

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

August 28, 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 28, 2001 at 7:10 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 Nina Boniske and Town Clerk Beatris M. Arguelles.
3. **INVOCATION:** Jeffrey Frantz, Miami Lakes Congregational Church offered the invocation.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mayor Slaton led the Pledge.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
 - A. **Regular Meeting - August 14, 2001** - The Town Clerk noted corrections on page 4, item 11(A)(3), "Russell" to read "Jackson Wessel" and "Ludridge" to read "Ledwidge". Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the minutes as amended. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 - B. **Workshop - Strategic Plan - August 13, 2001** - Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 - C. **Workshop - Police Staffing - August 14, 2001** - Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 - D. **Workshop - Rules & Procedures - August 17, 2001** - Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (Deferrals/Additions/Deletions):** Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the order of business as submitted. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Miami Lakes Optimist Mustang Division Undefeated Season - Spring 2001 - The Mayor issued Certificates of Acknowledgement to each member of the "Cardinals" team and congratulated the team for their outstanding achievement.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The following residents were heard:

Raul Gastesi – invited the Council and Residents to attend a Miami Lakes Anniversary Picnic, hosted by the Miami Lakes Citizens for Better Government to be held on Monday, September 3, 2001 at 15151 Montrose Road from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Michael Pike – expressed support of the Youth Activities Task Force's effort to work with the Optimist Club. He urged the Council to consider establishing additional Optimists Club within the Town in order to avoid limiting the ability of the children to participate in scholarship programs offered by the Optimists. He noted that the Optimists have several programs, other than sports, that children can get involved in.

Felicia Salazar – urged the Council to consider developing a Code Enforcement department that is proactive, responsive to the people and that will be cost effective. She urged adopting codes that are both strict and uniform across the Town.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES:**

A. **Strategic Plan - Public Hearing** – Town Manager Stierheim commented that he was encouraged the Strategic Plan Process. The Mayor acknowledged the outstanding work of Donna Ginn and Bill Busutil, Strategic Plan Facilitators. Bill Busutil thanked the Council and residents of the Community for their outstanding contributions without which the plan could not be created. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the regular meeting. Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the Strategic Plan. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion.

Councilman Meador amended the plan, page 10, under "Strategic Goals", first line, to delete the words "equal to or" and Page 15, under "Strategic Goals" line two, to correct the word "Three" to read "Tree" and on Page 15 under "Initiatives", Councilman Meador noted a fourth bullet to be added as follows: "Optimize public transportation//private opportunities"

The amendments were accepted and the motion carried unanimously as amended.

Prior to continuing the meeting, the Mayor recognized Representative Rene Garcia. Representative Garcia addressed the Council and urged the Council members to attend the meetings of the Reapportionment Committee in Opa Locka in October citing the importance of having adequate representation in Tallahassee. He offered his assistance to the Town and encouraged Council members to contact him.

B. Occupational licenses (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR TERM AND TRANSFER OF LICENSES; PROVIDING DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR DISPLAY OF LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR UNCLASSIFIED CATAGORIES; PROVIDING FOR EXPEMPTIONS AND EXLUSIONS; ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL TAX SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the Ordinance by title. Councilwoman Collins moved that the Ordinance be adopted on First Reading. Vice Mayor Alonso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, REQUIRING A FRANCHISE FOR COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION; IMPOSING A FRANCHISE FEE FOR COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the Ordinance by title. Councilwoman Collins moved that the Ordinance be adopted on First Reading. Councilman Pizzi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. RESOLUTIONS:

A. Adopting Rules and Procedures:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING COMPREHENSIVE COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA PROCEDUES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the Resolution by title. Councilman Thomson moved to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Simon seconded the motion.

The Town Clerk advised that upon further review of the Audio for the Rules & Procedures Workshop, Section 4.3, last line should read “2/3 vote” as opposed to “vote of a Majority”.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the Rules wherein the following additional changes were made: Page 5, Section 6.9, the word “While” was re-inserted at the beginning of the sentence; Page 5, Section 7.1, the weekday “Tuesday” was stricken and the word “Monday” was inserted, on Page 2, a new section was added as follows: 1.4 subject to any restrictions in the town charter, the term majority as stated in these rules shall be defined as a majority of the council members present at any meeting at which a quorum exists.

The motion to adopt the Resolution, as amended, carried unanimously.

B. Approving the American Express at Miami Lakes, Plat:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE “AMERICAN EXPRESS AT MIAMI LAKES” PLAT, BEING A REPLAT OF A PORTION OF TRACT B OF MIAMI LAKES BUSINESS PARK SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 126, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the Resolution by title. Councilwoman Simon moved to approve. Councilman Thomson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSIONS AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

A. MAYOR’S REPORT

- 1. Transition of Services with Miami-Dade County** – Mayor Slaton reported that the Town is still waiting for the transfer of the Deed for Royal Oaks Park. The Mayor also announced that the County has offered to give the Town some “Fill” to be used at Royal Oaks Park.
- 2. Council Meetings and Required Action Calendar** – Mayor Slaton disseminated the Calendar.

3. **Use of Barbara Goleman High School Athletic Field** – The Mayor asked Councilman Pizzi to meet with the Principal at the School in order to work out a system that would be amenable to both the School Board and the Town to have the gate opened and closed on a regular basis during the week and on weekends. Councilman Pizzi agreed.

B. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Town Manager Stierheim announced that the City of Coral Gables Commission voted on a motion to hire him as an Interim City Manager. He noted that he would not make any final decisions until he was sure that he could fulfill his obligation to the Town.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Youth Activities Task Force** - Javier Vazquez, Chair issued a written report, which he verbally summarized for the Council. In the report, Mr. Vazquez requested support for the First Annual Halloween Party. Councilwoman Collins moved to endorse and support the First Annual Halloween Party in October. Councilwoman Simon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk was directed to contact the FLC Insurance Trust regarding adding a special events rider to the Town's policy.

D. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Beautification (Pizzi)** - Councilman Pizzi announced a wall painting scheduled for September 8, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. at 87th Avenue and 164th Street.

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- A. **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2001, Miami Lakes Middle School and Tuesday, October 23

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Approved this **25th** day of **September**, 2001

Attest:



Hon. Wayne Slaton, Mayor



Beatris M. Arguelles, Town Clerk