

MINUTES
Town Council Strategic Planning Budget Workshop
April 7th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 6:33 pm.

The following Town Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Steven Herzberg, Councilmember Alex Sanchez and Vice Mayor Morera.

The following members from Town Staff were present, Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Chief Budget Officer Melissa Herandez and Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez.

2. Public Comments:

None.

3. Items Discussed:

Town Council gave direction to Town Staff regarding budget expectations for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 including but not limited to starting the budget at a flat millage rate, utilizing the million-dollar surplus and carry forward funds if necessary, to balance the budget, prioritizing public safety, focusing on existing infrastructure, improving Town parks and beautification, alternative funding sources for the general fund during budget season, creating a contingency fund from savings not to be applied to the general fund, conditional allocations, using recurring special revenue funds and requested for access to the budget excel spreadsheet when available.

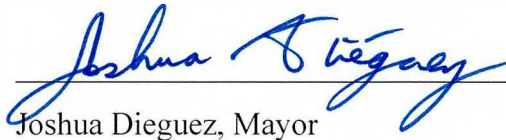
Additional budget requests were made to consider funding the median extension project on Miami Lakes Drive, larger font on any printed documents or excel sheets and funding the school crossing guards via Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP).

Town Manager Pidermann answered questions posed by Town Council. He provided Town Staff recommendations for building the budget and statistics based on the previous Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

4. Adjournment:

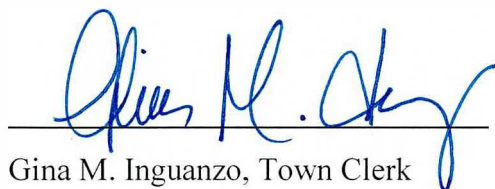
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved this 21st of April 2026.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk