

MINUTES
Special Call Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dieguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Herzberg, Councilmember Sanchez, Vice Mayor Morera and Mayor Dieguez.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Councilmember Garcia led the prayer.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Morera.

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

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (YouTube 10:00)

(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.

There being no public comments, public comments were closed.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. To Discuss Legal Bond Counsel for the Renewal of the Line of Credit

Town Attorney Gastesi stated that the renewal of the Line of Credit for the Town of Miami Lakes will be handled in-house. Town Attorney Gastesi stated that their firm will not bill the Town for this, he specifically stated that it will be done under the firm's monthly legal retainer.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella stated that there is a resolution attached to the memo, which allows the Town Administration to start negotiations with Bank United, N.A., to get the same or better interest. He stated that they need authority to proceed, then an ordinance will be drafted for the October meeting, and subsequently, an ordinance in second reading will be read in the November regular council meeting. Mayor Dieguez moved it, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. The motion passed 7-0.

b. To Discuss the Use of Budgeted Funds to hire Legal Counsel for Blasting Litigation

Town Attorney Gastesi stated that they were directed to take affirmative steps to establish legal framework to pursue potential relief on behalf of the Town and its residents, and in order to advance these efforts, the Town Attorneys have been talking to Attorney Leonard Collins, who is based in Tallahassee and part of the law firm of Gray Robinson. Town Attorney Gastesi explained that they would like to retain his legal services related to possible litigation related to rock mine blasting, and to use \$10,000 of the \$50,000 that was budgeted for the blasting litigation for the next fiscal year. Vice Mayor Morera moved this, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Herzberg. The motion was passed 7-0.

8. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

a. Ordinance Suspending the FPL Surplus Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Fernandez)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUSPENDING FOR ONE YEAR ORDINANCE NO. 19-247 RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FPL FRANCHISE FEE REVENUES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

It was explained that at the September 11th, 2025 Special Call Meeting Councilmember Fernandez moved to modify the Surplus FPL Franchise Fee Ordinance, suspending Ordinance No. 19-247 for one fiscal year to allow all FPL Franchise Revenues to be used in the General Fund for general Town operations and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. The ordinance in first reading passed 5-2.

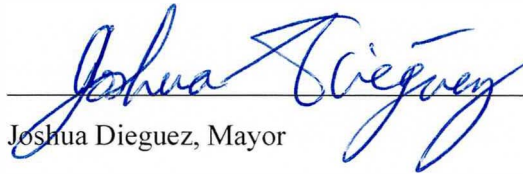
Vice Mayor Morera moved to suspend Ordinance No. 19-247 for one fiscal year and to allow all FPL Franchise Revenues to be used in the General Fund for general Town operations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanchez.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion, ordinance in second reading, Item 8A passed, 7-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

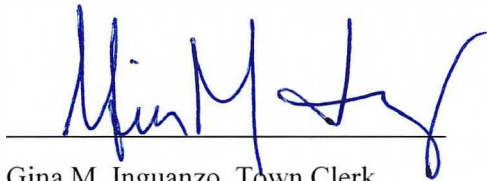
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Approved this 21st of October 2025.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk