

**MINUTES**  
**Quarterly STD Workshop**  
**“Special Taxing District”**  
**April 24, 2025**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 6:37 p.m.

The following Elected Officials were present: Mayor Joshua Dieguez, Vice Mayor Bryan Morera, Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia and Councilmember Steven Herzberg.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez and Special Projects Manager John Yanes.

**2. Public Comments:**

*(Phonetically spelling of each speaker’s name will be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known)*

Mayor Dieguez opened public comments and Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo read the public comments instructions.

Mr. Alex Ariano requested that the guards be switched back from level two to level one and expressed his opposition for the sign on the corner of 154<sup>th</sup> and perimeter road stating bicycles can have the entire lane if they want to, requesting they should be in a single file.

Ms. Esperanza “Hope” Reynolds spoke about monthly STD (Special Taxing Districts) fees, mail outs and feedback on Royal Oaks Section One overnight driver license checks proposal.

Mr. Boris Foster spoke on the LPR (License Plate Reader) cameras being removed from the district’s budget to townwide, administrative costs concern and had no opposition with the gate guards.

Ms. Irene Guitierrez spoke about mail outs, GRS (Royal Oaks HOA Management) email notifications and positive LPR implementation feedback.

Mr. Homero Cruz spoke about his opposition to abolishing the previous NSD Advisory committees, raising fees, the intent for Royal Oaks Special Taxing Districts and driver license checks and his desire to put it to a vote, for the residents to decide.

Mr. Abel Fernandez spoke about Royal Oaks HOA, incurring costs by sending emails, supporting mails outs, security services expenses on the budget, future property tax collection from Palma Del Lago, LPR camera reimbursements, bidding process, security guard gate level one and level two and he also asked the Town Council to respect Councilmember Cuadra Garcia.

SFM Gate Guard Services Operations Manager, Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, provided an explanation to address the difference between level one and level two security guards.

Mr. Manny Lopez spoke about having no intentions to bid on a contract in the Town of Miami Lakes, having bilingual security guards, putting bids out for other companies to bid, STD (Special Taxing District) contract for Royal Oaks, adding a module to the 168<sup>th</sup> entrance to utilize clickers and he also spoke about driver's license checks.

Ms. Lydia Hernandez spoke about driver's license checks at guard gates in Royal Oaks and previous drainage improvements.

Mr. Patrick Kunkel spoke about the Loch Lomond guard house renovation.

### **3. Item Discussed:**

Mayor Dieguez stated the purpose of the workshop is to prepare the budgets and gather public input prior to the coming before the Town Council in the May Regular Council Meeting.

Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez presented the preliminary budget and stated that what will be presented to the Town Council in May will be available on the Town's website a week prior to them discussing it. Special Parks Manager J.P. Yanes provided additional information and feedback throughout the presentation.

Budget Officer Hernandez provided feedback on administrative fees and answered questions posed by the Town Council and presented the budget for Miami Lakes Section One. Mayor Dieguez highlighted his request to find out how much Section One had to dip into their 10% reserve to make up for the increase in the security guard.

Councilmember Herzberg requested to know the difference in pay between level one and level two security guards, requested an updated quote to have automatic gate guard poles and emphasized having screen monitors to notify residents at the guard gates. He mentioned that having screen monitors would be cheaper than sending out mail outs and requested quotes from Town Staff, to move forward with that.

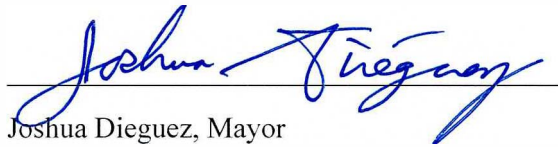
Vice Mayor Morera suggested putting up an a-frame, a couple days before notifying the start of implementing driver license checks. In reference to Loch Lomond guard house renovation, he mentioned that the town must make a petition at this point because more than 10% of Loch Lomond has submitted a letter of intent according to the Special Taxing Districts ordinance that was passed recently.

Town Clerk Inguanzo stated the point of the mailers is to get the word out to the community, to make sure that residents are informed about the meetings and she stated that the Town Clerk's Office posts publications in the Miami Laker, as well as posting in the Town Website nearly a month before these meetings.

**4. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day May 2025.

  
Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:

  
Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk