

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Wayne Slaton

Vice Mayor Robert Meador

Councilmember Roberto Alonso

Councilmember Mary Collins

Councilmember Dorothy Cook

Councilmember Michael Pizzi

Councilmember Nancy Simon

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Miami Lakes Middle School

6425 Miami Lakeway North

Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In addition to Mayor Slaton the following members were present: Vice Mayor Robert Meador, Councilmember Robert Alonso, Councilmember Mary Collins, Councilmember Michael Pizzi and Councilmember Dorothy Cook. Councilmember Nancy Simon arrived at 7:15pm.
3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Slaton asked for a moment of silence.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Slaton led the pledge.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilmember Robert Alonso requested to pull item 7A from the consent agenda. Councilmember Mary Collins requested to pull item 7B from the consent agenda. Councilmember Pizzi requested that item 13C2 be moved up to be taken during presentations. Town Manager Alex Rey requested to defer item 7H.

A motion was made by Councilmember Collins to accept the agenda as amended. There was a second from Mayor Slaton. The Mayor called for a vote. All were in favor.

6. **APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Slaton proposed the following committee appointments:
Melina Maklouf, Education Advisory Board

Robert Garcia, Cultural Affairs Committee
Maria Antonatas, Cultural Affairs Committee
Star Rodriguez, Education Advisory Board

Councilmember Nancy Simon made a motion for the acceptance of the appointments. There was a second from Councilmember Dorothy Cook. The Mayor called for a vote and all were in favor.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE ORDER WITH PLAYMORE RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. (Rey)

Councilman Roberto Alonso asked about piggyback contracts and requested further information. The Town Manager explained the competitive bidding process that was used for the improvements to the pocket parks and replacement of equipment. Councilmember Nancy Simon moved the approval of the resolution. It was seconded by Councilmember Mary Collins. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL BETWEEN ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR SITE PREPARATION OF SELECTED POCKET PARKS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. (Rey)

Councilmember Mary Collins moved to amend the resolution to include the installation of pet waste receptacles in the park. Town Manager, Alex Rey stated that the amendment would give the manager authority to negotiate the price for the installation of the receptacles in the four pocket parks. There was a second from Councilmember Nancy Simon. The Mayor called for a vote and all were in favor.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOMESTEAD CONCRETE & DRAINAGE, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES TO REMOVE AND REPLACE DAMAGED CONCRETE SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. (Rey)

Approved on consent.

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR LOCH NESS PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. (Rey) Approved on consent.

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S (FDEP) FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT MIAMI LAKES PARK. (Rey)

Approved on consent.

F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF KIM BERNADETTE AND ISLE J. LEE TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2005-1275. (Rey)

Approved on consent.

G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF ALBERTO DARSA AND ADALIS DARSA TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2004-0852. (Rey)

Approved on consent.

H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF JORGE PEREZ TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE ENFORCEMENT FINE FOR CASE NO. C2003-1531. (Rey) Deferred.

I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF BETTY LEAL TO REDUCE A PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2006-0279. (Rey) Approved on consent.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. David Bennett proposed a cut in taxes for the residents of Miami Lakes. He spoke about Madden's Hammock and the taxable value of the Dunn property.

Mirtha Mendez spoke regarding the spending of town funds on pocket parks that still belong to the County and requested that the town perfect ownership.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES – SECOND READING:

12. RESOLUTIONS:

13. REPORTS:

A. MAYOR'S REPORTS:

B. MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. Ratification of Awards During Summer Recess

- a. Acosta Tractor, Inc. - \$22,832.35 to repair trip hazard sidewalks along NW 158 Street, Miami Lakes Technical School.**

Town Manager, Alex Rey informed the Council that the sidewalks at Miami Lakes Education Center were damaged during Hurricane Wilma and that the school requested the issue be addressed prior to the opening of the school year. The damage was near a bus stop and posed a potential hazard to students. Mr. Rey reported that the prices for the work remained consistent and that the school was satisfied with the repairs.

- b. Agreement for Legal Services – Representation in front of Miami-Dade County Government by Adorno & Yoss, LLP for the cities of Doral, Palmetto Bay and Miami Lakes. The contract amount is \$50,000 to be divided equally between the three cities.**

Town Manager, Alex Rey explained this expenditure was to secure legal support.

C. COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS:

1. Sound Wall Around I-75 (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi emphasized the importance of building sound walls around I-75. Councilmember Pizzi also expressed concern about the excessive noise that the expansion of I-75 might cause and inquired whether there was anything the Town Manager could do regarding this issue. Town Manager, Alex Rey replied that the matter had been discussed at a prior meeting. He explained that the Florida Department of Transportation can only build a sound wall in conjunction with another project and that it would be at an estimated cost of 9-10 million dollars. The Town Manager informed the Council that there would be a Resurface Project on I-75 starting soon and that a request for the construction of the sound walls could be resubmitted.

2. Adult Education Certificates of Appreciation (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi called Dr. Nilda Diaz and Miriam Duman to the podium. Dr. Diaz gave a progress report and thanked the Council for their foresight in starting the classes. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Dr. Nilda Diaz and Miriam Duman.

3. Wi-Fi City Initiative (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi expressed support for public access to the internet, via wireless local area networks, for the residents of Miami Lakes. Councilmember Pizzi requested a staff update. Town Manager, Alex Rey reported that town parks can deploy internet access at a minimal cost and within a time frame of 2-3 months. Councilmember Pizzi expressed support and suggested a trial period for the program in the parks and a subsequent status report.

Vice Mayor Robert Meador inquired as to whether this tied into previous Comcast discussions. The Vice Mayor commented that Comcast currently provides cabling in the park and that there had been previous discussion with the company about deploying cable to the rest of the park. The Town Manager stated that he would remind Comcast of its previous commitment to the Council.

4. At-Risk Youth Coordination (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi emphasized the importance of follow through and coordination between all entities that deal with at risk children. He requested an update from the Town Manager. Lieutenant Aldofo Roiz gave an overview of the curfew and truant program. Councilman Pizzi requested an updated report for future meetings.

D. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

14. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hurricane Shutters on Apartment Buildings (Slaton)

Town Manager Alex Rey reported on the lack of obligation on the part of private property owners to install shutters in the case of a hurricane. It was requested that the Manager prepare a report of how the obligation is handled in other municipalities.

B. Bidding Procedures for Contracts (Alonso)

Councilmember Roberto Alonso asked about the Town's bidding procedures and referred to a specific incident of a salesperson requesting the opportunity to bid on a copier. He requested information on the use of piggybacking contracts including under what circumstances the town uses that process. Town Manager, Alex Rey explained the process and reasoning involved. Vice Mayor, Robert Meador requested the types of bids that have been awarded using piggyback system and the cost. Town Manager, Alex Rey stated that he will implement be a process to track all vendors who request to be on a bidder's list.

C. Pooper Scooper Law (Pizzi)

Since this is already being addressed, Councilman Pizzi asked to remove from agenda.

D. Rename Miami Lakes Park (Collins)

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to rename Miami Lakes Park to Optimists Park. It was seconded by Councilmember Nancy Simon.

Pedro Carbello spoke in opposition to the renaming of the park, requested that the Town has an ordinance requiring landlords to install shutters for tenants during hurricanes and spoke about the Police requesting that audience members not talk during Council proceedings.

Town Manager, Alex Rey explained the ownership of the park. Councilwoman Nancy Simon suggested that the name change should not be made until approval was gained from the School Board. Councilmember Michael Pizzi suggested passage of the motion at this meeting and allowing the staff to work out the details afterward. Councilwoman Nancy Simon, after consulting with Town Attorney amended the motion to include that the park be renamed after the town staff gains necessary approval from the School Board and any required County approval. Maker of the motion, Councilwoman Mary Collins accepted the amendment.

Mayor Slaton called for the vote on the amended motion and all were in favor with Vice Mayor Robert Meador voting against.

15. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

September 19, 2006 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 7 PM
October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 7 PM


16. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Approved this 14 day of Nov., 2006



Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:



Debra Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk