

MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2002

8:00 p.m.

Miami Lakes Middle School
6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2002.
2. **ROLL CALL** - In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Mary Collins, Robert Meador, II, Michael Pizzi, Nancy Simon, Peter Thomson and Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso. Staff members present were: Acting Town Manager Beatris Arguelles and Town Attorney Nina Boniske
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE** – The Mayor led a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Mayor led the pledge.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)** - Councilwoman Collins asked that an item be added to the Agenda under New Business, entitled Cultural Affairs Committee request, the Mayor asked that item 12(A) 7 be deferred. Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the Order of Business, as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

PROCLAMATION OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – The Mayor proclaimed September 11, 2002 as “Always Remember September 11th” Day
7. **CONSENT AGENDA** – The consent Agenda was approved upon a motion to approve made by Councilwoman Collins seconded by Councilman Thomson and carried unanimously.
 - A. **MINUTES:**
 1. July 9, 2002 – Approved on Consent Agenda
 2. August 13, 2002 – Approved on Consent Agenda
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no speakers under public comments.
9. **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING** - None
10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**
11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. ANNEXATION – The Town Attorney read the Resolution by title as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; REQUESTING THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE STUDY ON THE USES OF THE LAND WEST OF I-75 AND BETWEEN N.W. 138TH STREET AND 170TH STREET; REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSION PLACE A MORATORIUM UPON THE CONSIDERATION OF ANY ANNEXATION OF THAT LAND UNTIL THE STUDY IS COMPLETED AND UNTIL THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES MAKES ITS FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING WHETHER TO ANNEX THIS LAND OR A PORTION OF THE LAND; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Mayor allowed residents to address the Council regarding Annexation.

Councilman Pizzi moved to adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Simon.

Discussion ensued among the Council. Councilman Pizzi urged the Council to consider annexing the land citing that the Town will be land-locked. Councilwoman Simon expressed agreement, but cited further study is needed prior to annexing the land.

Councilman Thomson cited he was not in favor of annexing the western property, but was not opposed to a study. He noted that there are other areas that should be looked into, such as the area of NW 57th Ave to Opa-Locka Airport.

Councilman Meador requested clarification as to whether or not the study would be done under the provisions contemplated in the Charter under mitigation services. The Town Attorney noted that the possibility could be explored.

Councilwoman Collins expressed concern that the Commission would not be willing to perform a study that would cost the County money when they could simply turn the property over to the City of Hialeah. Councilwoman Collins also noted that any annexation of land should be brought before the Voters. Town Attorney Nina Boniske noted that a referendum would have to be by initiative petition.

Vice Mayor Alonso expressed concern regarding the property lying within the blasting area and the possibility that the property may be contaminated and the traffic that would be generated by connecting to the Town and cited that all the issues on the table must be addressed prior to considering annexation of the land. The Vice Mayor also expressed concern over what plans are envisioned for the property.

Councilman Pizzi noted that he envisioned the proper planning of the area as opposed to the urban sprawl that has been allowed to propagate throughout the County.

Mayor Slayton refuted that the Town would be landlocked, citing that the area to the North and East of the Town are currently unincorporated. The Mayor noted that the Town's resources would be stretched beyond capacity in order to provide services to the

area which would become the responsibility of the Town (*i.e.: Police, Public Works, Code Enforcement, etc.*) He opined that the County would not be willing to perform the study on behalf of the Town. The Mayor also noted that the Strategic Plan adopted by the Council and created by the residents did not include annexation, citing that the strategic plan contemplated preserving what is existing. He stated for the record that he is opposed to any annexation.

Councilman Thomson opined that the Town should complete its comprehensive plan and that the County should conduct the study.

Councilman Thomson moved to amend the Resolution by deleting the words “comprehensive study” in section 2.2 and adding the words “Miami Lakes Comprehensive Plan” Councilman Pizzi accepted the amendment.

B. MAINTAINING GOOD ORDER AT THE POLLS

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING CANDIDATES TO ABIDE BY GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN GOOD ORDER AT THE POLLS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Thomson asked that the item be withdrawn, but encouraged all candidates and campaign workers to maintain proper decorum and order at the polls.

12. REPORTS

A. MAYOR’S REPORT:

- 1. Appointments**
- 2. Right of Way Maintenance**
- 3. Tot Lot**
- 4. Building Department –**
- 5. Contract Reviews -** Acting Town Manager Arguelles noted that it would be inappropriate to re-negotiate contracts with the Building Department prior to the selection by the Council of a permanent Town Manager.
- 6. Web Site**
- 7. M.P.O. – Grant –** deferred under item 5.

B. MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. **F.Y. 2000-2001 Audit**

C. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

1. **Opa-Locka Airport Noise Abatement Task Force Update** (*Simon*)

2. **One Stop Film Permitting** (*Collins*)

3. **Police Calls** – Councilwoman Simon distributed a detailed compilation of Police Calls for 2001 for which she felt the Town was improperly charged. She briefly reviewed the calls, noting that Major Fisher has agreed to look into the suspect calls and provide an explanation for them.

4. **Serenity Point Rear Entrance** (*Pizzi*)

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Cultural Affairs Committee** – Robert Spano, Chair

2. **Youth Activities Task Force** – Susanne Berrios

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. JINGLE DOWN MAIN STREET (*Alonso*)

B. PROCUREMENT POLICIES (*Pizzi*) – No action was taken.

C. CSA CONTRACT (*Pizzi*) No action was taken.

D. MOYER GROUP CONTRACT (*Pizzi*) No action was taken.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES

LPA Meeting – Thursday, September 12, 2002, 6:00 p.m., Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425 Miami Lakeway North.

PUBLIC HEARING – Thursday, September 12, 2002, 7:00 p.m., Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425 Miami Lakeway North.

SECOND BUDGET HEARING – Tuesday, September 17, 2002, Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425 Miami Lakeway North.

15. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public. A copy of this Agenda has been placed in the Miami-Dade County Library, Miami Lakes Branch, 6699 Windmill Gate Road, Miami Lakes, Florida. It has also been posted on the Town website at: townofmiamilakes.com In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability, should contact Town Hall at (305) 364-6100 four days prior to the meeting.

Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Miami Lakes Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any member of the public wishing to speak on a matter on this agenda or under public comments for items not on this agenda, should fill out a speaker card and provide it to the town clerk. In accordance with Town Code, Section 2-11.1(s) of the code of Miami-Dade County as amended, all lobbyists are required to register with the Town Clerk prior to addressing the Town Council. Any person presenting documents to the town council should provide the town clerk with a minimum of 12 copies.