

# TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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## 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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING May 13, 2008 6:30 PM

### Miami Lakes Middle School

6425 Miami Lakeway North  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Wayne Slaton accompanied by several Councilmembers presented the following awards:

Baptist Health of South Florida received a certificate of recognition for being a Fortune 100 Company.

The Barbara Goleman Senior High School Band received a proclamation. Michael Berrios received a certificate of recognition for winning the Miami Dade County's Youth Fair's Nathan Young Award.

Elaine Thomas, Vice Principal of Miami Lakes Educational Center, received a certificate of recognition for retiring from thirty-three years in the teaching profession.

The boys and girls basketball team from Miami Lakes Christian Academy were presented with certificates of recognition.

Kevin Cuenca and Erika Gonzalez received the Key to the Town scholarship.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wayne Slaton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll with the following Councilmembers in attendance: Robert Meador, Richard Pulido, Mary Collins, Michael Pizzi, Vice Mayor Nancy Simon and Mayor Wayne Slaton. Councilmember Roberto Alonso was absent. The Town Clerk stated that Councilmember Roberto Alonso asked to be excused from the meeting.
- 3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Pastor Keith Pisani gave the invocation.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pastor Keith Pisani led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mercy Palacios thanked the Council and Staff for their support with the Boundless Playground Project. She presented three donations.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon explained the Boundless Playground Project.

Alan Rigerman stated his concerns about the speeding in Miami Lakes, signs, and the entry features.

Mirtha Mendez spoke in opposition to spending \$25,000 on a skate park, and entrance features.

**6. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilmember Michael Pizzi asked to pull items 8E and 8F from the consent agenda.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon asked to pull item 12B and requested to add a New Business item on behalf of Councilmember Roberto Alonso to change the June meeting date from the tenth to the third.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and adopt of the remaining items on the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Mayor Wayne Slaton and all were in favor.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Maria Kramer, Chairman of the Education Advisory Board Committee, reported on the following items: SAT Preparation Courses, Imagination Library Program, Childhood Obesity Awareness, and the Key to the Town Scholarship Program. She stated that she supports Councilmember Richard Pulido's item on the agenda pertaining to the Miami Dade County Public Schools.

Councilmember Mary Collins, Councilmember Richard Pulido and Vice Mayor Nancy Simon thanked Maria Kramer for her hard work and dedication to the committee.

Mayor Wayne Slaton asked the committee members present to stand to be recognized and thanked them. Other than the Chair, there were none present at the meeting.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AWARDING KEVIN CUENCA AND ERIKA GONZALEZ WITH THE 2008 "KEY TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES SCHOLARSHIP." (Rey) Approved on consent.**

**B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE RANKING OF FIRMS TO PERFORM SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING SERVICES. (Rey) Approved on consent.**

**C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECT PROPOSAL BETWEEN ACOSTA TRACTORS, INC. AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK AT P54, 6075 MIAMI LAKES DRIVE EAST. (Rey, Collins) Approved on consent.**

**D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS “CIVILITY MONTH” AND ADOPTING A PLEDGE OF CIVILITY WITHIN THE TOWN. (Pizzi) Approved on consent.**

**E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REAFFIRMING THE TOWN’S OPPOSITION TO THE EXPANSION OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; ASKING THE GOVERNOR TO DIRECT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO DENY ANY APPLICATIONS TO EXPAND THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. (Pizzi)**

Kathleen Fleming spoke in favor of not expanding the Urban Development Boundary Line.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins and all were in favor.

**F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE TO REPAIR THE CLUBHOUSE AT MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN JHC CONTRACTORS, INC. AND THE TOWN. (Rey)**

Councilmember Michael Pizzi stated that the clubhouse needed to be repaired and supports the item. He stated that he does not like waiving competitive bidding.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**9. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE TOWN CODE “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES” BY CREATING ARTICLE V “DANGEROUS INTERSECTION SAFETY”, PROVIDING AUTHORITY. (Slaton, Alonso)**

Nina Boniske, Town Attorney, read the title of the ordinance into the record. Mayor Wayne Slaton opened the public hearing.

Mirtha Mendez asked if this would apply to the roads not owned by town.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Wayne Slaton closed the public hearing.

Alex Rey, Town Manager, explained the different types of cameras being used for other purposes. He will find out about Broward.

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Councilmember Michael Pizzi asked if adoption of the ordinance will allow exploration and an opportunity to come back. Alex Rey, Town Manager, explained that if the ordinance is adopted it authorizes implementation.

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll. The motion passed on a vote of 5 to 1 with Councilmembers Richard Pulido, Mary Collins, Michael Pizzi, Robert Meador and Mayor Wayne Slaton voting in favor and Vice Mayor Nancy Simon voting in opposition.

**11. RESOLUTIONS:**

**A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL REQUESTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO CONSIDER THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN IN ITS PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE EXISTING SIX (6) DISTRICT REGION CENTERS INTO FOUR (4) DISTRICT REGION CENTERS. (Pulido)**

Nina Boniske, Town Attorney, read the title of the resolution.

Councilmember Richard Pulido reported that the current proposal will divide Miami Lakes' schools into two different districts.

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion received a second from Councilmember Robert Meador. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Appointments (Slaton)**

Mayor Wayne Slaton nominated Mr. Orlando Aguila to the Economic Development Committee. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Simon

and the motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**B. Policy for legal services (Simon)**

The item was pulled by Vice Mayor Nancy Simon.

**C. kID Card ID Program – Children Identification System (Pulido)**

Councilmember Richard Pulido explained the ID program and stated he is requesting \$1,000 to complete the implementation of the program this year.

Councilmember Richard Pulido made a motion to have Alex Rey, Town Manager, fund the Program. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Nancy Simon.

Councilmember Mary Collins stated that she would like to amend the motion to include private schools and increase the funding accordingly. Alex Rey, Town Manager, indicated that the private schools are currently included in the program and no amendment was needed.

Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all in favor.

**D. Fiscal Accountability Act (Pizzi)**

Councilmember Michael Pizzi suggested that there is a need for fiscal impact statements or a cost analysis on our ordinances and would like the statement attached to the legislation when it comes before the Council.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi made a motion to adopt a requirement that before legislation is adopted, an impact statement be provided. The motion received a second by Councilmember Richard Pulido.

Nina Boniske, Town Attorney, will research this topic to see if it needs to be brought back before Council as an ordinance.

Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**E. Ad Hoc Committee (Collins)**

Councilmember Mary Collins stated that she would like to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of three or four members that would last no longer than a few months to research what type of Veteran's Memorial is appropriate for the Royal Oaks Community Center.

Councilmember Mary Collins made a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion received a second from seconded Councilmember Richard Pulido.

Councilmember Robert Meador stated that some municipalities have a screening process before a member is appointed and asked what Councilmember Mary Collins would like for appointments.

Councilmember Mary Collins prefers the appointments come from Miami Lakes and that they be approved by Town Council. The member would have to be approved by Council. Councilmember Robert Meador questioned the deadlines.

Alex Rey, Town Manager, stated that he will send an e-mail to Town Council for submittals.

Mayor Wayne Slaton called for the vote and all were in favor.

**F. Parking on swale (Pizzi)**

Councilmember Michael Pizzi asked Council to hear item F before item D. There was no objection from Council.

Olga Rodannie, stated that she has five cars in her home and no where else to park them. She stated that the ordinance is a hardship, and would have to spend thousands of dollars to make a circular driveway.

Alex Rodannie spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi requested information regarding the County rule prior to the Town of Miami Lakes' incorporation. Maria Crowley, Director of Planning and Development, pointed out that the County did not have a restriction at that time.

Alex Rey, Town Manager, explained the warning process and that the Town staff is currently developing hardship criteria. He explained that if the ordinance is adopted all current cases would be dismissed.

**13. REPORTS:**

**A. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**1. Demand for Payment (Simon)**

Vice Mayor Nancy Simon explained that a demand letter had been received. Nina Boniske, Town Attorney, explained the demand letter puts the Town on notice and the letter has been forwarded to the League of Cities and is being investigated by an insurance adjuster.

Councilmember Richard Pulido asked to go on record with an objection that when the Town of Miami Lakes is named as a codefendant on an item, he would appreciate notification from staff.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi agreed that Councilmembers be notified of potential issues of liability and suggested a copy of the letter be on the agenda in the future as a Town Attorney item.

**2. FDOT I-75 Transit Corridor (Meador)**

Councilmember Robert Meador stated that he attended the May 6, 2008 meeting in Hialeah and received a briefing from FDOT and a consultant. Councilmember Robert Meador suggested that FDOT come to the next Council workshop and give a presentation.

Councilmember Mary Collins asked about the Maleluca trees.

Councilmember Robert Meador stated that he will include the topic on the list.

**3. SHARP (Pizzi)**

Tom McGrath read a statement on behalf of Nick Perdomo in favor of having an Elderly assistance program. Mr. Perdomo would be willing to assist by donating time and money.

Mirtha Mendez congratulated Ms. Roig on her new position, and spoke in favor of the program.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi explained the goal of the program and that the Code Enforcement Department could refer to this program, with no expenditure of town funds.

Councilmember Michael Pizzi stated that he is still working on the criteria and eligibility for grants and would be bringing the item back to the Town at the next meeting.

Councilmember Richard Pulido asked about the Youth Activity Task Force “Rent a Teen” program as support to the elderly assistance program. Alex Rey, Town Manager, explained the past program and its differences.

**B. MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**1. Loch Isle Road Transfer**

Alex Rey, Town Manager, explained that he is in receipt of the report and will proceed with Public Works conducting the necessary studies.

**2. Financial Projection for FY 08**

Alex Rey, Town Manager, gave an update on the Town's fiscal position. Alfredo Acin, Finance Director, stated that the budget is in line with the previous discussion in February, 2008.

Councilmember Mary Collins asked about the status of the mitigation law suit. Nina Boniske, Town Attorney, gave a brief update of the upcoming court date.

**C. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

**14. FUTURE MEETINGS:**

May 20, 2008 Zoning Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6 PM  
June 10, 2008 Regular Meeting, 6425 Miami Lakeway N, Miami Lakes 6:30 PM

Mayor Wayne Slaton read a memo from Councilmember Roberto Alonso requesting that the June Regular Council meeting be moved from June 10 to June 3.  
No motion was made.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:

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Debra E. Eastman, MMC  
Town Clerk