

# **TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA**

## **MINUTES**

### **Regular Council Meeting**

**December 11, 2012**

**6:30 PM**

**Royal Oaks Park Community Center**

**16500 NW 87th Avenue**

**Miami Lakes, Florida 33018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Michael Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nelson Rodriguez, Tim Daubert, Tony Lama, Nelson Hernandez, Manny Cid, Vice Mayor Ceasar Mestre and Mayor Michael Pizzi.

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Hope Reynolds and Alex Arriano led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Gina Inguanzo, Assistant to the Council and Deputy Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Hope Reynolds spoke in opposition of the fees of rental facilities, thanked the Town Clerk and the Town Manager. Mrs. Reynolds also spoke about the criteria for staff incentives, the opening of 87th Avenue, live broadcasting of Council Meetings, Miami Lakes having its own zip code and changing the date of the January Council meeting.

Cyndi Byer spoke about the election, signs, cars parked on the swale and about a boat being docked in the Biscayne Canal.

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

Mayor Pizzi pulled item 8(C). Vice Mayor Mestre and Councilman Rodriguez pulled item 8(I). Councilman Daubert pulled item 8(H).

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Councilman Hernandez and all were in favor.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No Committee Reports.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes for Approval: September 11, 2012 First Budget Meeting, September 11, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, September 19, 2012 Second Budget Meeting, September 20, 2012 Second Budget Meeting, September 25, 2012 Second Budget Meeting, October 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting and November 27, 2012 Regular Council Meeting.

Passed on consent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; DENYING THE REQUEST OF CYRIL NZERUE AND IHOUMA NZERUE TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2012-1589; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on consent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM MARK F. CIRELLI TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINES FOR CASE NO. C2012-0077; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

The Town Manager presented the item. Homeowner, Mark Cirelli, spoke in favor of staff's recommendation. Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the resolution in accordance with staff's recommendations. The motion received a second from Councilman Hernandez and all were in favor.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF JULIO GIL, OWNER OF JA REPAIR SERVICE, INC., TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2012-0947; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on consent.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM RAMIREZ & ORETGA, P.A. ON BEHALF OF RED ROCK SECURITIES, LLC, TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINES FOR CASE NO. C2012-0409; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on consent.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF ABELARDO SARDINAS TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2006-0140; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on consent.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO FPL FOR ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6601 MAIN STREET, WHICH WILL PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND TRANSFORMER FEEDING FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT OF EASEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT OF EASEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on consent.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING A CONSENSUS FOR NAMING, RE-NAMING OR CO-DESIGNATING STREETS AND STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR VOTING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pizzi)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to change the wording of the Resolution from "Councilmembers present" to "Council as a whole only on a regular council meeting". Mayor Pizzi instructed staff to check the criteria used by other cities on how to name buildings within their town. The motion received a second from Councilman Cid and all were in favor.

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

Nina Navarini thanked Mayor Pizzi and Councilman Lama for the Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting.

Andy Rodriguez spoke about the traffic on 87th Avenue.

- I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the resolution and stated that the Neighborhood Improvement Committee will tackle beautification issues in accordance with the Town's Beautification Master Plan, improve the entrance monuments and not have exclusivity of duties. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama and all were in favor.

9. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SIGN CODE, OF CHAPTER 13, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, OF THE TOWN'S CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 13-1902, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 13-1903, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SIGNS, AND SECTION 13-1904, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS; TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR BANNERS AND TEMPORARY SIGNS; CHANGING REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR BOX SIGNS; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR PROMOTIONAL EVENTS; PROVIDE FOR OPTING OUT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE RELATING TO HEIGHT OF POINT OF SALE SIGNS IN PROTECTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Mestre)

Joseph Geller, 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 was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Staff was instructed to do research on LED sign criteria for inclusion in the Town's Code.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Miami Dade County's Annexation and Incorporation Policy (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion directing the Town Manager to prepare a comprehensive report with the pros and cons of the annexation of all the surrounding areas, including Palm Springs North. Mayor Pizzi requested this report to be brought back to the Council within 90 days. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mestre and all were in favor.

- B. Town Beautification Enhancements of Entrance Monuments (Mestre)

Vice Mayor Mestre made a motion to turn off the water fountain in the entrance monument and to repaint the fountain. Mayor Pizzi made a friendly amendment to have the Neighborhood Improvement Committee meet and discuss the beautification of the entrance features and Vice Mayor Mestre accepted the amendment. Councilman Hernandez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Construction on 87th Avenue (Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion asking the Mayor to contact the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent and to ask him to lower the number of students at Mater Lakes Academy Charter School, from 300 to 150, during the construction of 87th Avenue. Mayor Pizzi seconded this motion. Mayor Pizzi stated that he wants to meet in January with the Superintendent of Schools, School Board Member and Principal, in order to discuss this matter further and bring a report to the Council. Councilman Rodriguez agreed with Mayor Pizzi and withdrew the motion.

D. Live Broadcast of Public Meetings (Cid)

Councilman Cid made a motion to have the item on "Live Broadcast of Public Meetings" added to the January Budget Amendments. Mayor Pizzi seconded the motion with comments and all were in favor.

E. Street Lighting on 77th Court (Daubert)

Councilman Daubert made a motion to contact the U.S. Postal Service and explain the lack of light in NW 77th Court from 155th Street to NW 165th. Mayor Pizzi offered to write a letter to Miami-Dade County on behalf of the residents of the Town of Miami Lakes and request the installation of street lights, to enhance public safety and security. The Mayor agreed to send the letter with the consensus from the Council. No action was taken by the Council.

F. January Council Meeting Date (Mestre)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to move the date of the Regular Town Council Meeting to January 22, 2013, as allowed by the Town Charter. This motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mestre and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi called for a short recess at 8:30 p.m.

G. Miami Lakes Branding: Zip Code (Cid)

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Marjorie Tejeda, Town Clerk, called the roll and all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor Pizzi opened up the Public Comments.

Alex Arriano spoke in favor of the Zip Code Boundary Review and any other future annexations.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Pizzi closed the Public Comments.

Councilman Cid made a motion to request for a Zip Code boundary review to the U.S. Postal Service. Mayor Pizzi offered to write the letter on behalf of the residents of the Town of Miami Lakes and request the U.S. Post Office to recognize the Town of Miami Lakes with its own zip code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez and all were in favor.

#### H. Hometown Businesses and Town Website (Daubert)

Councilman Daubert asked the Town Manager to consider the possibility of allowing businesses that are currently owned by Miami Lakes residents to be included in the Town's website. Mayor Pizzi stated that this item should be considered three months after the new Town Website is operating and in effect.

#### I. Miami Lakes E-Library System (Cid)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion directing staff to work on a proposal with Councilman Cid, regarding the cost and potential location of the creation of the Miami Lakes E-Library system, and to bring back the results to the Council no later than February 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cid and all were in favor.

### 11. REPORTS:

#### A. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

##### 1. Appointments

The Mayor appointed Councilman Nelson Hernandez to the Economic Development Committee.

The Mayor appointed Bobby Costa, Alike Crespo, Cynthia Byer and Jose Fabregas to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee.

The Mayor appointed Karina Batista and Edrik Valdez to the Education Advisory Committee.

The Mayor appointed Allison Llerena and Raul Alvarez to the Cultural Affairs Committee.

The Mayor appointed Joseph Sosa to the Youth Affairs Task Force Committee.

The Mayor appointed Marisela Jimenez to the Elderly Affairs Committee.

The Mayor appointed Manny Sarria to the Veterans Committee.

The Mayor removed Claudia Luces and Janine Perdomo from the Education Advisory Board.

The Mayor removed Mirtha Mendez from the Elderly Affairs Committee.

Councilman Rodriguez appointed Fred Senra to the Planning & Zoning Board and replaced Thomas McGrath.

Councilman Lama appointed Avelino Leonzio to the Planning & Zoning Board and replaced Carol Wyllie.

All were in favor.

## 2. Intergovernmental Relations (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi stated that the Town of Miami Lakes is cooperating with the Beacon Council in helping them find a proper location for the Aviation Training School, so that students are able to repair planes and acquire proper training.

Mayor Pizzi stated that he has already spoken to the Town Manager and the Mayor of the County regarding the possibility of an interlocal agreement between the Town and other counties and/or municipalities that currently provide retail services to residents, as requested by Councilman Hernandez on the November 27th Council Meeting.

Mayor Pizzi also stated that the Miami-Dade County will begin construction on 154th.

### B. MANAGER'S REPORT:

#### 1. Duck Awareness and Protection

The Town Manager gave a report on the duck population found in Miami Lakes and provided a strategy to protect the lives of these ducks, while identifying the cost of its implementation. The report also provided samples of proposed signage to create awareness and educate residents about the harmful effects of feeding the ducks.

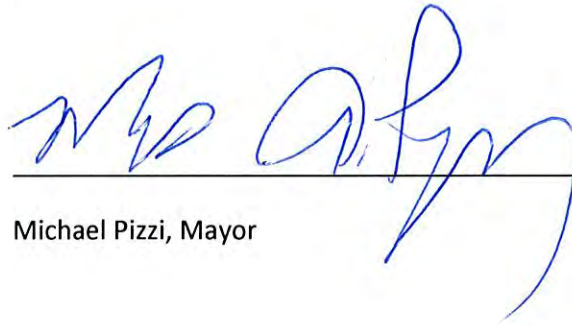
#### 2. Strategic Planning Retreat

Mayor Pizzi stated that a Strategic Planning Retreat should be scheduled for the Council in January or February 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Approved this 8 day of March, 2013.



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Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo", written over a horizontal line.

Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo, Town Clerk