

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA
MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
January 14, 2014
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Chris Ogali, Pastor from the Redeemed Christian Church of God, led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Boy Scout Troop 529 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

On behalf of the Public Safety Committee, Roberto Alonso spoke about collaborating with the Council to implement a license plate recognition software.

Juan Valiente expressed the need for stronger leadership and communication as well as requested staff to inform him of Town protocol with respect to acquiring signatures from residents.

Luis Rodriguez spoke about collaborating with the Town to address zip code process.

Mirtha Mendez requested the deferment of Item 10B as per Council Meeting and Agenda procedures. She also discussed Town Charter changes and, therefore, recommended implementing a Charter Review Committee before 2015. Mirtha, furthermore, expressed her opposition in reference to street name changes; however, she spoke in favor of the Beautification Master Plan as well as the need to implement improved lighting on 87th Ave.

Nelson Suarez discussed a previously unresolved code compliance matter, Item 8C, that is currently affecting his ability to refinance his property. He asked the Council to review the case.

Kernerma Suarez discussed Item 8C, thereby requesting an additional code compliance fine reduction.

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

Vice Mayor Cid pulled item 8G, Councilman Lama pulled Item 8C, Councilman Daubert pulled 8F, and Councilman Mingo pulled 8J. Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to adopt the New Order of Business. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama and all were in favor.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Neighborhood Improvement Committee

Luis Collazo, Chairman of the Elderly Affairs Committee, presented his semi-annual committee report, thereby advocating for long-term care for seniors, senior services as well as events, such as Senior Day with the Florida Marlins.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Passed on Consent

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM ALEXANDER B. SANCHEZ TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2012-2032; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; 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 NELSON SUAREZ AND KENERMA SUAREZ TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED

CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2005-1253; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Councilman Lama made a motion to implement the One-day Plus Cost policy, thereby reducing the resident's fine to \$831.00. He, furthermore, made a motion to discuss policy uniformity at the next Council Meeting. Councilman Mestre recused himself from the item.

The above-mentioned motion was amended by Councilman Lama, thereby requesting that the uniformity policy be discussed at the next workshop. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0. Councilman.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM MICHEL L. WASSOUF AND ZARIFEH WASSOUF TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2011-1274; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; 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 JESUS A. VARGAS TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINES FOR CASE NO. C2012-0617, C2011-2183 AND C2009-0966; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on Consent

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ITB 2014-02, STREET SWEEPING SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 FOR TWO YEARS WITH THREE (3) ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO RENEW TO SFM SERVICES, 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)

Councilman Daubert made a motion to deny SFM Services, Inc. the street sweeping services contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed to pass 1-6 with Councilman Daubert voting in favor.

Councilman Mestre made a motion to approve the item. The motion received a second from Councilman Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-1. Councilman Daubert voted in opposition.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE AWARD OF AN AGREEMENT FOR RFP 2014-28, STATE LOBBYING SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR THREE YEARS WITH TWO (2) ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO RENEW TO SOUTHERN STRATEGY GROUP.; 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)

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mestre and all were in favor.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING A DEBRIS LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAHAM COMPANIES FOR DEBRIS STORAGE ON ITS PROPERTY; APPROVING THE DEBRIS LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GRAHAM COMPANIES AND THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEBRIS LICENSE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DEBRIS LICENSE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on Consent

- I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE ACCOUNT FOR THE NW 154TH STREET ROADWAY & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT NO. 2013-39, NOT TO EXCEED \$308,367.96; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN

MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS TO UTILIZE THE CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Passed on Consent

- J. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Mingo, Mestre)

Councilman Mingo made a motion to amend the ballot question on Section 4 and 6 from “ratified” to “approved”. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

Mayor Slaton made a motion to amend the ballot question on Section 4 and 6 from “electors” to “voters”. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

The first motion was amended by Councilman Mingo to thereby replace the original verbiage from “ratified” to “approved” in the Charter Amendment as well as the ballot question in Section 4 and 6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lama and The Town Clerk called the roll. All were in favor.

9. ORDINANCES –FIRST READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 13-1801, OFF-STREET PARKING; ADDING SECTION 13-1802, PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PARKING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey, Mestre)

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo, read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Mestre made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cid. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-161; AMENDING THE TOWN'S BUDGET FOR THE 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo, read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Daubert made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mestre. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

- 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)**

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo, read the title of the ordinance.

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing and subsequently closed the public hearing as no one wished to speak.

Councilman Daubert made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on Second Reading. The motion received a second from Councilman Rodriguez.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to defer the ordinance on second reading for further discussion. The motion received a second from Councilman Mestre. The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance was deferred unanimously.

- B. 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)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Lama made a motion to defer the ordinance on second reading to March 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid. The Town Clerk called the role and the ordinance was deferred unanimously.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA ADOPTING TOWN-WIDE BEAUTIFICATION MASTER PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO BEGIN THE SELECTION PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE ISSUANCE OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, FOR ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey, Mestre)

Tony Lopez, Director of Community and Leisure Services, presented the item and recommended that we postpone modifications to the current canopy on the side of the powerline, presently located on Ludlam Road, until a more permanent and refined solution is developed. Town Manager, Alex Rey, reiterated the same notion.

Councilman Lama, Councilman Daubert, Councilman Rodriguez and Mayor Slaton respectfully requested to co-sponsor the initiative.

Councilman Mestre made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Councilman Lama. All were in favor.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Deed Restrictions and Covenants (Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion directing staff to continue updating the Town's website with online copies of deed restrictions and covenants as well as an online feature that helps residents identify these communities within the Town. The motion was seconded by Mayor Slaton and the motion passed 6-0. Councilman Lama was absent.

- B. Public Safety (Mestre)

Councilman Mestre made a motion directing staff to investigate the Automated License Plate Recognition Software and to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of this

initiative on the Town. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama and the motion passed 5-2. Councilman Mingo and Vice Mayor Cid were in opposition.

C. Miami Lakes Zip Code (Cid)

David Bennett spoke in favor of this initiative. Vice Mayor Cid made a motion directing staff to research several alternatives that would facilitate the acquirement of a zip code exclusively for the Town of Miami Lakes and to report back in March. The motion received a second from Councilman Daubert and all were in favor.

D. FSU Champions Day (Lama) *Requires waiver of Section 7.2 of the Council Meeting Rules and Procedures

Councilman Lama made a motion to designate January 6th as FSU Champions Day. The motion was seconded by Mayor Slaton and Councilman Daubert made a motion to Waive the Rule as Councilman Lama submitted his New Business Item passed the deadline. The motion to waive the rule received a second from Councilman Lama and all were in favor of both items.

E. Co-Designating NW 87th Avenue (Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to co-designate 87th Avenue to Royal Lakes Boulevard and to present a resolution in February requesting the County to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

F. Beautification 57th Avenue (Mestre)

Councilman Mestre made a motion directing staff to negotiate an agreement with the State of Florida that would permit the Town to undertake the maintenance of the median from 169th street to 138th street on 57th avenue as well as apply funds from the State toward maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez and all were in favor.

G. Election of Vice Mayor (Cid)

Vice Mayor Cid deferred this item and will be in discussion with the 2015 Charter Review Committee.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

A. Appointments

The Mayor nominated the following residents:

Star Rodriguez to the Education Advisory Board.
Jesus Palacios to the Par Three Committee.

Marcelo Merlo to the Par Three Committee.


Councilman Mestre nominated Homero Cruz to the Planning and Zoning Board.

The Mayor appointed all of the nominees. Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to accept the appointments and the motion received a second from Councilman Rodriguez. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

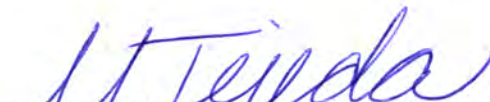
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of May 2014.



Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk