

MINUTES
Sunshine Meeting of Town Council
To Discuss the Town Charter
May 13, 2026
2:30 PM
Mayor's Conference Room
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 2:38 p.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Cuadra Garcia, Councilmember Herzberg, Councilmember Alex Sanchez, and Mayor Dieguez. Councilmember Garcia and Vice Mayor Morera participated via Zoom.

The following Town staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, Legal Attorney Mirelis Castilla and the Mayors' Assistant Joshua Villorin.

The following Town Charter Revision Commission Members participated via Zoom: Chairman Javier Ley-Soto, Vice Chairman Ramiro Inguanzo, Commission Member Hector Abad, and Commission Member Marilyn Ruano

Linda Trischitta from The Laker newspaper was present.

2. Public Comments:

None.

3. Item Discussed:

Councilmember Herzberg requested this Sunshine Meeting to discuss the Town Charter Revision Commission. He shared his concerns about some proposed ballot questions, and he wanted to take this opportunity to share his thoughts with his colleagues. He stated the Charter Revision Commission should remain focused on reviewing the Town Charter and recommending changes that protect the residents and focusing on long-term town government; he emphasized that all decisions made should be based on long-term government.

Topics that were discussed included: Section 2.5(c) Filling of Vacancies, when 6 months or more remain in the unexpired term; Council Seat reduction from 7 members to 5; Section 2.5 Resign-to-Run language and Section 4.2 Prohibitions, Interference with Administration

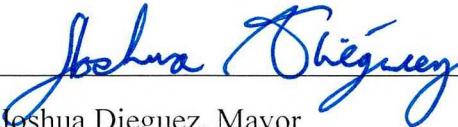
Chairman Ley-Soto stated that the Town Council can also provide feedback to the Commission Members by participating either in public comments, by providing written public comments or by reaching out to the Commission Members directly. Chairman Ley-Soto emphasized that the Commission Members look forward to receiving input and feedback from the Town Council and residents. Town Clerk Inguanzo answered questions posed by the Councilmembers regarding the legal publication guidelines regarding Notice of Special Elections to fill a vacancy, Notice of Special Election or Referendum guidelines, and the 2026 Ballot Deadlines from the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella answered questions posed by Town Council. He stated the Charter Revision Commission acts independently and that the Town Council can share their concerns by participating in public comments and that they can also reach out to Councilmember J.C. Fernandez, who is their representative at the Charter Revision Commission. Deputy Town Attorney explained the procedures on how the proposed ballot questions will be presented to the residents in the November election.

Mayor Dieguez provided closing remarks stating that the Charter Revision Commission is an independent board and reminded Councilmembers that they can always have an open discussion with their relevant appointees. Mayor Dieguez also mentioned that he will like for the Commission Members to include language in the Town Charter regarding early voting and that he might draft a New Business Item on this regard.

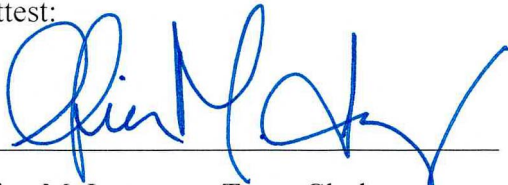
4. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Approved this 16th day of June 2026.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk