

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
February 2, 2016
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Bovo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

The Mayor and Council presented Miriam Duman, with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her services to the Adult Education programs in Hialeah Miami Lakes and for enhancing the quality of seniors in the Miami Lakes.

The Mayor and Council presented the Town of Miami Lakes Canasta Club, with a certificate of recognition for providing and life enhancing activities to the Town of Miami Lakes and the quality of life of seniors in the Town of Miami Lakes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Commissioner Esteban Bovo, District 13, spoke about the Sunshine meeting that he had with Commissioner Diaz, Town Manager Alex Rey, representatives from FDOT, Transit Authority, Hialeah Mayor and some developers, among others. Commissioner Bovo spoke about the development of the east side of I-75, the Mega Mall, the Hialeah developments that will be going up to 170th Street and he explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the parties to fully understand what is coming to the area and to identify the long term plans transit has and the ability to facilitate for people to move in the area.

Gloria Garcia Chair of the Miami Lakes Relay for Life, extended an invitation to the Mayor and Town Council and to residents and to support the Relay for Life event that is scheduled to take place on April 2, 2016.

Former Mayor Wayne Slaton came before the Town Council and congratulated the Charter Revision Commissioners for their great job and spoke in opposition of doing away with the election of the Mayor position.

Abel Fernandez came before the Town Council to support Item 13A and expressed his concerns about traffic congestion. He stated that the Town needs to take measures to keep 170th closed and he spoke in opposition of doing away with the election of the Mayor position.

Jeffrey Shildeler came before the Town Council to speak in support of immediate actions regarding traffic measures and in support of complete streets in the town.

Jan Schneider came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of doing away with the election of the Mayor position and she passed her speaking minutes to Ms. Hope Reynolds.

Esperanza Hope Reynolds and Alex Ariano came before the Town Council to speak about the Charter Revision Commission and Item 14A. They spoke in support of providing live streamed services for the Charter Revision Commission meetings, that the Town Manager and Town Attorney should be selected by the voters and that Lake Glenn Ellen residents do not want speed humps, but a change in the surface of the street to deter drivers from speeding.

Esther Bonnie Cintron before the Town Council to support Item 13A and 13B and spoke about her concerns regarding the Mega Mall and inquired if the construction and opening of the Mega Mall is a done deal.

Ginnie Castellanos came before the Town Council to support Item 14A and spoke about the traffic safety in the Lake Glenn Ellen neighborhood and the need of immediate safety measures.

Lynn Matos came before the Town Council and spoke in support of item 13A and expressed her concerns regarding traffic congestion in general, and more specifically, she spoke about the traffic congestion near the Pollo Tropical entrance. She also stated that the traffic congestion is impacting the property values in Miami Lakes.

David A. Bennet came before the Town Council and spoke about the impact of traffic concurrency reports that date back to 2005, he spoke about placing toll booths to help regulate the incoming traffic in our town, and about building elevated roads, a project to be

done by Miami Dade County. He also stated that as Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission, Commissioners only review the Charter and only give recommendations. He also asked for funds to be allocated for the meetings to be live streamed.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to express her concerns in regards to the traffic congestion in the town. She stated that many intersections, such as 154 and 82nd is always blocked and that temporary measures, such as police officers being placed in the intersections, would help alleviate the traffic congestion in the major arteries of the town. She also stated that she lives in the Lake Glenn Ellen neighborhood and that she does not want speed humps in front of her home.

Hilda Fernandez came before the Town Council to speak in support of Item 13A, the traffic congestion that will be created due to the Mega Mall and to not allow 154 and 170 Streets to be opened.

Kim Llaguno came before the Town Council to speak in support of Item 14A and in support of traffic safety measures in Lake Glenn Ellen.

Esther Colon came before the Town Council to speak about Item 12A and asked for a public records request regarding a balance sheet for the September 30, 2015 from the General Fund, a balance sheet from January 30, 2016 from the General Fund and she also stated that the Fund Balance, appears to have been decreased by 50%.

Josh Dieguez came before the Town Council to speak about the Charter Revision Commission and explained the way the Mayor would be elected and explained how the Mayoral seat would rotate.

Wendy Milanes came before the Town Council and spoke about keeping 170th Street closed, about the need for a traffic light on 164th and 87th Avenue and she thanked the Charter Revision Commission for their great work and stated that she is in opposition of councilmembers choosing the mayor and not the people. She also stated that she is in opposition of the rotation of the mayoral seat.

Jorge Llerena came before the Town Council to speak about the traffic congestion and spoke in opposition of the Mega Mall and asked the Town Council to oppose this project. He also shared with the Town Council that Kendall Federation of Homeowners Association passed a Resolution declaring a moratorium on development in Kendall, and that the Town of Miami Lakes should look into this moratorium.

Susanna Herrera came before the Town Council and spoke in support of Item 13A and thanked the Town Council for their work and expressed that they bring meaning to the lives of the residents of Miami Lakes.

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

Mayor Pizzi asked to move up Item 14A and added Item 15B,

Mayor Pizzi requested that items 13A, 13B, 13D and 13E.

Councilmember Mestre requested that Item 16A be moved up and the Town Attorney requested for Item 16A and 16C to be combined with Item 12A.

Mayor Pizzi withdrew Item 13F and the Town Attorney withdrew Item 16B.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion received a second from Councilmember Lama and all were in favor.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Pizzi appointed Robert Ibarra and Wendy Milanes to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cultural Affairs Committee:

The Cultural Affairs Committee written report was adopted.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes:

- December 16, 2015, Special Call Meeting
- January 5, 2016, Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda and the motion received a second from Councilman Mestre. All were in favor.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,300.00 FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FDOT LAP PROJECT WITH DAVID PLUMMER & ASSOCIATES, INC. ("DPA") AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Approved on Consent.

11. ORDINANCES-FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 1, SECTION 13-1608, ROOFS; 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 into the record.

Councilmember Cid made a motion to move the Ordinance in first reading. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Daubert. The Town Clerk called the roll and the Ordinance in first reading passed unanimously.

12. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING (Public Hearing):

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-186; AMENDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; 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 Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to move the ordinance in second reading. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Daubert.

Mayor Pizzi opened the public hearing. Being that no one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Mestre made a motion to extend the meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Councilman Cid made a motion to extend the meeting until midnight. The motion received a second by Councilman Mestre and all were in favor.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to allocate \$118,000.00 for legal fees for the Lydecker Diaz Law Firm. The motion received a second from Councilman Mingo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-3, with Councilman Cid, Vice Mayor Daubert and Mayor Pizzi voting in opposition.

Councilman Cid made a motion to reconsider item 12A. The motion received a second from Councilman Daubert.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. The motion received a second from Councilman Daubert and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi opened the public hearing. Being that one wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 2-5, with Councilman Mingo, Lama, Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Daubert and Mayor Pizzi voted in opposition.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Miami Lakes Traffic (Lama, Mestre, Pizzi, Rodriguez)

Councilman Lama made a motion asking the Town Manager and staff to make traffic our number one priority for the next 11 months and that we add these initiatives to our Comprehensive Plan. This would require a commitment from the Town Council to hold back on non-critical business items until a full plan is in place to address traffic. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

Councilman Lama made a motion asking the Town Manager to identify one person that can be focused, possibly 75% of their time, on traffic and to work with the respective agencies. Councilman Lama asked the Town Manager to make that determination and come back to the Town Council with his plan, his ultimate decision and provide them feedback as to what he deems to be the best plan and then the Town Council can make a decision. This motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

Councilman Lama made a motion asking staff to collect all of the plans for the work on 67th Avenue and Palmetto, ideas for 87th Avenue and Palmetto and the improvements being done to the Palmetto Expressway and share that with the entire community in a broadly announced and publicized a Town Hall meeting and that it should be done before the end of the first calendar quarter. This motion received a second from Councilman Mestre and all were in favor.

Councilman Lama made a motion instructing the Town Attorney to draft a Resolution, asking our partners in MDX and FDOT and any other agencies to prioritize a solution for the west side of Town 87th Avenue and the Gratigny. This motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi. The motion passed 6-1, with Councilman Cid voting in opposition.

Councilman Lama made a motion to send a strong message to all interested parties that we will not open NW 154 and 75 and we are not going to allow the opening of 75 and 170th into our communities, until further data is provided and we get additional traffic studies conducted. Resolution on 154 will be transmitted to all the interested parties and

the Attorneys can draft a Resolution on 170th and bring that back to the Town Council. The motion received a second from Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

The Mayor called for a five minute recess.

B. Traffic Congestion in our town (Mestre, Pizzi, Lama, Rodriguez)

This item was combined with item 13A, 13B, 13D and 13E.

C. Adoption of Comprehensive Senior Services Program (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion directing staff to do a survey and an evaluation of the senior classes and come back with the survey results and recommendations to be presented at the March Council Meeting. This motion received a second from Councilman Mingo. Councilman Mestre made a friendly amendment to the motion, for it to state that while they are doing the survey, to explore a variety of options and the interplay of the Older Americans Act, to get funding because now we will have a structure to do it. The amendment was accepted by Mayor Pizzi and all were in favor.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion that once the Budget Workshop and cycle begins, for the Town Manager to come back with some recommendations on how the Senior Center is going to be funded and staffed, only if the Senior Center deal goes thru. The motion received a second from Councilman Mestre and all were in favor.

