

# TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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## **Town Council**

**Mayor Michael Pizzi**

**Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre**

**Councilmember Mary Collins**

**Councilmember Tim Daubert**

**Councilmember Nelson Hernandez**

**Councilmember Nick Perdomo**

**Councilmember Richard Pulido**

## **Minutes**

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 13, 2012**

**6:30 PM**

### **Royal Oaks Park Community Center**

16500 NW 87 Avenue  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33018

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Michael Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Mary Collins, Nelson Hernandez, Tim Daubert, Nick Perdomo, Richard Pulido, Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre and Mayor Michael Pizzi.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Nelson Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Esperanza "Hope" Reynolds spoke about the Land Development Code, cameras in the park and resigned from the Cultural Affairs Committee,

Paula Hagan spoke in opposition of Mango Martini and night clubs in Miami Lakes.

John Rodriguez spoke in favor of item 9C.

Gigi Bolt, from Commissioner Esteban Bovo's office, announced that funding was secured for the new government center.
6. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Mayor Pizzi pulled items 8B, 8C and 8F. Councilmember Perdomo pulled item 8G. Councilmember Collins pulled item 8H. Councilmember Daubert pulled item 8I. The Town Manager deferred items 8D and 8E to the April 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No Committee Reports.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**A. Minutes for Approval:**

**January 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting**

Passed on consent.

**B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF RENE GONZALEZ (13903 N.W. 67 AVENUE, INC.) TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2007-1019; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to reduce the fines for items 8B and 8F to the administrative cost. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Mestre. The motion failed 2-5 with the following Councilmembers voting in opposition: Tim Daubert, Mary Collins, Nick Perdomo, Richard Pulido, and Nelson Hernandez. Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre and Mayor Michael Pizzi voted in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to reduce the fines for items 8B and 8F to \$2000.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. The motion passed 5-2 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Nick Perdomo, Tim Daubert, Mary Collins, Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmembers Nelson Hernandez and Richard Pulido voted in opposition.

**C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF CARMEN ALVAREZ TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2006-1223; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE**

**ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to reduce the fine to the administrative cost plus the initial fine of \$500.00. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo and all were in favor.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF MAUREEN DIAZ (VICTORY PETROLEUM) ON BEHALF OF ST. GEORGES BANK & TRUST COMPANY (CAYMAN), LTD. TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2011-2310; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Deferred.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF MAUREEN DIAZ (VICTORY PETROLEUM) ON BEHALF OF ST. GEORGES BANK & TRUST COMPANY (CAYMAN), LTD. TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2011-2311; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Deferred.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF RENE GONZALEZ (13903 N.W. 67AVENUE, INC.) TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2010-0160; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Heard with item 8B.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 6.7 OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES, TO REQUIRE WRITTEN MEMORANDA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Collins)**

Councilmember Perdomo made a motion directing the Town Manager and Town Attorney to incorporate the following changes into the Council Rules and that the rules be effective immediately. 1) Councilmembers limit their comments to 3 minutes and 1 minute rebuttal. The Chair will have the

discretion to grant the Councilmember more time to speak if need be. This rule may be waived with a supermajority vote. 2) The Chair will review the agenda before publication and delete any items that are not in compliance with the Council Rules. 3) Once an item has appeared on New Business or Report, it cannot be brought back before the Council for 6 months. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-3 with Councilmembers Tim Daubert, Richard Pulido, and Nelson Hernandez voting in opposition. Councilmember Mary Collins, Nick Perdomo, Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre, and Mayor Michael Pizzi voted in favor.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2011-019, THE FIXED ROUTE AND ON-DEMAND TRANSIT CIRCULATOR SERVICES, TO LIMOUSINES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Councilmember Collins made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo and all were in favor.

- I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2012-07, TREE INVENTORY SERVICES, TO ARBORPRO, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Councilmember Daubert made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

- J. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN AUDITORS MODIFYING DEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEMS IN THE TOWN'S BUDGET FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Passed on Consent.

- K. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT APPLICATION; PROVIDING COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Passed on Consent.

**9. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING)**

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FLORIDA, RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-49 TO PROVIDE NEW QUALIFYING DATES FOR TOWN ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Joseph Geller, Interim Town Attorney, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

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

Councilmember Collins made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo and all were in favor.

- B. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE. (Rey)**

Joseph Geller, Interim Town Attorney, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Pizzi opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak; the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Mestre made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading. The motion received a second from Councilmember Perdomo. The motion passed 6-0 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Nelson Hernandez, Mary Collins, Nick Perdomo, Tim Daubert, Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmember Pulido was absent.

Mayor Pizzi called for a recess at 8:03 p.m.

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll and all were present.

**C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-137; AMENDING THE TOWN'S BUDGET FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Joseph Geller, Interim Town Attorney, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Pizzi opened the public hearing.

Mirtha Mendez spoke about the \$87,000.00 allocated for lighting at the Community Center West.

There being no one else wishing to speak; the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the conditions that \$270,000.00 be restored to the police budget and that \$700,000.00 be allocated to beautification. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Mestre. Councilmember Pulido made a friendly amendment that funds be allocated for the renewal of memberships with the Florida League of Cities, Dade County League of Cities, and that Staff and Council be reimbursed for education and travel costs. Mayor Pizzi accepted the friendly amendment and added the added US Conference of Mayors. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Miami Lakes Efficiencies in Cost Savings (Pizzi) Deferred.**

**B. Public Safety (Mestre)**

Vice Mayor Mestre made a motion directing the Town Manager to research the pricing for the installation of security cameras at the parking areas, entrance and exits of the Town's three large parks and to come back to the Council with a report. Councilmember Collins made a friendly amendment that pricing for installation of cameras near the doors of the restrooms be included in the report. Vice Mayor Mestre accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Flag Protection Act (Collins)**

Councilmember Collins made a motion directing staff to bring back an ordinance creating a provision in the code allowing flags to be placed anywhere in the Town with no size provision. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Town Expenditure Policy (Pulido)**

No action taken by the Council.

**E. Public Safety Improvements (Pizzi)**

Discussed with item 9C.

**F. Beautification Enhancements (Mestre)**

Vice Mayor Mestre made a motion directing staff to begin working and enhancing a Town-Wide Beautification Master Plan to include the timeline and allocation plan and to present a report to the Council. Councilmember Collins amended the motion to include xeriscaping. Vice Mayor Mestre accepted the amendment and added to his motion that the entrances on 57<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup>, and Opa-Locka airport be included. Mayor Pizzi amended the motion to include the input of the Beautification Advisory Committee. The Mayor called for the cote and all were in favor.

**G. Town Beautification (Pulido)**

No action taken by the Council.

**H. Youth and Summer Programs (Pizzi)**

Mayor Pizzi made a motion directing staff to put out an RFQ for Youth and Summer Programs and that staff come back to the Council with a recommendation. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

**I. Enhanced Economic Development (Mestre)**

Vice Mayor Mestre made a motion to allow businesses on the corridor of the Palmetto Expressway to put new box letter signs, decorative banners on entrances and exits as long as they are not visible from residential areas, and to increase the height of the signs to forty feet. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collins and all were in favor.

**J. Community Doggie Exercise Parks (Pulido)**

Councilmember Pulido made a motion directing the Town Manager and Parks Department to explore the option of a dog park and come back to the Council with a report. The Mayor seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**11. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**1. Appointments**

No action taken by the Council.

**2. Town Attorney (Pulido)**

Mayor Pizzi nominated Joseph Geller for the position of Town Attorney.

Mayor Pizzi made motion directing the Town Manager to negotiate a one year agreement and to come back to the Council with the terms and fees. The motion received a second from Councilmember Collins. The motion passed 4-3 with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Mary Collins, Nick Perdomo, Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmembers Tim Daubert, Richard Pulido and Nelson Hernandez voted in opposition.

**3. Town Charter (Pulido)**

Councilmember Pulido spoke about Council directing staff members.

**B. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**4. Downtown/ Lake Patricia "FEMA" Report (Rey)**

The Town Manager gave the report.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Approved this 10 day of July, 2012.

  
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Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk