

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Wayne Slaton
Vice Mayor Nancy Simon
Councilmember Roberto Alonso
Councilmember Mary Collins
Councilmember Robert Meador II
Councilmember Michael Pizzi
Councilmember Richard Pulido

MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2008

9:00 PM

Miami Lakes Middle School
6425 Miami Lakeway North
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Slaton called the meeting to order at 10:45 p.m., after the close of the Zoning Meeting at 10:45 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk, Debra Eastman, called the roll with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Robert Meador, Roberto Alonso, Richard Pulido, Mary Collins, Michael Pizzi, Vice Mayor Nancy Simon, and Mayor Wayne Slaton.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Traffic Congestion and Safety Initiative (Slaton, Alonso)

Mayor Slaton made a motion that the Council approve the adoption of an ordinance for red light signal violations and direct staff to prepare the ordinance. The motion received a second from Councilmember Roberto Alonso

Councilmember Mary Collins spoke in favor and asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

At 11:00 p.m. Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting for half an hour. The motion received a second from Councilmember Richard Pulido. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso stated that he wants to be ahead of the decision that the State Legislature is about to make.

Councilmember Robert Meador informed Council of the Senate Bill which includes awareness notice.

The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

B. Gift Ban (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi would like to encourage the Council to make its own rules and not wait for the County to make law changes regarding the Ethics Law. He proposed that neither current Town vendors nor contractors should be giving staff any gifts.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, expressed support for the gift ban idea and indicated this is consistent with the guidance that he has given to staff.

Councilmember Richard Pulido supported the proposal.

Councilmember Mary Collins spoke in opposition to the proposal.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso spoke in opposition to the proposal.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to extend the meeting half an hour until midnight. The motion received a second from Councilmember Roberto Alonso. The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to direct staff to pass and implement legislation that imposes a ban on current vendors and contractors in the Town giving any gifts to staff and Councilmembers and that anyone who makes a campaign contribution is prohibited for one year from the contribution to enter into a contract with the town. Councilmember Richard Pulido seconded the motion.

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman, called the roll and the motion failed.

C. Fiscal Accountability Policy (Pulido)

Councilmember Richard Pulido deferred the item to the April Meeting.

D. Participation on Committees (Simon)

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon deferred the item to the April Meeting.

E. Town Zoning Board (Pizzi)

Dr. David Bennett spoke about the change in weather patterns. He expressed it is predicted to have a wet summer and he is concerned with storm drainage. Councilmember Richard Pulido complimented Dr. Bennett for his diligence.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi deferred the item to the April Meeting.

F. Council Meeting Rules (Pizzi)

Councilmember Michael Pizzi suggested that reports could be in writing, and he would like the legislative items to be placed earlier on the agenda.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion put New Business priority one before Reports. Councilmember Mary Collins seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon amended the motion to have New Business items before the reports.

Mayor Wayne Slaton spoke in opposition as this would be taking new business prior to old business.

Councilmember Roberto Alonso suggested eliminating reports for a time.

Councilmember Mary Collins suggested that backup materials be provided for Report items.

Councilmember Richard Pulido spoke in support of the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote and all were in favor.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS:

April 8, 2008 REGULAR MEETING, 6425 MIAMI LAKEWAY N, MIAMI LAKES 6:30 PM
April 15, 2008 ZONING MEETING, 6425 MIAMI LAKEWAY N, MIAMI LAKES 6:00 PM

5. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at 12:03 a.m.

Approved this ____ day of ____, 2008.

Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

Debra Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk