perdomo. The motion passed 5-1 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Simon, Councilmember Collins, Vice Mayor Perdomo, and Mayor Pizzi. Councilmember Pulido voted in opposition. Councilmember Meador was absent.

The Mayor called for a recess at 7:25 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

C. School FCAT Funding

Maria Kramer, Education Advisory Board Chair, spoke in favor of item 6C. Mirtha Mendez spoke in opposition of item 6C.

Interim Town Manager David Ofstein spoke regarding the fiscal year budget in relation to this agenda item.

The Mayor made a motion that 34k be allocated toward FCAT tutoring and that it be taken from the Council's family insurance line item. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. Councilmember Simon amended the motion that this be a one time expenditure. The Mayor accepted the amendment. The motion passed 5-1 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Councilmember Pulido, Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Simon, Councilmember Collins, and Mayor Pizzi. Vice Mayor Perdomo voted in opposition. Councilmember Meador was absent.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting, 16500 NW 87th Avenue, Miami Lakes 6:30 pm

September 16, 2010 First Budget Hearing, 16500 NW 87th Avenue, Miami Lakes 5:01 pm

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Approved this 14 day of Sept., 2010.



Michael Pizzi
Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejeda
Town Clerk