

**MINUTES  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

January 8, 2002

**7:00 p.m.**

**Miami Lakes Middle School**

6425 Miami Lakeway North

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Wayne Slaton called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Beatris M. Arguelles, Town Clerk called the roll. In addition to the Mayor and the following Council Members were present at roll call: Councilwoman Mary Collins, Councilman Robert Meador, Councilman Michael Pizzi, Councilwoman Nancy Simon, Councilman Peter Thomson and Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso. In addition to the Town Clerk, the following Staff members were present: Town Manager Dennis J. White and Town Attorney Nina Boniske and Allison Bieler, Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza and Guedes.
3. **INVOCATION** – The Mayor called for a moment of silence in memory of the service men and women fighting in the War on Terror in Afghanistan.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Mayor led the pledge.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):** Town Manager Dennis White asked the Council to remove the interlocal agreement on street lighting from the Agenda, citing he needed time to review changes made to the agreement by the County. The Town Manager asked that an item 12(b)(4) Report on the Audit be added in order to give the Council a status report.  
  
Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the Agenda, as amended. Councilwoman Simon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Slaton presented a check representing the Town's matching funds contribution to Miami Lakes Middle School. Principal Mrs. Harrison and PTSA President Jerry Rivera collected the check and thanked the Town for the support.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** - The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Councilman Thomson, seconded by Councilwoman Collins.  
  
**MINUTES** - Regular Council Meeting – December 11, 2001 – approved on consent Agenda.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no comments from the public.

9. **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:** No Ordinances were heard.
10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:** No Public Hearings were held.
11. **RESOLUTIONS:**
  - A. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: STREET LIGHTING A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES REGARDING STREET LIGHTING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Removed from Agenda in item 5.
12. **REPORTS:**
  - A. **Mayor's Report:**
    1. **Transition** - Mayor Slaton reported that the next transition meeting, to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup>, would focus on the Financial Reconciliation and Street lighting among other issues.
    2. **Appointments** – No appointments were made.
  - B. **Manager's Report:**
    1. **Status Report – Code Enforcement & Building** – Town Manager Dennis White announced he would have a contract for Council to review at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop.
    2. **Status Report – Services (Moyer & Associates)** – The Town Manager announced that a contract covering the Financial and I.T. (information technology) areas would be ready for council review at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop.
    3. **87<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements** – Mr. White noted that in a follow-up, the County has agreed to include the enhancements in the contract.
    4. **Update on Audit** – Randy White reported that the filed work for the audit would take no more than three or four days and that the audit, to be performed by Grau & Company, should be completed by February for presentation to the Council at the March meeting.
  - C. **Councilmember' Reports:**

1. **Update on Side Street “Speeding”** - (Councilman Thomson) - reported that he has sent letters to each of the Homeowners’ Associations’ Presidents enlisting their help in identifying streets with speeding and safety problems. He also noted that he was working with Capt. Mesa and Major Fisher in the area of enforcement
2. Beautification (*Pizzi*) - no report was given.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

**MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT** (*Pizzi*) – Prior to any discussion on the item, Councilman Meador removed himself from the meeting and left the auditorium, citing a potential conflict of interest.

The following people spoke in favor of placing a moratorium on development in the Town: Pedro Carballo, Shawn Topps, Luis Guerrero, Rudy Pages, Eduardo Marrero, Solon Cole, Sean Schwinghammer, Eddie Martinez, Arturo Rodriguez, Sharon G. Llera, and Anselmo Gil.

Michael Pike was neither in favor of nor in opposition to a moratorium.

The Following people spoke against placing a moratorium on new zoning in the Town: Jose Pepe Herrera (representing Lowell Dunn), Clifford Schulman (representing the Graham Companies) and Lowell S. Dunn.

Councilman Pizzi asked the Council to support a six month delay in consideration of any new zoning applications and moved that the Council direct the Attorneys to draft ordinance calling for a six-month moratorium on consideration of any new zoning applications and that such ordinance not affect any land owners’ vested rights applying only to new zoning applications and that the ordinance include a waiver provision for special exceptions that come before the council. Councilwoman Collins seconded the motion.

Following lengthy discussion and debate, Councilman Thomson moved to postpone a vote on the motion to a time certain (January 30, 2002) in order to allow the Council to obtain information and answers to questions and review information on Moratoria and the Comprehensive Planning Process. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Collins and carried unanimously (6-0).

**14. FUTURE MEETING DATES:** The Mayor announced the following meeting dates:

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP** – 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2002, Town Hall Conference Room, 6853 Main Street.

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP** – 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2002, Town Hall Conference Room, 6853 Main Street.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2002, Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425 Miami Lakeway North.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002

*Attest:*

  
Beatris M. Arguelles, Town Clerk

  
Wayne Slaton, Mayor