

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
July 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Dieguez presented a proclamation to the president of the Latin Builders Association, Mr. Tony Gomez. He explained that Mr. Gomez has worked with the Miami Dade County School Board since 1997, helping to populate and maintain over 300 schools across multiple municipalities. He further explained that Mr. Gomez is a longtime member and 25th president of the Latin Builders Association, the largest Hispanic Construction Association in the United States. Mayor Dieguez proclaimed July 26th, 2025, as Anthony Gomez Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. Mr. Gomez thanked the Town Council for this recognition.

Mayor Dieguez presented a proclamation to the Town of Miami Lakes Parks and Recreation team, in honor of Parks and Recreation Month. He explained that the Parks and Recreation Department is an integral part of the community and that it motivates physical activities by offering space for popular sports, trails, and many other activities. He further explained that Parks and Recreation elevates the community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, heightened tourism and crime reduction. Mayor Dieguez proclaimed July 2025 as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Miami Lakes. The Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, thanked the Town Council for this recognition.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inganzo, called the roll at 6:31 pm. Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Steven Herzberg, Councilmember Alex Sanchez, Vice Mayor Morera and Mayor Joshua Dieguez were present.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Councilmember Sanchez led the prayer.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dieguez.

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):

Councilmember Garcia requested to move items 11B and 11A, - the Special Presentation Items, to after Public Comments. He stated that 11B was to be heard first and then followed by Item 11A. Councilmember Garcia motioned to approve the New Order of Business and Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

During the discussion of the Attorney's Reports, Councilmember Cuadra Garcia requested to pull item 12C. Councilmember Cuadra Garcia then motioned to re-open the Order of Business and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and the motion passed 7-0. Then, Councilmember Cuadra Garcia motioned to pull Item 12C from the Consent Calendar and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. The motion passed 7-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Youtube 00:00)

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name will be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed during public meetings.

Mr. Antonio Moreno came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that during the COVID-19 pandemic, a bad storm caused the wooden fence on the side of his property to collapse. He further explained that after the storm he installed a metal fence in the exact same location as the previous wooden fence. He explained that he was unaware that he needed a permit to replace the fence.

Ms. Alexa Pla came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that she has become involved with the Youth Activities Task Force and is interested in learning more about local government policy.

Mr. Carlos Andres came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Miami Lakes Police Department, the Communications Department and the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work and for assisting the Public Safety Committee with various tasks. He stated that he is in support of item 16A and item 16C. He explained that drainage improvements are needed in the Big Cypress area. He stated that the Public Safety committee's next event will be a coffee event at station 64.

There being no further public comments, public comments were closed.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

8. MANAGER'S REPORTS:

A. Police Report (Major Gonzalez)

Major Gonzalez presented the Police Report and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

B. Public Works Infrastructure Report (Santos)

The Public Works Director, Omar Santos, presented the monthly infrastructure report and answered questions posed by the Town Council. He spoke about summer initiatives, he reported that there were no incidents during the 4th of July celebration, and he spoke about the National Night Out, taking place in Veteran's Park at 6 pm. He also stated that they are working on traffic initiatives and getting ready for the new school year.

C. Time Capsule (Bajdaun)

Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun, presented the report and explained that action on this item will occur in 2030. He further explained that this item is meant to open when the Royal Oaks Time Capsule is opened in 2030. He also stated that this time capsule is going to be youth focused, as recommended by Vice Mayor Morera and that the YATF is already working on this task. He emphasized that this item will be actionable in 2029, as it is meant to be tied with the opening of Royal Oaks Time Capsule in 2030. He then answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Morera commented that he understands that the original time capsule is to be opened in 2030, but he opined that it would be nice to create the new time capsule in 2025, with the TOML 25th Anniversary celebration and to then reschedule to be at 25, 50, 75 and so on. He shared his opinion as something to be considered with his colleagues and Town Staff.

Councilmember Herzberg then commented that if the plan is for the new time capsule to be created in 2030, then we will talk about this new time capsule in 2029. Mr. Bajdaun agreed and there were no more comments.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi presented the report and explained that they are working with the foreclosure reports, so they don't have to make a large upfront payment. Councilmember Herzberg asked the Town Attorneys if any letters of demand

had gone out and he reminded the Town Attorneys that the Town Council needs to see them before they get filed. The Town Attorney agreed.

Vice Mayor Morera referenced the June RCM Minutes, and he asked the Town Attorneys for an estimate of fees on the Blasting Case. Vice Mayor Morera stated that he wants justice for us and for the residents, but that we need to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. He then requested for this estimate to be provided to the Town Council soon.

Vice Mayor Morera also referenced the public comment provided by Mr. Abel Fernandez about creating a sub-millage, for our residents to be able to see how much of their taxes is going towards the blasting case. He asked the legality of this and asked for the Town Attorneys opinion on this matter. To this effect, Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella responded that the Town can create a budget and a separate line in your budget, so that residents can see how the money is being spent. He emphasized that you can't create a separate tax to fund this.

Councilmember Garcia also asked if the Town could create Tiffs for these expenses. Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella responded that issues of taxing are statutorily created and are not withing our home rule power, to be able to create additional taxes. He explained that additional types of fees could be created and special assessments but not for something of this nature.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Special Needs Advisory Board Report

Chairperson Ms. Vivian Levy and Secretary Ms. Kimberly Trelles presented the report and went over the events and initiatives the committee has been working on. She thanked the Town Liaison, Ms. Isabella Creighton and Officer Robinn Amador.

Chairperson Levy explained that the third semester of the animation class was very successful. She stated that there will be a fourth semester of the animation class in the fall. Ms. Trelles stated that many families benefitted from the sensory room located at the Mary Collins Community Center during the Town's 4th of July fireworks event. Chairperson Levy explained that the SNAB needs the Town Council's approval to host a pickleball event on August 30th, to benefit Gigi's Playhouse. Mayor Dieguez motioned to approve of the event. Vice Mayor Morera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Levy then announced that the Mayor's Gala is scheduled to take place on November 14th and it will be a black tie. She also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

11. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: PENDING

A. Mr. Claudio Diaferia, Chief Operating Officer of Greater Miami Expressway Agency

Mr. Claudio Diaferia, the Chief Operating Officer from Greater Miami Expressway Agency presented the report and explained that one of the main projects the agency is working on is a partial interchange at SR 924/Gratigny and NW 67th Avenue. He stated that GMX is working on improving transportation and introducing new approaches to mobility and investing in key projects. He explained that they are currently conducting a Project Development and Environmental Study that evaluates the socioeconomical and environmental potential impacts associated with the proposed transportation improvements. He explained that the Town of Miami Lakes and GMX explored the possibility of advancing this project and in 2019, initial steps were taken.

He explained that the purpose of this project is to improve system links and enhance accessibility to and from the expressway network. He explained that they will be having a Public Workshop this Fall and a Public Hearing in the Spring of 2026.

Mr. Robert Carballo, a consultant to GMX, and Mr. Diaferia, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

B. Mr. Joe Kenhan, Speaker – Volunteer Advocate, Walk to End Alzheimer’s – Alzheimer’s Association

Mr. Joey Kenhan and Ms. Milin Espino from the Alzheimer’s Association presented the report and explained that in Florida, Alzheimer’s disease is the most prevalent in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Kenhan explained that the Alzheimer’s Association is the biggest funder of Alzheimer’s research and education, and he asked the Town Council to support the Associations Walk to end Alzheimer’s, which is scheduled to take place on November 15th at Marlins Park. He explained that the purpose of the walk is to raise funds for Alzheimer’s research and bring awareness to the prevalence of Alzheimer’s throughout Miami-Dade County. They both answered questions posed by the Town Council.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Morera moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez. The motion passed 7-0.

A. Approval of Minutes

June 16, 2025 Workshop Updated Committee Rules
June 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
June 26, 2025 Sunshine Meeting

The minutes were approved in the Consent Calendar.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2025-07, INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AT PARK FACILITIES, TO

CONTRACTORS 911, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$61,017.50); AUTHORIZING A PROJECT CONTINGENCY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$6,101.00); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved in the Consent Calendar.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO R2R DEMOLITION INC. FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES PURSUANT TO ITB 2025-15 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5951 N.W. 151ST STREET, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$89,000.00); AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$30,000.00); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Cuadra Garcia who motioned to deny Item 12c and put it back out to bid. Councilmember Garcia seconded for discussion.

After discussion, the motion to deny Item 12C failed 1-6. Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Herzberg, Councilmember Sanchez, Vice Mayor Morera, Mayor Dieguez voted in opposition.

Mayor Dieguez then motioned to move and approve Item 12C. Councilmember Herzberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-1. Councilmember Cuadra Garcia voted in opposition.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF CAMP WANNADO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, INC., SNAPOLOGY OF MIAMI, AND YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE (ITN) 2025-14 FOR RECREATION PROGRAM SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH THE SELECTED VENDORS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY PROVIDERS, SUBJECT TO NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved in the Consent Calendar.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, FISCAL YEAR 2024, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved in the Consent Calendar.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE CLAY COUNTY CONTRACT NO. 23/24-074 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND AMENITIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved in the Consent Calendar.

13. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ATTACHED CANOPIES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY BUILDINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", AT ARTICLE V, "ALLOWABLE ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE REQUIRED YARDS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHTS", AT SECTION 13-1506, "CANOPIES,"; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Morera motioned to move the item and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

The Town Principal Planner, Ms. Susana Alonso provided feedback on questions and concerns proposed by the Town Council. She stated that this does not make buildings closer to homes. She emphasized that the current setback remains. She explained that the 20% of the year yard that you are allowed to cover with a roof remains the same. After further discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 7-0.

14. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO THE TOWN FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND ONE-TIME OPERATING EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF

RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and stated this ordinance allocates the funding, that the Veterans Committee has rearranged for the total design cost of the Veterans Memorial. He emphasized that this is not awarding the design contract but allocating the funds to make sure that it's in the right place. He also stated that this ordinance is also a budget transfer to allocate the money from a contingency line to an expense line, to eventually come back to the Town Council with a contract to award a boundary survey in the NW 77th Ave area.

Mayor Dieguez opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Garcia motioned to move the item and Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Herzberg addressed his concerns about where the money to build the Veterans Memorial will come from and suggested having an open discussion with the Veterans Committee to figure out how we can raise some more money. Councilmember Sanchez reminded the Town Council that the majority of the \$36,000 came through fundraising efforts of the Veterans Committee. He suggested that perhaps, through the 5K, the elected officials can fundraise and a line share over the next two, three years can be appropriated to that Veterans Memorial.

After discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion was approved 6-0. Vice Mayor Morera was absent

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; PERTAINING TO PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 17 ("OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"); CREATING SECTION 17-4 OF CHAPTER 17, TITLED "PUBLIC CAMPING AND SLEEPING"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING THE SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING; PROHIBITING PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella presented the item and stated that this ordinance makes sure the Town is abiding by Florida Statute -which was amended last year, to make it a responsibility for all municipalities to ensure that there is no public camping. He further explained that this ordinance provides that the Town of Miami Lakes does allow for any type of overnight camping. He also stated that the Town Manager reached out to the Homeless Trust and the Town will continue making the best effort to make sure that if there

are any homeless in our municipality, we would work with these public entities to ensure that they receive the care they need.

Mayor Dieguez opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Dieguez moved the adoption of the item and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion.

During the discussion, the Town Manager answered questions posed by the Town Council and stated that the Sheriff's Office will enforce this ordinance, that this ordinance is in line with state law.

After discussion, The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance in second reading was passed unanimously 6-0. Vice Mayor Morera was absent.

15. RESOLUTIONS:

None.

16. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Letter of Support (Sanchez)

Councilmember Sanchez presented his item and motioned to offer a letter of support on behalf of Miami Lakes to Senator Rene Garcia to advocate the creation of the On-ramps onto I-75 Northbound and Southbound on the NW 170 Street bridge to help alleviate some of the traffic for the residents of Miami Lakes and our neighbors in Hialeah.

Mayor Dieguez seconded the motion and stated he would like to add an amendment alongside a proposed resolution that was provided to the Town Council by the Town Attorney Cobiella during the discussion of the item, to direct a formal action of support on behalf of the entire body of the Town Council to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart who will be advocating for the funds provided through the Community Funding Project (CFP) for this study, Councilmember Sanchez seconded the amendment.

During discussion, the Town Clerk stated that the Office of the Town Clerk had not received a copy of this resolution, and she asked for the resolution, so it would be part of the record. The main motion was approved unanimously 6-0, Vice Mayor Morera was absent.

B. Committee Meetings (Dieguez)

Mayor Dieguez presented his item and stated that some committees meet at 8:30 pm and that he understands that it is very late at night. Mayor Dieguez explained that he would like to set up some parameters and secondly, that he would like to amend the committee rules to

encourage the committees, that if at least the Vice Chair is available to meet and it has been at least 2 months without a meeting, then the committee meeting must take place.

Mayor Dieguez then motioned that no committee meetings commence later than 7:00 p.m. and that if a committee is coming up on a third missed meeting, if the Vice Chair is able to chair the meeting, then they must convene. Vice Mayor Morera seconded the motion for discussion.

Vice Mayor Morera offered a friendly amendment. He proposed to amend the committee rules so that no meetings other than Special Call Meetings and Subcommittee meetings, he stated that if the Special Call Meeting or Sub-committee Meeting wants to meet later, they can do so. Additionally, rather than having no committee meetings commencing later than 7:00 p.m. as proposed by Mayor Dieguez, he recommended 7:30 p.m. As to the second part of the motion made by Mayor Dieguez, Vice Mayor Morera recommended that when a committee comes up with a third missed month, the committee shall meet so long as a quorum can be met, regardless of whether the Vice Chair is available. He stated that we should give the committee's guidance, so that if someone is available on the order of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary or if none of those are available, any member can choose to chair the meeting if they can meet a quorum to advance business. Mayor Dieguez stated that he would accept the friendly amendment.

Vice Mayor Morera further clarified his amendment to the main motion for proper posture and stated the following motion: that an exception be created to the general committee rules, such that Special Call Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings can take place after the 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. timeline that we established, subject to staff not necessarily being required to be there, it's optional and moving the cut-off time from 7:00 p.m. as stated in the main motion to 7:30 p.m. As to the second part of the main motion, to amend it such that you don't need the Vice Chair to be present, but rather if the Chair and the Vice Chair are not available the Treasurer can chair the meeting, if the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are not present, the Secretary can chair the meeting and if none of those are available then any member of the committee selected amongst themselves to chair that meeting and on that coming up on the third missed month they will meet so long as a quorum can be met. Mayor Dieguez seconded the amendment.

During the discussion, Councilmember Herzberg stated that he believes that meetings can't take place without staff. Town Manager Pidermann advised that what we do today we should continue doing regarding Town Liaisons being present at all meetings.

Councilmember Herzberg then motioned to amend the committee rules and in every yearly election, the committee should then also decide as a group -not just the chair- when these meetings or committees should meet. Vice Mayor Morera accepted Councilmember Herzberg's amendment and incorporated his motion into his amendment. The amendment passed 7-0.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella provided further remarks stating that one of the reasons we have Liaisons present is to ensure that the law is being followed, both Public Records Law and also Sunshine Law, making sure we have quorum. So, he reiterated the importance of having Town Liaisons attend the meetings.

Councilmember Sanchez proposed an amendment to also include in the committee rules, all Ad-Hoc committees and Councilmember Herzberg seconded the amendment. The amendment passed 7-0.

Then, the main motion as amended twice, was approved unanimously 7-0.

C. STD Section One Security Protocol – Driver’s License (Fernandez)

Town Clerk Inguanzo stated to let the record reflect that the Town Clerk’s Office received a written public comment from Ms. Hope Reynolds, which she shared with the Town Council via email regarding this item.

Councilmember Fernandez presented his item and motioned implementing the security protocol currently utilized in the two Royal Oaks Special Taxing Districts (STDs) within the Miami Lakes Section One STD from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am, based on feedback received from multiple residents. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. Vice Mayor Morera then confirmed with the Town Staff, that this item would come back in the next regular council meeting, as a resolution to which he would support.

Councilmember Garcia asked if the implementation of asking for driver’s licenses would increase the guard levels to which Councilmember Fernandez replied not one cent. Town Manager Pidermann stated the only ones being asked for their driver’s license would be visitors, non-residents. Councilmember Garcia stated that he thinks we need a little more input from the residents of that area before we establish a time. Councilmember Sanchez added as a reminder that the Special Taxing Districts Workshop is taking place on Thursday, July 17; he stated that residents from that area will probably attend and that they will voice their opinions.

Councilmember Herzberg confirmed he has received feedback from the residents of ML Section 1 requesting the security protocol in their area. He stated that he would like to get further input but that it makes sense to move forward.

Former Vice Mayor Tony Fernandez came before the Town Council to state he is in favor of this item and that he is a resident of Miami Lakes Section 1. He stated that this is a good policy; that it has very low downside and huge upside.

Councilmember Cuadra Garcia also stated he is in favor of sticker decals for residents to enter their community which Councilmember Fernandez stated he would not be opposed to it, but it can be something we can discuss at a different time. He stated that the clicker would resolve the issue with the residents being able to come in and out.

The motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

D. Adoption of Kirkland Brand Bottled Water for Official Town Hall Functions (Cuadra Garcia)

Councilmember Herzberg made a motion to waive Item 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. The motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Cuadra Garcia presented his item and motioned to implement the exclusive use of Kirkland Signature bottled water for all Town Hall meetings and similar municipal functions, thereby promoting a more cost-effective and high-quality hydration option for attendees and staff, thus directing staff to conduct a water study to determine the validity of this initiative.

Vice Mayor Morera seconded the motion for discussion and expressed his opposition towards the item stating he does not like the idea of us -a government agency- selecting and promoting one particular brand. Councilmember Garcia shared his opposition to the motion suggesting instead, for Town Staff to implement using less plastic than more plastic and maybe a water fountain that's filtered for everybody.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella provided feedback referencing Florida Statute stating that anytime you're looking at purchasing a particular item to be careful not selecting a certain brand that we want, rather make sure we are very transparent in our procurement process such as, if we don't want plastic make sure its aluminum or to make sure it's the lowest bidder, to get several quotes and figure which is the lowest costing water out there.

Councilmember Herzberg proposed a strike all amendment to the motion stating we should give Town Committees and Town Staff guidance to use smaller bottled water, -not for emergencies and not for Town Staff- but to use small, bottled water for events. Vice Mayor Morera seconded the amendment.

Town Manager Pidermann provided additional remarks requesting some latitude for the Town Staff to come up with the best option, understanding that the intent is for these events to go with the smaller bottled water so long as it makes financial sense.

After further discussion, the strike all amendment passed unanimously 7-0 and the motion passed 7-0.

17. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. Update on discussions with other Municipalities (Herzberg)

Councilmember Herzberg provided his update stating he will be reaching out to effective municipalities, Broward and Miami-Dade County and encourage all of Town Council to reach out to their own contacts in those municipalities specifically Hialeah, Doral and Miramar, also he is working on setting up a meeting with Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and our Town Attorneys to discuss our past resolution to proceed and investigate and move forward with legal action.

B. Everbridge Announcement (Fernandez)

Councilmember Fernandez encouraged residents in light of the current floods in Texas to register through our Town Website under the Communications icon/ button as a way to register for Everbridge to help with any kind of warnings, flood warnings, heat warnings, specific hyper local warnings that the Town of Miami Lakes will provide to that system.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Approved this 19th of August 2025.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk