

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

**MINUTES
Budget Hearing
September 24 2013
5:30 PM**

Government Center
6601 Main Street Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mestre called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mestre asked Mirtha Mendez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Mestre called for a moment of silence and asked that former Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

All comments or questions from the attending public to the Council shall be directed to the Mayor, in a courteous tone. No person other than the Council and the person recognized by the Mayor as having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into discussion without the permission of the Mayor. To ensure the orderly conduct and efficiency of the meeting, public comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes maximum per person; however, the Mayor may authorize the extension of the aforesaid time frame, and any extension shall apply to other individuals speaking on the same subject.

No clapping, applauding, heckling, verbal outburst in support of, or in opposition to a speaker or his/her remarks shall be permitted. Should a member of the audience become unruly, or behave in any manner that disrupts the orderly and efficient conduct of the meeting, the Mayor is given the right and the authority to require such person to leave the Council Chambers.

As a courtesy to others, all electronic devices must be set to silent mode to avoid disruption of the proceedings.

6. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

The Town Clerk read the title of both ordinances for the record.

The Town Manager stated the following for the record: The proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 millage rate is 2.3518. The rate is the same rate as the fiscal year 2012-2013 rate. The taxable value is two billion five hundred ten million three hundred eighty one thousand six hundred sixty seven. The proposed millage rate will generate 5.733694 in ad valorem revenue budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3518 is 4.72% above the roll back rate of 2.2458.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for both ordinances.

Claudia Luces requested that additional funds be allocated to the Education Advisory Board for FCAT tutoring.

Alex Arriano spoke about the name of the Miami Lakes Town Foundation, Lakes Living Newsletter, and matching grant program.

Mirtha Mendez requested that Budget Hearings be held at a later time to stimulate more public participation.

Rosario Wilson spoke in favor of more funding for FCAT tutoring.

Esperanza Reynolds spoke in opposition to receiving campaign materials.

Star Rodriguez requested that additional funds be allocated to the Education Advisory Board for FCAT tutoring.

Yessenia Ruano spoke in favor of more funding for FCAT tutoring.

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

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, PURSUANT TO

SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Councilman Daubert made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the 2013-2014 millage rate on second reading. The motion received a second from Councilman Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0 with all Councilmembers voting in favor.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Councilmember made a motion to approve the budget ordinance. The motion received a second from Councilmember Cid.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to amend the Education Advisory Board's budget to find additional funds for FCAT tutoring. Councilmember Daubert amended the motion that \$4,000 be allocated to the Education Advisory Board for FCAT tutoring for the 2 elementary schools and \$2,600 to the Economic Development Committee for a job hiring program. The funds would come from health savings. Councilmember Rodriguez accepted the amendment. Vice Mayor Cid seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lama made a motion directing the Town Manager to renegotiate the current litigation contract. Mayor Mestre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Councilmember Daubert made a motion to adopt the budget ordinance as amended. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0 with all Councilmembers voting in favor.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved this 12 day of November, 2013.

Wayne Slaton
Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:
Marjorie Tejada
Marjorie Tejada- Castillo, Town Clerk