

# TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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## MINUTES

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 25, 2003

6:00 p.m.

**Miami Lakes Town Hall**

6853 Main Street

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Wayne Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – In addition to the Mayor, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Robert Meador, Michael Pizzi, Peter Thomson and Vice Mayor Alonso. Councilwoman Mary Collins arrived shortly thereafter. The following staff members were also present: Town Manager Alex Rey, Town Attorney Nina Boniske and Michael Marrero of the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Guedes Cole & Boniske and Town Clerk Beatris Arguelles.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE** – The Mayor called for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Mayor led the pledge.
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:** The Mayor took item 5(b) out of order, with no opposition.
  - B. **APPROVING \$25,000 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS** – Town Attorney Michael Marrero read the Ordinance by title as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, (THE “TOWN”) RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXATION; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING SENIOR CITIZENS TO BE APPLIED TO MILLAGE RATES LEVIED BY THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN ANNUAL APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE INCOME LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (*First Reading: October 14, 2003*) (*Slaton*) *Deferred from November 13, 2003 Council Meeting.***

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There being no speakers in favor of or in opposition to the Ordinance, the Mayor closed the public hearing and reopened the Council Meeting.

Councilman Peter Thomson moved to adopt the Ordinance as read. Vice Mayor Alonso seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit of the additional exemption for the Town's senior citizens and following same, the motion carried unanimously (6-0) on a roll call vote.

- A. **AMENDING PURCHASING PROCEDURES** – Town Attorney Mickey Marrero read the Ordinance by title as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 03-30 PERTAINING TO PURCHASING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading: October 14, 2003) (Slaton) Deferred from November 13, 2003 Council Meeting.**

Mayor Slaton opened the public hearing. There being no speakers in favor of or in opposition to the Ordinance, the Mayor closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Collins moved to adopt the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Alonso seconded the motion.


Discussion ensued afterwhich Councilwoman Collins amended her motion by amending the Ordinance on Page 5, Section 2(b)6 to add at the end of the sentence, following the word "suf ficient" "bu t reported to the Town Council within 30 days of approval by the Town Manager." Vice Mayor Alonso, who seconded the original motion accepted the amendment. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

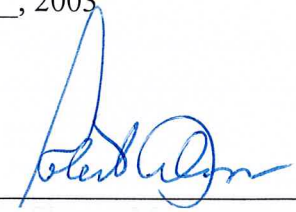
- C. **APPROVING \$25,000 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS – Item previously taken out of order.**

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003

Attest:

  
Beatris M. Arguelles, CMC  
Town Clerk

  
**ROBERTO ALONSO, VICE MAYOR**