

MINUTES
Special Call Meeting
On
Setting the Proposed Millage Rate & Budget Hearings
Town Council Workshop
July 28, 2026
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dieguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Alex Sanchez, Vice Mayor Morera and Mayor Joshua Dieguez. Councilmember Herzberg attended via Zoom. Councilmember Fernandez and Councilmember Cuadra Garcia were absent.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Chief Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer Kay Grant.

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:

None.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

A. The Town's proposed Millage Rate, Rolled-Back Rate and the Date, Time and Place for Public Hearings to consider the Proposed Millage Rate and Proposed Budget (Pidermann)

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 2026-2027; 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.

Mayor Dieguez recognized Town Manager Pidermann to present the item.

Town Manager presented this item and explained it was leaving a flat millage rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 2.1577mills, meaning that is not going to change from the current fiscal year, and setting the other parameters like the dates of the budget hearings in September; he added Town staff recommends approval.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella read the title of the resolution into the record.

Town Manager Pidermann explained this is not the final setting of the millage, this is only setting the tentative millage rate which will be advertised on the Trim notices that get mailed; he stated ultimately during the budget hearing in September, is when the Town Council will set the final adopted millage.

Mayor Dieguez moved to approve the resolution, and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera.

During discussion, Councilmember Garcia proposed a friendly amendment that instead of going to the rollback rate as a starting line, considering the old flat rate that the Town was at in 2025 which was 2.0732. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

After further discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll and motion to approve item 7A, the tentative millage for fiscal year 2026-2027 at 2.1577 mills passed 4-1. Councilmember Garcia voted in opposition.

B. Bid Waiver for NW 59 Ave Extension Project Appraisal Services (Santos)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPROVE A BID WAIVER AND ISSUE A WORK ORDER TO WALTER DUKE + PARTNERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND VALUATION ADVISORY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NW 59TH AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$79,900.00); PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and answered questions posed by Town Council. Mayor Dieguez moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella clarified that per the new procurement ordinance that was adopted this year, anything that is professional or legal can be bid waived. Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella added the fact that we have used Walter Duke & Partners before, and they we are familiar with them. There being no further discussion, the motion passed 5-0.

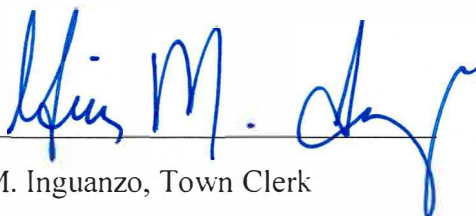
8. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Approved this 18th day August 2026.


Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk