

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

August 14, 2001

Miami Lakes Middle School
6245 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at 7: 30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso, Councilwoman Mary Collins, Councilman Robert Meador, Councilman Michael Pizzi, Councilwoman Nancy Simon and Councilman Peter Thomson. Staff members present were: Interim Town Manager Merrett Stierheim, Acting Town Attorney Richard Jay Weiss and Allison Bieler and Beatris M. Arguelles, Town Clerk.
3. **INVOCATION:** Pastor Al Pino, Palm Vista Community Church
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Slaton led the pledge.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

July 24, 2001 – Regular Council Meeting - The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 24, 2001 were approved as submitted following a motion by Councilwoman Collins, seconded by Vice Mayor Alonso.

July 30, 2001 – Workshop - The minutes of the Special Taxing Districts Workshop Meeting of July, 30, 2001 were approved as submitted following a motion to approve by Councilwoman Collins, seconded by Vice Mayor Alonso.

July 30, 2001 – Special Council Meeting - The minutes of the Special Meeting to adopt a proposed millage rate of July 30, 2001 were approved as submitted following a motion to approve by Councilwoman Collins seconded by Councilman Thomson.
6. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITINOS/DELETIONS:** The Agenda was approved as presented following a motion to approve made by Councilwoman Collins, seconded by Councilman Thomson
7. **PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Slaton presented a certificate of acknowledgement to the Continental Amateur Baseball Association Miami MudCats (CABA) in honor of their National Championship Win.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following residents were heard expressing their opinion on the proposed millage *(adopted at the July 30 Special Meeting)*:

Arnaldo Gonzalez, George Lopez, Odalys Lopez, Pedro Carballo, Isabel Acevedo, Ana Molina, Eddie Martinez, Ricardo Berovides, Luis Guerrero, Zunilda DeAvila, Angel Gonzalez, Noelio Mantilla, Michael Pike, Nelson Rodriguez, Jackie Santana, Eduardo Hernandez, Nabil Batarseh, Helen Batarseh, Michael DeAvila

Neill Robinson addressed the Council regarding Police staffing. He urged the Council to consider adding patrol officers that will provide good visibility. He also suggested providing officers that will be designated for each particular area in the Town.

The Mayor recognized Senator Debbie Wasserman Shultz, District 32 who addressed the Council. She congratulated the Town on its incorporation and offered to assist the Town in matters relating to the issues specific to a new town. Congressman Shultz noted that she is Vice Chair of the Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee and urged the Council to contact her regarding any issue the Town may be struggling with. Congresswoman Shultz reported that the district boundaries will be reapportioned in the near future and urged the residents to become involved in the process.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES:

Local Planning Agency (second reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA PUSUANT TO SECTION 163.3174, FLORIDA STATUTES TITLED "LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY," DESIGNATING THE COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (first reading July 24, 2001). Town Attorney Richard Jay Weiss read the Ordinance by title.

Councilwoman Collins moved to adopt the Ordinance. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no speakers. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

10. RESOLUTIONS:

Creating the Cultural Affairs Committee:

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, CREATING A CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SUNSET REVIEW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Town Attorney Richard Jay Weiss read the Resolution by title. (201-36)

Councilwoman Collins moved to adopt the Resolution. Vice Mayor Alonso seconded the motion. Resident Beth Geyer spoke in favor of the Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1. TRANSITION OF SERVICES WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:**
The Mayor announced that Miami-Dade County approved the Resolution regarding Royal Oaks Park and noted that pending the acquisition of the appropriate DERM permits, the Town should have possession of the Park within the next seven (7) days.

With regard to Miami Lakes Park, the Mayor stated that the Park Joint use Agreement is not automatically transferable to the Town due to agreements with the School Board regarding its use. He noted that agreements with the School Board would be negotiated in the future and would come before the Council in the form of a Resolution and ultimate transfer of Deed.

Regarding the Field at Barbara Goleman High School, Councilman Pizzi asked the Mayor to look into possible use of the field by the Town.

The Mayor announced that the County is on going Q-NIP projects. He asked that Councilman Pizzi look into what sidewalk and drainage projects were and were not done, specifically in the West Lakes Area during Phase I and Phase II. The Mayor noted that in other Q-NIP projects in the Town, streets were specifically identified, but that in the West Lakes Area, there were no specified streets.

With regard to the costs associated with Street Lighting, Street Repairs and Stormwater Utilities, the Mayor noted that Miami Dade County Public Works is still researching the matter.

The Mayor noted that Staff is looking into creating Town Ordinances that will generate revenue currently being collected by the County. These include Franchise Fees for Telephone, Electric, Natural Gas, Commercial Waste Haulers, Cable and fees for Lien Serches, recordation of legal documents, Occupational Licenses, etc.

Regarding the Occupational License Ordinance, the Mayor noted that he intends to propose that the Town adopt the same fee schedule as the County.

2. **COUNCIL MEETINGS AND REQUIRED ACTION CALENDAR:** The Mayor disseminated (with the Agenda) a revised calendar and asked Council Members to advise the Town Manager of any conflicts with the dates.
3. **APPOINTMENTS:** The Mayor appointed Victoria Wessel and Tom Ledrick to the Youth Activities Task force and asked the Council to confirm the appointments. Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the appointments. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. **POLICE STAFFING** – The Town Manager reported that the Council had met regarding police staffing and that there would be further discussions regarding the contract for police services.
2. **STRATEGIC PLAN** – The Manager announced that the Council met at a workshop to finalize the Strategic Plan and noted that the final draft of the Plan would be presented at a Public Hearing for any additional comments from the Public.

C. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **GRAFFITI** – Councilman Pizzi announced that Crime Stoppers has agreed to expand their existing volunteer service and tips' reward program for residents of Miami Lakes to call in graffiti crimes.
2. **WASTE FRANCHISE REVENUE** – Councilman Pizzi suggesting having the Town Attorney look into drafting an Ordinance for the Collection of Franchise Fees from Commercial Solid Waste Haulers.
3. **MEETING SCHEDULES** – Councilman Pizzi asked that the Town Manager and Mayor consider holding future workshop meetings either earlier (in the morning before 10:00 a.m.) or later in the day (after 5:00 p.m.).

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- A. **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2001, Miami Lakes Middle School, 6245 Miami Lakeway North.
- B. **FIRST BUDGET HEARING** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2001, Miami Lakes Middle School.
- C. **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2001, Miami Lakes Middle School.
- D. **SECOND BUDGET HEARING** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 24, 2001, Miami Lakes Middle School.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of August, 2001

Attest:

Wayne Slaton
Hon. Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Beatris M. Arguelles
Beatris M. Arguelles, Town Clerk