# **TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES**

### **MINUTES**

Special Call Meeting
October 30, 2013
4:45 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street Miami Lakes, FL 33014

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

The Deputy Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Frank Mingo, Tony Lama, Nelson Rodriguez, Tim Daubert, Ceasar Mestre, Vice Mayor Manny Cid and Mayor Wayne Slaton.

# 3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Slaton called for a moment of silence.

## 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Slaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hope Esperanza Reynolds spoke about performance based budgeting in contracts.

Maria Kramer spoke in opposition of item 6A and asked the Town Council to wait a reasonable time before replacement of the Town Attorney.

Joshua Dieguez spoke in regards to item 6A and stated that maybe it would be better for the contract to exist to its full term.

# 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

A. Replacement of Town Attorney (Slaton)

Mayor Slaton made a motion to remove both, the Town Attorney and the litigation counsel. That is, a motion to remove Joseph S. Geller from Greenspoon Marder, P.A as the Town Attorney and to remove the Law Firm of Genovese, Joblove and Battista, P.A. as the litigation counsel. The Motion received a second from Councilman Daubert. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-1. Councilman Lama voted in opposition.

Mayor Slaton requested a short recess at 5:55 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll and all were present.

The Mayor made a motion to hire the Law Firm of Raul Gastesi, P.A. to serve as the Town Attorneys and for litigation services, for \$12,500.00 per month. Vice Mayor Cid asked to be recused. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-1.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6: 43 p.m.

Approved this day of Jonuary, 2014.

Wayne Slaton, Mayor

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Attest:

Marjorie Tejeda- Castillo, Town Clerk