

MINUTES
Sunshine Meeting
Of the Town Council
to Discuss the Removal of the Brazilian Pepper Trees
July 28, 2026
10:00 AM
Mayor's Conference Room
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia and Councilmember Ray Garcia.

The following Town staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun, and Green Space Superintendent Jose Orellana.

Also present: Mr. Manuel Hervis, Miami-Dade County Maintenance Operations Superintendent.

2. Public Comments:

None.

3. Item Discussed:

Councilmember Cuadra Garcia requested the Sunshine Meeting with Town Council, Town staff and Miami-Dade County to further discuss the removal of the Brazilian Pepper Trees, debris, and the trees obstructing the water drain along the NW 138th St canal embankment.

Mr. Manuel Hervis, Miami-Dade County Maintenance Operations Superintendent provided feedback and answered questions posed by Council and Town staff; he reviewed the interlocal agreement the county has with the Town of Miami Lakes in reference to the maintenance by categories and identifying jurisdiction of the areas of concern brought up by Councilmember Cuadra Garcia; he explained the trimming along the canal embankment occurs only if there is water encroachment.

During discussion, topics included but were not limited to cost sharing opportunities, scope of work by both the town and the county, flat mowing maintenance, accessibility issues, the slope along NW 139th ST, review of invasive species and the effects said trees may have towards storm water drainage, obstructions on the sidewalks/roadway on NW 87th Ave and potential removal of the Brazilian Pepper Trees within this fiscal year pending budget negotiations.

4. Adjournment:

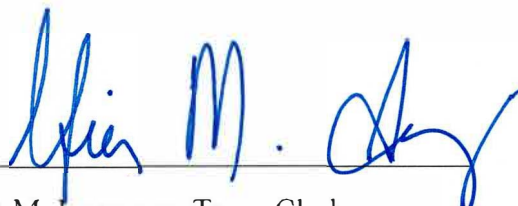
This meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Approved this 18st day of August 2026.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk