

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
December 16, 2002  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**6853 Main Street**  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Mary Collins, Robert Meador, Nancy Simon, Peter Thomson, Michael Pizzi and Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso. Staff members present were: Alex Rey, Town Manager; Nina Boniske, Town Attorney and Beatris M. Arguelles, Town Clerk.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE** – The Mayor called for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Mayor led the pledge.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)** – The Mayor announced that there were several items which were deferred at the last meeting, December 12, 2002, to time certain at this meeting. The Council took up those items prior to taking up any new items.

Councilwoman Simon moved to pull the minutes, Item 7(a) from the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the order of business, as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomson and carried unanimously.

**DECEMBER 10, 2002 – DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- F. **GRAFFITI REMOVAL** – The Mayor asked for consensus from the Council regarding developing an aggressive program for graffiti removal. By consensus, the Town Manager was directed to develop an aggressive graffiti removal program.
- G. **MUNICIPAL CONTROL OF SPEED LIMITS, TRAFFIC CALMING IMPLEMENTATION AND SIGNAGE** –
- H. **UNIFORM POLICE PRESENCE AROUND LOCAL SCHOOLS** –
- I. **TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR MONTROSE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION**  
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- J. **NOXIOUS ODOR ORDINANCE** – by consensus, the Council agreed to have the matter of adopting a Noxious Odor Ordinance be explored.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:**

**A. EXPIRED PERMITS:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO CLOSE EXPIRED PERMITS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; WAIVING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (*First reading November 12, 2002*) Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the Ordinance by title. Councilman Peter Thomson moved adoption of the Ordinance. Councilwoman Simon seconded the motion. The Mayor opened the public hearing; however there were no speakers in favor of or against the Ordinance. The Mayor closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting. Following brief discussion regarding the process of expediting the closing of permits, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**B. BONUS ORDINANCE:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING AN EXTRA COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** – the town manager asked that the council defer the second reading of the ordinance to a time certain of January 14, 2003 in order to develop criteria for implementation of the ordinance as requested by Councilman Meador. The hearing was deferred to January 14, 2003.

**C. CAMPAIGN FINANCE:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA CONCERNING ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE; PROVIDING FOR RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY VENDORS; CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO THE MIAMI LAKES TOWN COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR FINES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Town Attorney Nina Boniske read the Ordinance by title. Councilman Peter Thomson moved adoption of the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by the Chair. The Mayor opened the public hearing; however there were no speakers in favor of or against the Ordinance. The Mayor closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting.

Vice Mayor Alonso offered an amendment to the Ordinance to include other Campaign Reforms such as political signs requirements, providing a bond for removal of signs, etc. The amendment was not accepted, with Councilman Thomson suggesting that a separate Ordinance be adopted dealing with Campaign Reform issues.

Following brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** – None.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilwoman Simon requested that item 7(d), 7(f) and 7(g) be pulled from the consent Agenda. Councilwoman Collins pulled item 7(c). The Mayor asked that in the future, items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda be pulled under Order of Business.

A. **MINUTES** – November 12, 2002 – Councilwoman Simon corrected the amount requested by Miami Lakes Middle School in item 8(a)2 reflect \$27,000 rather than \$20,000. Councilwoman Simon moved adoption of the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by the Chair and were approved by a unanimous vote of the Council

B. **DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS** (*Slaton/Simon*) *Approved on consent Agenda*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DISBURSE FUNDS ALLOCATED IN THE 2002-2003 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO LOCAL SCHOOLS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

C. **ACCEPTING MPO GRANT** (*Meador*)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN'S TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Councilwomen Collins moved to adopt the Resolution as read. Councilwoman Simon seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

D. **KIMLEY HORN PROJECT AGREEMENT** – Work Authorization No. 02-08 – **Transportation Master Plan** (*Rey*)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR PREPARATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Councilwoman Simon moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by the Chair and carried unanimously.

E. **KIMLEY HORN PROJECT AGREEMENT** – Work Authorization No. 02-10 – **NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue Landscape Design Services** (*Rey*) *Approved on consent Agenda*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES ON NW 87<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**F. APPROVING INTERLOCAL REGARDING CONVEYANCE OF MIAMI LAKES PARK *(Rey)***

**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 THE CONVEYANCE OF THE COUNTY-OWNED PORTION OF MIAMI LAKES PARK TO THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE AGREEMENT AND TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The Resolution was moved by Councilwoman Simon and seconded by the Chair. Councilwoman Simon questioned whether or not the Town was going to be receiving ownership of the equipment property at the Park. The Town Manager answered in the affirmative. The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF MIAMI LAKES *(Rey)***

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF MIAMI LAKES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE AGREEMENT AND TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The Resolution was moved by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the public.

**9. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**A. PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE (REVISION) *(Rey)* (Page 90)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-03, PERTAINING TO PURCHASING PROCEDURES; ADDING PROVISION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; ADDING PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING**

**FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Councilwoman Collins moved adoption on first reading. Councilman Pizzi seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a roll call vote. The Mayor set the public hearing for Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:** None

11. **RESOLUTIONS:** None

12. **REPORTS**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

1. **Appointments:** The Mayor appointed David Perez and Sean Schwinghammer to the Economic Development Committee. Councilwoman Collins moved to accept the appointments. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**B. MANAGER'S REPORT:** No additional reports were made.

**C. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

1. **Annexation (Pizzi)** – Councilman Pizzi announced that the Board of County Commission has voted to proceed with the City of Hialeah Annexation of the land west of I-75. The Councilman reported that the Town's request for a study was referred to the Planning Advisory Board (PAB). He added that the City of Hialeah Gardens has put in a request to annex the area from 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Turnpike and that the MAC will be asking to include the area of North of NW 170th Street and West to the Turnpike.

Citing a conflict of interest, Councilman Meador excused himself from the room for the remainder of the discussion of this item.

Councilman Pizzi moved to approve up to \$10,000 to be paid to Henry Iler for the purpose of studying Annexation, incorporating whatever studies are currently in existence from other cities and report back to the Council within 60 days, his recommendations based upon comprehensive findings on the economic factors, access, Police, Fire, future, etc. for the Council to consider. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomson and carried unanimously.

2. **Beautification (Pizzi)** – no report was given.

3. **Police Reconciliation** – Status Report (*Simon*) – Councilwoman Simon reported that to date the reconciliation has come up with over \$600,000 and the department is still working on identifying additional amounts that may be due the Town. The Councilwoman commended Alex Rey for all the time and effort he has put into this project.

**D. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Cultural Affairs Committee** – Robert Spano, Chair – No Report was given.
2. **Education Advisory Board** – Beth Martinez, Chair – No Report was given.
3. **Youth Activities Task Force** – Susanne Berrios, Chair – No Report was given.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **STUDY OF VACANT LOTS THAT MAY BE TURNED INTO ADDITIONAL TOT-LOT PARKS IN THE WEST LAKES AREA** (*Thomson*) – Councilman Thomson moved to direct the Manager to look into vacant lots in the West Lakes Area for possible purchase for use as “dawn to dusk” passive parks. The motion was seconded by the Chair and carried unanimously.
- B. **TRAFFIC STUDY FOR MIAMI LAKES DRIVE (NW 154<sup>TH</sup> STREET)** (*Pizzi*) – Councilman Pizzi requested deferral of the item.

**14. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**WORKSHOP - STORM WATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT** –Monday, January 6, 2002, 4:00 p.m., 6853 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

**ZONING MEETING** – Thursday, January 9, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** – Tuesday, January 14, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Miami Lakes Middle School, 6425 Miami Lakeway North, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003

Attest:

  
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WAYNE SLATON, MAYOR

  
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BEATRIS M. ARGUELLES, CMC  
TOWN CLERK