D. Miami-Dade County's Transportation Infrastructure Bill (SB 1372) Transportation Infrastructure Bill (Rodriguez, Pizzi, Mestre, Lama)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion for a Resolution to be made in support of the Transportation Infrastructure Bill at the state level.

E. Adoption of Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendments to provide Implementation of traffic Safety and Congestion Solutions (Pizzi, Mestre, Lama, Rodriguez)

This item was combined with 13A, 13B, 13D and 13E.

F. Campaign Reform (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi withdrew this item.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN REPORTS:

- A. Report on Traffic Safety in Lake Glenn Ellen, including dangerous curves and need of immediate safety measures around Dundee Terrance and other areas that could jeopardize public safety. (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi gave a report on 8221 Dundee Terrace, (a curb to fast), Menteith Place to Menteith Terrace (no speed limit) and Dundee Terrace and Dumbarton Place (no speed limit). Mayor Pizzi stated that he wrote a letter to the County asking them to conduct a study about the necessity of traffic control devices and for placing speed limits by that curb. The Town Manager asked Tony Lopez, Chief of Operations, to meet with the residents form Lake Glenn Ellen and address their specific issues.

- B. Special Taxing District (Cid)

This report was deferred to the March Council Meeting.

- C. Charter Revision Commission (Mestre)

Councilman Mestre withdrew his report.

- D. Civic Engagement: Rewriting the Rules of Public Engagement (Cid)

This report was deferred to the March Council Meeting.

- E. US Conference of Mayors/Visit to White House (Pizzi)

This report was deferred to the March Council Meeting.

- F. Economic Development Measures (Pizzi)

The report was deferred to the March Council Meeting.

15. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Site Visit to 151th Street and 153rd Street, between 57th Avenue & Miami Lakeway North

This report was deferred to the March Council Meeting.

- B. Windmill Gates Update

Town Manager explained that the Windmill Gate road belongs to the Public Library, which does not belong to Miami Dade County Public Works. The Town Manager

explained that the Town has been working with Miami Dade County, to dedicate the current road, plus an additional 12 feet of that road so that two lanes going in and two lanes going out can be built and better address the traffic concerns, and have one lane for the shopping centers and one lane for the residences in the back.

Councilman Lama made a motion instructing the Town Manager to draft a letter in acceptance of Windmill Gate Road so that improvements can be done to alleviate the traffic situation of Windmill Gate. This motion received a second from Councilman Daubert and all were in favor.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion asking staff to contact Miami Dade County to remove the triangle wedge on 67th Avenue, which is located across from the Fire Station. Councilman Lama seconded the motion for discussion. The Town Manager explained that the Town is reaching out to the Fire Department and asking for a section of the right a way owned by the Fire Department, in order to create three lanes going north and one lane going to the right. Town Manager recommended that we should explore this initiative with the Fire Department first. After the explanation given, Councilman Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. Status on Pizzi Litigation & Attorney's Fees

This report was combined with Item 12A and 16C.

B. Charter Revision Commission – Legal Consulting

This item was withdrawn by the Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi.

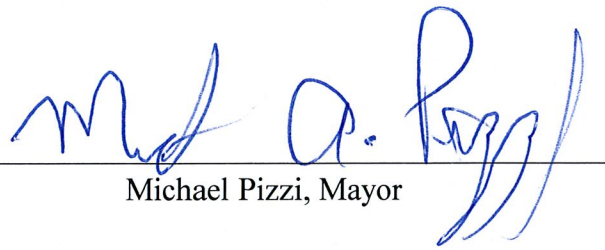
C. Charter Revision Commission –Budget

This report was combined with Item 12A and 16C.

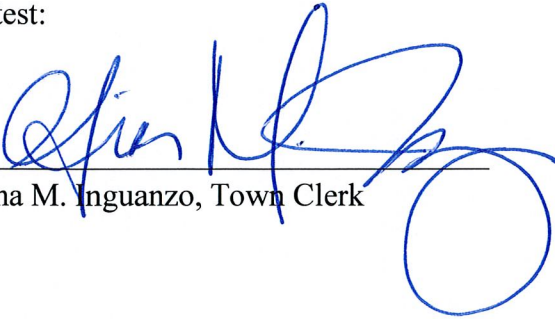
17. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of March 2016.


Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk