

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 10, 2005
7:00 PM
MIAMI LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
6425 MIAMI LAKEWAY NORTH
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and gave the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL: In addition to Mayor, Wayne Slaton, and Vice Mayor, Roberto Alonso, the following Council Members were present at roll call: Mary Collins, Peter Thomson, Michael Pizzi, and Nancy Simon. Councilmember Robert Meador arrived later. The following staff members were also present: Town Manager, Alex Rey and Town Clerk, Debra Eastman. Town Attorneys Nina Boniske and Michael Marrero from the law firm Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Patorizak, Cole & Boniske, PA were present.

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/ADDITONS/DELETIONS):

Councilmember Nancy Simon asked to move item 14D to be discussed after the consent agenda. After some discussion it was determined that the on-duty Fire Officers would be given the opportunity to speak first in case they had to leave the meeting for a call. The agenda item would then be discussed by the Council at the appropriate time in the agenda. Town Manager, Alex Rey asked to defer item 6B. Mayor Slaton requested to discuss item 14 C after the consent agenda and item 6A was deferred as the presenter had not yet arrived.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to accept the changes. It was seconded by Councilmember Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for a voice vote. It was in the affirmative.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

No action.

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. April 12, 2005 –Regular Council Meeting

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING TOWN RESOLUTION 03-172 REGARDING THE SUNSET OF THE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (Rey)

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A CUTAWAY BUS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CUTAWAY BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. (Rey)

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LIMOUSINES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL BUS SERVICES. (Rey)

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF SOUTH FLORIDA MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC. FOR ROYAL OAKS PARK MAINTENANCE; APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH FLORIDA MAINTENANCE SERVICES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES. (Rey)

F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF PLAYMORE RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PARK AMENITIES AND BUS BENCHES. (Rey)

G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES AND ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION FOR THE TOWN'S FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY. (Rey)

H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL EXTENDING THE ENGAGEMENT OF GRAU & COMPANY, P.A. TO PERFORM AUDITING SERVICES. (Rey)

I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR BILLING OF STORMWATER CHARGES BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES. (Rey)

The items on the consent agenda were moved by Councilmember, Nancy Simon and seconded by Vice Mayor, Roberto Alonso. The Mayor called for the vote. It was in the affirmative.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Noemi Maceo and Barbara Frey spoke in favor of K-8 at Miami Lake Elementary.

14 C NEW BUSINESS: Town of Miami Lakes Community Pool (Slaton).

Mayor Slaton gave a history of this item and commended the third grade class for their effort. Members of the class gave testimony in favor of the town constructing a community pool. Mayor Slaton made a motion for staff to explore and include a community pool in the park capital development plan. It was seconded by Councilmember, Mary Collins. Vice Mayor, Roberto Alonso and Councilmembers Michael Pizzi, Peter Thomson, Mary Collins and Nancy Simon all spoke in favor of the project. The Mayor called for the vote. It was in the affirmative.

Mayor Slaton called for a brief recess at 8:15 p.m. The Mayor called the meeting back to order and asked the Town Clerk to call the roll. Present were Mayor, Wayne Slaton, Vice Mayor Robert Alonso, Councilmembers Peter Thomson, Michael Pizzi, Mary Collins, and Nancy Simon. Councilmember Robert Meador was absent but arrived later.

14 D NEW BUSINESS: NW Part of Town of Miami Lakes (Simon)

The Mayor requested that the Clerk recognize those members of the audience having filed a card to speak regarding this item. The following people spoke: Eddie Garrido, Carlos Cruz, Eric Sanudo, Tulio Boscot, Pedro Pelaez, Humberto Garcia, Mirtha Mendez. Testimony was heard from Fire Division Chief Pedro Bas and Lt. Shirley James regarding the response time, traffic situation and other details surrounding calls to the NW part of Miami Lakes. Chief Bas explained the anticipated benefits of the impending installation of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. He explained that the information is updated constantly and will take all factors into consideration, such as, gated communities. Information was given by Fire Chief Bas, Fire Lt. James and also Police Lt. Linder regarding a specific call to a residence on 04-25-2005. Councilmembers discussed the incident, the manner in which it was brought before the Council, the availability of maps and thanked the Fire and Police for their service.

13. MANAGERS REPORT

1. Kids ID Card System

Assistant Town Manager, Mariaelena Salazar presented examples of the identification card produced by the Kids ID Card System for review by the Council. She invited councilmembers to attend the kick-off event on May 12, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at the Miami Lakes Elementary School.

2. FDOT First Right of Refusal

Town Manager, Alex Rey explained that since the last meeting he contacted FDOT through our legislative lobbyist and obtained more time to research the proposed purchase and also received a preliminary appraisal. He explained that the property has a value of 1.7 million dollars. Currently, the Town does not have funds and would have to borrow, which he estimates would obligate the town to a payment of approximately \$150,000 annually. It is his recommendation that the town pass on the property. Councilmember Nancy Simon spoke in favor of purchasing the property and made a motion to write or phone FDOT to state that Miami Lakes will make preparations to purchase the land. It was seconded by Councilmember Michael Pizzi.

Councilman Pizzi requested that the Manager further explain why he recommends against purchasing the property. Town Manager, Alex Rey explained that the purchase does not fit in with the current priorities for borrowing funds, the shape and location of the property is not consistent with the needs of the town.

Vice Mayor, Roberto Alonso requested that the Manager gather information on a piece of property next to Kislak bank that may be available to the town and better suited to the future needs of the town. Councilmember, Michael Pizzi withdrew his second to the motion on the floor.

3. State Legislative Update

Legislative Lobbyist, Rodriguez Pina presented a report to Council. He stated he has been successful in securing funding for the following: Stormwater Drainage Improvement \$300,000, Park Aquatic Center Enhancement \$200,000, Royal Oaks Park (FRDAP) \$200,000, and Miami Lakes Park (FRDAP) \$100,000. He suggested that this would be appropriate time to thank the Legislators and request their continued support especially with the park aquatic center enhancement.

13. REPORTS

C. Councilmember's Report

2. Urban Development Boundary

Councilmember, Michael Pizzi explained the benefits of continued support for the Urban Development Boundary and explained his concern that other communities have petitioned to expand the boundary. The Honorable Pat Wade, Cynthia Guerra of the Tropical Audubon Society and John Wade, Jr. all spoke in favor of the Council's efforts to hold the Urban Development Boundary. Mayor, Wayne Slaton expressed his concerns and support. Councilmember, Mary Collins suggested that the Miccosoukee Indian Tribe be contacted for their support as well. Councilmember, Michael Pizzi emphasized the importance of the Council's intention to continue to take a leadership role in opposing the expansion of the Urban Development Boundary.

1. Youth Center Update

Councilmember Michael Pizzi discussed what needs to be done to continue the process of developing a youth center. He made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to establish a not for profit corporation to raise and procure funds a youth center. It was seconded by Councilmember Nancy Simon. The need for a not for profit corporation and the targeted youth were discussed. Councilmembers Peter Thomson and Robert Meador requested more specific information. Town Attorney, Nina Boniske suggested that she could prepare official documents for signature at a future meeting. The motion was amended to read that in the next two Council meetings there would be a blueprint plan for a proposed youth center with details and the language needed that would effectuate a not for profit corporation. It was seconded. The Mayor called for the vote on the amended motion and it was in the affirmative with all in favor.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consultant Disclosure Report

Councilmember Pizzi explained his position that any person who receives payment for support or is hired to advocate for a project be required to disclose that information. He made a motion that if a developer submits an application to Miami Lakes or if anyone is hired to advocate for a project in Miami Lakes that they must make disclosure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Peter Thomson. After further discussion it was determined that Town Attorney, Nina Boniske would prepare a resolution for the Council to consider at a future meeting. The Mayor called for a vote on the motion, it was in the affirmative.

B. Miami Lakes Park Landscaping Improvements

Councilmember Robert Meador explained that this was a continuation of an item from last month's meeting and that there were four options that had been proposed by staff. He called on Town Manager, Alex Rey for further information. Mr. Rey explained that it was a continuation and stated he would call on staff if necessary. Councilmember Robert Meador made a motion to move forward with Option #3 as proposed by Parks and Recreation Director, Linda Reale. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peter Thomson. The Mayor called for the vote. It was in the affirmative. Councilmember Peter Thomson asked Town Manager, Alex Rey that if any money is realized from Royal Oaks Park that it be shared with Miami Lakes Park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Michael Pizzi to suspend council rules and go beyond the 11 p.m. time limit by one half hour. It was seconded by Councilmember Robert Meador. The Mayor called for a vote and it was in the affirmative.

E. Sex Offender Ordinance

Mayor Wayne Slaton stated that it was his opinion that legislation passed by the State did not go far enough to protect the people of Miami Lakes. He spoke in favor of passing an ordinance. Mayor Wayne Slaton made a motion to have the Town Attorney prepare an ordinance. It was seconded by Councilmember, Nancy Simon who expressed her support. Councilmember, Michael Pizzi spoke in favor. Councilmember, Robert Meador cautioned careful thought to include all possible sites. Councilmember, Nancy Simon called the question. The Mayor called for the vote. It was in the affirmative.

F. Safety and Emergency Services

It was stated that this item had been combined with the previous item.

G. Library Summer Reading Program

Mayor Wayne Slaton moved that \$3,000 be expended for the Miami Lakes Library Summer Reading Program. It was seconded by Councilmember, Peter Thomson. The Mayor called for the vote. It was in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Approved this 14th of June, 2005

Wayne Slaton
Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

Debra E. Eastman
Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk