

**MINUTES**  
**Quarterly STD Workshop**  
**“Special Taxing District”**  
**July 17, 2025**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 6:36 p.m.

The following Elected Officials were present: Vice Mayor Bryan Morera, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Steven Herzberg and Councilmember Alex Sanchez. Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez attended the meeting physically at 6:43 p.m.

The following Town Staff members were present: Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, and Special Projects Manager John Yanes. The Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella attended the meeting physically at 7:39 p.m.

**2. Public Comments:**

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

Vice Mayor Morera opened the meeting up for the public comments section of the agenda and Deputy Town Clerk Martinez read the public comments instructions.

Ms. Irene Guterrez came to the Council Chambers and spoke about the installation of speed bumps, infrared photos, windshield stickers, security guard gate protocol and guardhouse awnings.

Mr. Homero Cruz came to the Council Chambers and spoke about windshield sticker costs.

Mr. Patrick Kunkel came to the Council Chambers and spoke about the Loch Lomond guardhouse renovation.

Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, SFM Gate Guard Services Operations Manager, came to the Council Chambers and provided feedback on security guard employee bathroom procedures.

Mr. Antonio Crawford came to the Council Chambers and spoke about property taxes and guard gate levels.

Former Councilwoman Marylin Ruano came to the Council Chambers and spoke about Capital Improvements, guardhouse awnings and residents having the right to vote regarding any changes to the structure or operation of guard gates.

**3. Item Discussed:**

Special Projects Manager, Mr. JP Yanes presented the staff report with updates on Lake Conditions, Fish Stocking, Security and Surveillance Transition, Guard Removals, Capitol Improvement Ballads, Loch Lomond Guardhouse Renovation and STD Survey Results. He also answered questions posed by the Town Council and provided further feedback on potential enchantments including but not limited to ID Check at Miami Lakes Section One STD, Infrared Photo Switch Systems for Visitor Gates and Guardhouse Awnings.

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella provided proper posture for the voting procedures within Special Taxing Districts and the changes that can be made by the ordinance and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Further discussion was held regarding creating budget-line items for the Special Taxing Districts and defining what Capital Improvements means. Vice Mayor Morera then requested information regarding some ordinances.

Vice Mayor Morera gave closing remarks and stated that he is in favor of all the items presented by Special Projects Manager Yanes, subject to approval from the residents and /or changing the ordinance, which would require being moved, seconded and going through two separate reading at a public hearing.

**4. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day August 2025.

  
Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk