

**MINUTES**  
**Special Call Meeting**  
**to Set the Millage Rate Cap**  
**and**  
**Budget Hearing Dates**  
**July 29, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 6:31pm.

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Joshua Dieguez, Vice Mayor Morera, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Steven Herzberg and Councilmember Alex Sanchez. Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez participated via zoom.

The following Town staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez, Public Works Director Omar Santos, Building Department Director Daniel Angel, Park & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis Martinez and Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella.

**2. Roll Call:**

Deputy Town Clerk Martinez called the roll.

**3. Moment of Silence:**

Vice Mayor Morera led the prayer.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sanchez.

**5. Order of Business:**

Vice Mayor Morera moved to keep the Order of Business and Councilmember Sanchez seconded the motion. The Order of Business was adopted unanimously 7-0.

## **6. Public Comments:**

Deputy Town Clerk Martinez read the public comments instructions. There being no public comments, public comments were closed.

## **7. Resolution:**

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA DECLARING, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE TOWN'S PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, ROLLED-BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO 200.065(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE AT WHICH PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CHANGE BUDGET HEARING DATES IF NEEDED; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO SERVE THIS RESOLUTION ON THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella provided proper posture for the Town Council for setting the Millage Rate Cap.

Vice Mayor Morera motioned to move the item and Councilmember Herzberg seconded and Mayor Dieguez opened the item up for discussion.

Councilmember Herzberg requested a second budget workshop to further discuss the budget. Town Manager Pidermann stated the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup> there is time for another workshop to take place, in addition to the August 27<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Budget Meeting. He stated the Town Clerk's office would set up the meeting with the Town Council.

Councilmember Garcia stated he is in favor of having a second budget workshop meeting. Mayor Dieguez clarified that a motion is not needed to have the second budget workshop meeting, we just need to give directions to the Town Manager, providing him with dates when the Town Council is available, so it can get scheduled.

Then, Councilmember Garcia made an amendment to keep the millage rate flat at 2.0732. The motion failed due to a lack of second.

After further discussion, Vice Mayor Morera motion to approve the item passed 5-2. Councilmember Cuadra Garcia and Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

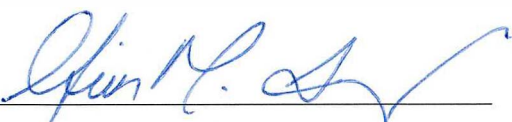
**B. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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

  
Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:

  
Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk