

MINUTES
1st Budget Hearing
September 11, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:50 pm. Councilmember JC Fernandez, Councilmember Cuadra-Garcia, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Herzberg, Councilmember Sanchez, Vice Mayor Morera and Mayor Dieguez were present.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was led by Mayor Dieguez, in light of September 11th and as well for the assassination of Charlie Kirk, that took place yesterday.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

No pledge of allegiance was done because during the Special Call Meeting the Pledge was already done.

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

Vice Mayor Morera moved to discuss item 7B before item 7A.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella explained that procedurally, the Town Council is required by law to discuss the millage rate first. He further explained that the Town Council is required to vote on the millage rate first by law. He explained that the Town Council could discuss the millage first and then vote to table the item, then the next step would be to discuss the budget and then vote to table the budget. He stated that the Town Council could then go back and vote on the millage rate first, followed by the budget.

Vice Mayor Morera withdrew his motion.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (13:08)

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

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, stated for the record that there was only one participant for public comments on-line.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She stated that pursuing grants to bring more revenue to the Town is a waste of time and money. She explained that all grants have strings attached and incur more expenses to the Town. She stated that the Town should focus on maintaining its current programs and amenities.

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that yesterday, the Miami Dade County School Board increased the percentage they need to charge because of the decrease in student enrollment. She stated that she hopes the council caps all government line items and lets the administration deal with budget constraints, rather than allow them to constrain the individual budget of every Miami Laker.

Ms. Felicia Salazar came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She discussed her concerns regarding the budget and Town services. She explained that they have been working on the cultural affairs committee budget. She urged the Town Council not to cut the budget for Town committees that help the community.

Mr. Fernando Herrera came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that what looks sustainable in the short term often limits growth and long-term stability. He stated that the Town cannot expect good services if they fund them at a bare minimum. He stated that he believes that the answer lies in balance by making modest adjustments that protect the quality of life without crushing families or seniors.

Mr. Jorge Llerena came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that the school crossing guards and cellphones for Town Staff are unnecessary expenses. He further explained that each department should itemize their employees' salaries. He stated that the cost of living should be the last thing considered in the budget.

Ms. Amy Lipson-Morales came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that if the Town is going to plan for growth, then they have to plan infrastructure beforehand. She further explained that cities all over Miami-Dade are voting to keep their millage rate flat. She stated that the residents do not want to fund Optimist Park improvements. She urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents.

Ms. Claudia Lucas came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She stated that there are a lot of budget cuts that can be made. She stated that the Town continues to come forward with ideas for new facilities while not being able to maintain their current facilities. She stated that the residents should not be paying for the Optimist Park improvements. She urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents.

Mr. Rudy Blanco came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that the Blasting Advisory Board needs a line item. He then discussed his concerns regarding the proposed millage increase. He urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents and make the necessary cuts.

Mr. Calixto Milian came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He then discussed his concerns regarding the proposed millage increase. He explained that the Town should look into cheaper options for certain services. He urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents and make the necessary cuts.

Mr. Abel Fernandez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He discussed his concerns regarding the proposed millage increase. He stated that the Town should

implement a tiered cost of living system. He urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents and make the necessary cuts.

Mr. Van Toth came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He discussed his concerns regarding the proposed millage increase. He urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents and make the necessary cuts.

Mr. Jorge Lazo came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that the proposed property tax increase will have a detrimental effect on homeowners who live on a fixed income. He further explained that local business owners will be affected by increased property taxes and higher rental fees. He urged the Town Council to make the cuts necessary and say no to the property tax increase.

Mr. Homero Cruz came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He discussed concerns regarding the proposed millage rate increase. He urged the Town Council to do the right thing and keep the millage rate flat.

Ms. Laura Verdaguer came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She discussed concerns regarding the proposed millage rate increase. She urged the Town Council to listen to their constituents.

Ms. Diana Newman participated in Public Comments via zoom. She discussed concerns regarding the proposed millage rate increase. She stated that the Optimist Park improvements and the 59th Avenue Bridge Project are unnecessary expenses.

Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo stated for the record that she received two written Public Comments, one from Ms. Ezperanza Reynolds and one from Ms. Francesca Garcia.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Dieguez closed Public Comments.

6. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella read the title of the ordinance into the record.

The Town Manager, Edward Pidermann, read into the record the following statement: the proposed millage rate for Fiscal year 2025-26 is 2.2459 and this rate is an increase of 0.1727 mills from the prior rate of 2.0732. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is five billion, two hundred and forty-two million, sixty-two thousand and eight hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$5,242,062,899). The proposed millage rate will generate eleven million, one hundred and eighty-four thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$11,184,492) in Ad Valorem revenue budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.2459 is 15.8% above the rollback rate 1.9400.

Councilmember Sanchez then moved to table Item 7A, the ordinance in first reading to be discussed after Item 7B and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Mayor Dieguez moved the ordinance in first reading, and it was seconded by Councilmember Herzberg.

Councilmember Herzberg stated that we wanted to discuss COLA increases. He stated that he is in agreement that the Town Council should not be given COLA's to high salaried employees, that it is hard to figure out what the cap is, but he mentioned that he had discussed with the Town Manager that anyone making over \$100,000 should not receive a COLA and he further explained that if a COLA puts an employee at \$100,000 or over, it should be capped at \$100,000. Councilmember Herzberg then stated that it is very hard to look at residents and increase taxes and say that employees making over \$130,000 or \$140,000 got a tax increase from their money. He also explained that there are Town staff that do not have high salaries. He also stated that he is not against looking at the carryforward and giving those Town staffers the COLAs later, but for this budget right now, there has to be a limit.

Councilmember Herzberg then motioned to cap the COLAs, anyone that makes under \$100,000 will have a COLA, anyone over \$100,000 no COLA but if the COLA brings you over \$100,000, it will be capped. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dieguez.

During the discussion, Councilmember Herzberg called a motion to call the question, and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion to call the question passed 7-0.

Then, the Town Clerk called the roll on the amendment by Councilmember Herzberg to provide the COLA only for those employees that make less than \$100,000 and to cap it at \$100,000. The amendment passed 6-1; Councilmember Fernandez voted in opposition.

Councilmember Herzberg then stated that he wanted to discuss the health insurance stipend. He stated that other municipalities provide this but that the Town of Miami Lakes is in the high end. He stated that he would not like to get rid of the stipend, especially given the fact that employees are now deciding whether to take health insurance or not and there is a cost saving in giving them some sort of stipend, because they don't go into the Town's health insurance. But he also recognized that he would like to lower the stipend lightly.

Councilmember Herzberg then motioned to lower the stipend to \$430, instead of \$746 monthly. Vice Mayor Morera seconded the motion. During discussion of this item, the Budget Director, Melissa Hernandez, answered questions posed by the Town Council and stated that there are no savings budgetarily speaking, because she considered every person if they decided to elect into the plan, because it is open enrollment now.

Councilmember Herzberg then withdrew his motion and stated that he will bring this via New Business Item. Shortly thereafter, Vice Mayor Morera tabled the motion, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Dieguez. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

Councilmember Garcia then moved to approve the items that had unanimous consensus - the items that were discussed during the Budget Workshop (the Budget Workshop Items for consideration). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez. Town Manager Pidermann clarified that Travel & Per Diem for Town Council and Town staff needed to be clarified. He stated that an email was sent to the Town Council including a breakdown by each department, for both Training and Education line item and then the Travel and Per Diem. Town Manager stated this spreadsheet shows the job title of the employee, the purpose and the requested expense.

During discussion, Mayor Dieguez then asked if one of his colleagues would amend the motion, to omit the specific types of travel, based on the Town Manager's Report, which was sent to the Town Council. Councilmember Fernandez then motioned to keep all in for the travel for the Town Manager and the Deputy Town Manager. There was no second to his motion.

Mayor Dieguez then motioned to make an amendment stripping out the Town Administration, Education and Travel Line Items and to discuss them later, to exclude the Town Administration, Education and Travel and to discuss them later. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera, and it passed 7-0. The main motion, as amended, passed 7-0.

Vice Mayor Morera then spoke about the Transportation Improvement Fund under Expenses, and the item is called Transportation 5% Admin. He stated that he understands that the Town has a right to charge an Overhead Fee against these Capital Improvement Funds and he stated that Town Staff elected not to do it. Vice Mayor Morera stated that this fund is \$15.8 million, and he emphasized that a 5% of 15.8 is approximately \$792,000. He stated that this amount of money should be sent to the General Fund and that it should be reimbursed. He emphasized that Town staff is always working on many of these projects and that it makes sense for the Town to be reimbursed and that we should charge that 5%. Vice Mayor Morera asked Town staff why it stopped being charged and then he moved to reallocate \$792,983 to the Transportation 5% Admin Fund (3014134-549350) and to reduce the Streetlight Improvements line item from \$289,820 to \$0, and to reduce the 59th Avenue Roadway Extension Line Item from \$10,699,298 to \$10,196,135. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herzberg.

Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez answered questions posed by the Town Council. She explained that the Town does charge 5% and she explained that it is the Transportation Fund, in Fund 101. She clarified that the Fund the Vice Mayor Morera is looking at is Fund 301 Capital Fund and she explained that Town staff transfer PTP Funds from the 101 Fund Revenues into the Capital Fund. She explained that it is in the expense portion in 101 -under

Transit & Transportation and that is the cost reimbursement to the General Fund. She stated that the Town is charging it from the PTP Fund and that whatever we utilize to fund our Capital projects from PTP, it gets transferred into Capital. Vice Mayor Morera then asked if staff could not charge it from PTP Fund and instead charge it from under the \$15 million fund. The Budget Officer responded that the Town follows Miami-Dade County Ordinance.

The Finance Director, Kay Grant, answered questions posed by Town Staff. She explained that to get in line with accounting procedures, it is a Special Revenue Fund, so staff moved it and now the PTP Funds are in the 101 Fund. She explained that 5% is charged for administrative costs and it goes into the General Fund, as cost reimbursement to administrative costs but the actual construction of the project is then transferred out of the Special Revenue into the Capital, and that's where the money sits.

Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez then addressed the Streetlight Improvements Projects and stated that those are funds that are being carried -project balance from prior Town Councils that have been approved. She explained that those funds were approved for projects to be done and one of them is Cowpen Lane. Vice Mayor Morera then asked if those projects could be removed by the current Town Council.

Public Works Director Omar Santos answered questions posed by the Town Council and he explained the Cowpen project.

Vice Mayor Morera then restated his motion and explained that he is trying to reimburse the General Fund because many employees are working on these projects. Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez stated that Town Staff already does that in the TPT Fund.

After further explanation, Vice Mayor Morera modified his motion and stated that he would like to allocate 5% of the Transportation Improvement Funds to the 5% Administrative Fee and for Town staff to figure out where it comes from. Town staff provided feedback and answered questions posed by Town Council. After further discussion, Vice Mayor Morera moved to table but emphasized that he wants more information on this matter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dieguez, and it passed 7-0.

Vice Mayor Morera then made a motion for Town Staff to write a letter to the CITT and request an opinion on whether the funds in PTP 20 could be used for school crossing guards, given that they improve mobility and transit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vice Mayor Morera then asked if the Town could create a line-item under PTP 80, whereby rather than paying for it out of the taxpayer's bill, it would be paying it out directly from PTP. After some discussion, Vice Mayor Morera tabled his motion.

Regarding the Contingency Reserves item of \$240,725, Vice Mayor Morera moved for that amount of money to be transferred to the General Fund. Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez explained that it can't be done because it is to be used for large developments and that it is restricted. Vice Mayor Morera stated that it's earmarked for future projects, and he asked the Town Attorneys if the Town Council, by ordinance, can set up the rules regarding money coming in from development projects. Vice Mayor Morera asked if the Town Council dictates where the money goes to. The Town Attorney is to provide a report about this.

Councilmember Sanchez then asked the following questions to be answered by the Town Attorney: What is it going to take to unencumber these funds? If they are not unencumbered, what are the consequences of moving these funds out of this fund and into the General Fund.

Councilmember Herzberg made a motion to cut the \$200,000 expense to replace the tennis court fencing and then the contribution to the sinking fund to be cut by \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera, and it passed 6-1; Councilmember Fernandez voted in opposition.

Councilmember Garcia emphasized that he had asked for a Legal Written opinion regarding the IT Fund to be perhaps used toward Code Enforcement. Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella stated that he was not aware of the request and stated he would have it done for next Tuesday, September 16th, at the Regular Council Meeting. Town Attorney Gastesi stated that he would look into this request and that he would provide a legal opinion.

During discussion, Town Manager Pidermann stated that the only money contained in any other funds that is transferable now is \$500,000, that was transferable to Miami Lakes Optimist Park. So, he explained that if the project is not going to move forward anytime soon, he recommended transferring the \$500,000. Mayor Dieguez motioned for \$499,322 from the MLOP to be transferred to the General Fund and then offset how much more we have to come up with. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez and the motion passed 4-2; Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

Mayor Dieguez moved to cut the FPL Tree Removal, FPL Tree Trimming, FPL New Tree Planting, FPL Street Repair and Paving and FPL Sidewalk Repair, all the lines need to be cut and specifically not replacing them. Vice Mayor Morera seconded the motion. Mayor Dieguez explained that the amount over \$1.275 million will be placed on the General Fund. Town Manager that adding the \$225,000 will fund the rest of the budget. The motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Cuadra Garcia voted in opposition.

Councilmember Cuadra Garcia motioned to consider doing a Rollback? The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herzberg for discussion. After some discussion, Councilmember Garcia made a motion to keep the millage rate flat instead of the rollback rate. Vice Mayor Morera called for point of order and stated that this motion is out of order because this is a discussion to be had at Item 7A, not at Item 7B. There was no vote.

Mayor Dieguez then made a motion that if there is a surplus of \$10,000 or \$11,000, for it to be restored to the FPL Sidewalk Repair & Replacement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and the motion passed 7-0.

Under Expenses, the Debt Service Fund Line Item, called Financial Institutional Fees, is budgeted at \$1,350. Vice Mayor Morera motioned to reduce the Contingency Reserve for that account from \$1,038,341 to \$944,491 and then to allocate \$95,200 to Financial Institutional Fees. Town Manager stated that he would provide more information in the Second Hearing. Vice Mayor Morera then withdrew his motion. Councilmember Herzberg stated that Town staff should push for the bank to give the commitment of the renewal, so we can eliminate approximately 50 or 60 thousand dollars.

Under Park's Improvements, PIMP, Vice Mayor Morera stated that he would like to 0 the \$24,996 account, because this is to fund the MLOP Master Plan. He then stated that he

would like to allocate the same amount to the Royal Oaks Park Non-Capital Outlay \$5,000; the Youth Center Non-Capital Outlay Park Improvements \$5,000; Veterans Park Improvements Operating \$10,000; Mini Parks Pocket Parks Non-Capital Outlay \$ 4,996. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Budget Officer Hernandez stated that she can't move those funds into General Funds. Vice Mayor Morera stated that this is wordsmithing. Vice Mayor Morera explained that he is not proposing to cut the funds. He is just changing it from being paid from the General Fund, to being paid by a Special Revenue Fund. He stated that he doesn't want to take away from the Park Maintenance, he wants it to be fully funded but he stated that Town staff needs to be more creative in how we fund it. He stated that we don't have a money problem, we have an allocation problem. The motion passed 7-0.

Vice Mayor Morera then asked about the Mobility Fee Trust Account Fund, and Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez responded that as of now, they are not anticipating anything. Principal Town Planner Susana Alonso answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Morera moved to modify in the expense side, the line item called Black Olive Tree Program from \$190,441 for it to be reduced to \$50,000 and to move the remaining \$140,441 to a line-item Transfer Out General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herzberg. Budget Officer Hernandez responded that under Green Space Public Works, under Tree Trimming, the Town has budget of \$200,000. Special Revenue Fund Tree Ordinance, \$150,000 of that is funding phase 3, so it will pay directly to the Tree Ordinance Fund. She explained that the \$190,000 that is there, \$150,000 is paying for phase 3. Vice Mayor Morera moved to table, and it was seconded by Mayor Dieguez. The motion to table passed 7-0.

Mayor Dieguez then called for a 10-minute recess. At 11:00 pm, Mayor Dieguez resumed the meeting.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to extend after 11 pm, it was seconded by Councilmember Cuadra Garcia. The motion passed 6-1; Vice Mayor Morera was absent.

Councilmember Sanchez moved to bring the Public Works – Green Space line-item Repair & Maintenance back down to \$659,080. Vice Mayor Morera seconded for discussion. Councilmember Sanchez requested to cut back on changing the flowers so often and would like to see an itemized list of this line-item, he asked to see year over year comparison what we are spending more funds on. He emphasized that he did not want to see the bundled price.

Parks & Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Sanchez then stated that he would keep the line item at \$659,080, until he receives the itemized list.

During discussion, Councilmember Herzberg then moved to make an amendment, to remove the \$35,000 flower bed, the quarterly changing and put in some sod or native plants, something that doesn't need to be changed every year. Councilmember Garcia suggested only using the plants that are native that don't need watering and do not need to be replanted every quarter. Councilmember Herzberg agreed to Councilmember Garcia's friendly

amendment and added his recommendation to his motion and requested Town staff to come back to the Town Council with what that one-time cost would be. He emphasized that he does not want to see it for years at \$35,000. Councilmember Herzberg moved to remove the quarterly change and understand that it will not be a zero number now but for Town staff to come back with an estimated number. Vice Mayor Morera seconded for discussion.

Vice Mayor Morera then made a strike all amendment to maintain the \$35,000 in the budget but to instruct Town staff to use that for purchasing and planting the stronger native shrubs species. Councilmember Herzberg accepted the friendly amendment provided by Vice Mayor Morera and Councilmember Garcia seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved and all were in favor. The main motion, as amended by the strike all, was approved, all were in favor.

Councilmember Herzberg moved to remove the Neighborhood Improvement Committee line-item Pedestrian & Bike Initiatives for \$5,900, Vice Mayor seconded for discussion. After further discussion, the motion was approved and all were in favor.

Councilmember Herzberg moved to reduce the Economic Development Committee line-item Marketing Materials down from \$12,000 to \$6,000. Mayor Dieguez seconded the motion. Committee member Rudy Blanco came before the Town Council to provide feedback on what the line-item fund goes towards. After further discussion, the motion was approved and all were in favor.

Councilmember Herzberg moved to reallocate \$1,000 from the \$6,000 just saved from the above Economic Development Committee line-item back to the Public Safety Committee budget totaling \$2,200 and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Sanchez then stated that he would like the Public Safety Committee to be fully funded. Councilmember Sanchez then made a motion to strike all amendments and stated he would like to see the Public Safety Committee back to being fully funded at \$4,800. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. After discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll and the strike all amendment proposed by Councilmember Sanchez died 3-4; Councilmember Herzberg, Councilmember Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Fernandez and Mayor Dieguez voted in opposition.

The main motion that was proffered by Councilmember Herzberg, to reallocate the PSC with \$1,000, passed and all were in favor.

Vice Mayor Morera moved to remove all Wireless Stipends in the General Fund and Special Revenues, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion did not pass 3-4; Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Herzberg, Councilmember Sanchez and Mayor Dieguez voted in opposition.

Councilmember Sanchez moved to request options to be brought back by our Town Attorneys, to see how we can deviate from the Coaches & Background Check current contract, to renegotiate the contract if we can, to no longer pay for the coaches' background checks. Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion, and the motion passed 6-1; Councilmember Fernandez voted in opposition.

Vice Mayor Morera then moved to table agenda Item 7B, to after we move or discuss agenda item 7A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herzberg, and all were in favor.

Vice Mayor Morera moved to take item 7A from the table and Councilmember Sanchez seconded and all were in favor.

After further discussion, Vice Mayor Morera moved to adopt the millage rate of 2.2459 for purposes of first reading, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Dieguez. Councilmember Garcia moved to consider the flat millage rate at 2.0, and the motion died due to lack of a second.

The main motion by Vice Mayor Morera, which was seconded by Mayor Dieguez, to adopt the millage rate at 2.2459, Ordinance in first reading, Item 7A, was approved 5-2; Councilmember Cuadra Garcia and Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

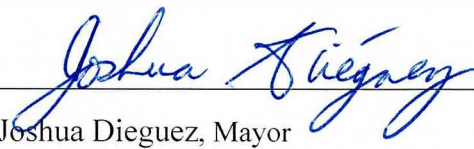
Vice Mayor Morera then moved to pick up agenda item 7B and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Mayor Morera then moved to adopt the budget, as amended, and it was seconded by Mayor Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion to adopt the budget, ordinance in first reading, Item 7B, passed 6-1; Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

Councilmember Sanchez then moved for Town staff to email the Town Council the spreadsheet, once it is updated with all this information. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, and all were in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

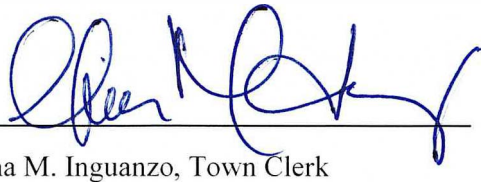
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 pm.

Approved this 21st day of October 2025.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk