

# **TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA**

## **MINUTES**

**Budget Hearing**

**September 23, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

**Government Center**

**6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo, 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:**

Mayor Slaton called for a moment of silence.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Slaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lynn Matos thanked the Council, Town Manager, and the staff for supporting the children in the community. She requested that the allocated funds for the postponed *Miami Lakes ROCKS!* event be retained and moved to the requested Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Paula Hagen spoke in reference to the Education Advisory Board's (EAB) decision to offer two Advanced Placement (AP) courses for college credit. She, furthermore, recommended that the Town join Miami-Dade County in a Municipal Compact, thus working together on the goals and contributing to each other's progress. The EAB is currently negotiating an agreement with Miami-Dade County to establish a Municipal Compact and, therefore, advocated for carryover funds for the AP program.

Josh Dieguez conveyed his views concerning fiscal conservatism, thereby highlighting the juxtaposition of the former mayor's fiscal principles and the current administration. He voiced his opposition to recent emails and viewpoints expressed by the former mayor to the press.

Alec Anderez advocated for the Council's support concerning the allocation of funds for the YATF and Cultural Affairs Committee (CAC). He invited the Council and residents to attend Game Night this Friday at the Mary Collins Community Center.

Luis Collazo, chairman of the Elderly Affairs Committee (EAC), thanked the Council for approving the committee's budget.

## 6. **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the Ordinance for Second Reading, item 6A.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, stated the following: the proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 millage rate is 2.3518. The rate is the same as the fiscal year 2013-2014 rate. The taxable value is two billion, five hundred seventy four million nine hundred sixty thousand, one hundred twenty four dollars. The proposed millage rate will generate five million, seven hundred fifty four thousand, and two dollars in ad valorem revenue budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3518 is 5.66% above the roll back rate of 2. 258. Due to the impact on the police budget from union concessions (granted by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners) and significant reductions in FP&L franchise fees, the millage rate is higher than the rollback rate.

Mayor Slaton opened the public hearing for both Ordinances.

Neil Robinson, chairman of the CAC, thanked the Council, staff, and volunteers for helping the committee actualize the proposed events throughout this fiscal year. Mr. Robinson also asked the Council to consider, *Art in the Park*, in the CAC's proposed budget, which fosters sculptures of cows in various parks. Last year's budget was \$33,900 and he, therefore, requested an increase in the budget to fund new events.

Claudia Luces spoke in favor of the EAB's Advanced Placement program.

As no one else wished to speak, Mayor Slaton closed the public hearing.

The Town Manager, Alex Rey, presented the items.

Councilman Mestre made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on Second reading, item 6A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez. The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejada-Castillo, called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15; 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)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the Ordinance for Second Reading, item 6B.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to amend item 6B, thus transferring funds (\$65,000) from the transit contingency line item to the traffic study line item, which currently has \$65,000, for a total of \$130,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Daubert.

Vice Mayor Cid withdrew his motion.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to amend item 6B, thereby allocating \$38,400 for the committees from carryover funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Daubert made a motion to adopt item 6B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mestre. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to amend item 6B, thereby reducing two line items due to shortage of revenue concerning Town Marketing (-\$29,000) and Black Olive Removal (-\$21,000) initiatives. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mingo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

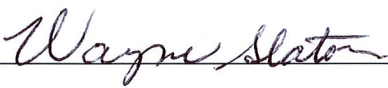
Councilman Lama made a motion to amend item 6B, thus reducing travel budget by half and reviewing investments concerning Florida League of Cities, Chamber of Commerce, and trips to Dade Days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mingo.

Councilman Lama withdrew his motion and requested that the Town Manager adhere to the status quo of \$1,500 allocated for each Councilmember's travel.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.



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Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:



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Marjorie Tejeda-Castillo, Town Clerk