

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

December 10, 2013

6:30 PM

Government Center

6601 Main Street

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The Mayor asked Pastor Mark Rodriguez from Calvary Fellowship Church to give the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Slaton and the colors were presented by JROTC Group CW3 from Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hope Reynolds commented on various issues and posed questions related to the Town's administration.

Alex Ariano spoke about his concern with independent citizen surveys and mentioned other issues dealing with community policing and Town Charter amendments.

Janice Schneider spoke about her Town committee appointment experience and suggested recognition of current and previous town volunteers.

Kevin Morejon commented on various issues of concern to residents with emphasis on the improvement of external communication mechanisms that could be used in the Town.

Miriam Duman asked about the expected opening of Mary Collins Community Center. She also commented on letters that went out to Town Committee members.

Alan Rigerman made an announcement about a community event taking place on Saturday, December 14, 2013. He then spoke about pedestrian safety and speeding concerns in various establishments in the town.

Juan Valiente spoke about speeding concerns around his neighborhood and made reference to an issue that he is currently working with the Town to resolve.

Hope Reynolds spoke about Item 12C.

Paula Marc Hagan commented on Item 10.

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

Town Manager, Alex Rey asked to include a verbal report on the Sabbah Center under the Manager's Report.
All were in favor of the agenda as amended.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No committee reports.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mestre and all were in favor.

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE WORK ORDER ENTITLED LAKE SARAH, LAKE ADELE, LAKE SUZIE, AND LAKE HILDA STORMWATER AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS UNDER EXISTING CONTRACT FOR MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$128,658 TO CHEN MOORE & ASSOCIATES; 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)

Passed on Consent.

9. ORDINANCES-FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, SECTION 13-444; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Deputy Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, read the title of the ordinance into record. Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid. The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance passed 6-1 with Mayor Slaton voting in opposition.

10. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 13-203, PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 13-310, APPEALS, AMENDING ARTICLE XI, SECTION 13-2102, APPLICATION FEES FOR PLANNING AND ZONING APPROVALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Cid)**

Deputy Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

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

Brandon Schaad, Town Planner, made a presentation and answered questions posed by the Council.

Councilman Lama made a motion to defer this item to the January 14, 2014 Council Meeting. Vice Mayor Cid seconded the motion. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion to defer passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-304 AND SECTION 13-445 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A SITE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE ADDITION OF ENCLOSED AIR CONDITIONED SPACE TO AN EXISTING TOWNHOUSE UNIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6488 MIAMI LAKES DRIVE, MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, FOLIO NUMBER 32-2024-014-0360, IN THE RU-TH**

**TOWNHOUSE ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FINDINGS;
PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS;
PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR
APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

The Deputy Town Clerk read the title of the resolution into the record.

The Deputy Town Clerk swore in anyone wishing to speak.

Town Planner, Brandon Schaad, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Council.

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

Councilman Daubert made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cid. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed unanimously.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Exploring Art in the Parks (Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to have the Cultural Affairs Committee further explore this issue and secure input from artists as well as to gather recommendations on this concept. Councilman Mestre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

B. Charter Amendment (Mingo)

Councilman Mingo provided details on this issue as it pertains to placing annexation requests on the November 2014 ballot. Councilman Mestre requested to be considered a co-sponsor of this measure. Councilman Mingo made a motion directing staff to bring back a resolution at the next council meeting. Councilman Mestre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Vox Populi III: The Fire Rises (Cid)

Vice-Mayor Cid made a motion to direct staff to provide recommendations on utilizing technology to facilitate remote participation at council meetings as well as to prepare criteria for participation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Daubert and all were in favor.

D. Committee Appointments -Charter Change (Lama)

Councilman Lama spoke about proposed changes to the Town Committee appointment process. The Mayor recommended that this topic be deferred

and further discussed in a workshop setting. Councilman Lama made a motion to direct staff to coordinate a workshop. The motion was seconded by Daubert and all were in favor.

E. Miami Lakes Library (Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion directing staff to work with Miami-Dade Library to expand current Wi-Fi reach and also to look into the cost of some outdoor tables/seating that residents could use to enjoy the Wi-Fi outside of the building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lama. Vice-Mayor Cid made an amendment to the motion to explore additional support for the Miami Lakes Library. The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

F. The People's Budget (Cid)

Vice-Mayor Cid made a motion directing the Town Manager to further explore the use of a different budgetary method known as The People's Budget. Councilman Rodriguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

G. Pocket Park after hours usage -Lighting (Lama)

Councilman Lama made a motion to direct staff to explore the issues that are taking place at the parks after hours and to see if residents around specific parks would be interested in additional lighting. The Council took no further action on this item.

H. P-Card Rebates (Lama)

Councilman Lama made a motion to direct the Town Manager and staff to research the use of P-cards by consulting with other municipalities that are currently using this mechanism to make payments and purchases. The Council took no further action on this item.

13. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

1. Appointments

The Mayor appointed the following individuals to Town Committees: Nelson Gonzalez to the Elderly Affairs Committee, Carlos Jose Andres to the Par 3 Committee, Janice Schneider to the Cultural Affairs Committee, Marilyn Ruano to the Education Advisory Board, and Paul Marino to the Economic Development Committee. Councilmember Lama made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

2. Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference (Cid)

Vice Mayor Cid reported on his trip to the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference. Councilman Mingo also participated in the conference.

3. Transparency in Government: Miami Lakes TV (Cid)

Vice-Mayor Cid reported that Miami-Dade County has agreed to begin airing the Town's Regular Council Meetings (Channel 76-MDTV). The meeting broadcast may start as early as January 2014.

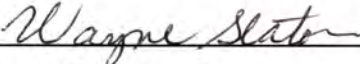
14. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager reported on the Town's agreement with the Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness and Creativity and the research they are currently conducting for the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of March, 2014.



Wayne Slaton
Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo
Town Clerk