

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Town Council

Mayor Michael Pizzi

Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo

Councilmember Mary Collins

Councilmember Tim Daubert

Councilmember Nelson Hernandez

Councilmember Ceasar Mestre

Councilmember Richard Pulido

MINUTES FIRST BUDGET HEARING

September 13, 2011

6:00 PM

Royal Oaks Park Community Center

16500 NW 87 Avenue
Miami Lakes, Florida 33018

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Michael Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Richard Pulido, Mary Collins, Tim Daubert, Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo, and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmember Ceasar Mestre joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Councilmember Nelson Hernandez joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Councilmember Tim Daubert led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor called for a moment of silence.

The Town Clerk read the titles of the ordinances on first reading into the record.

The Town Manager, Alex Rey, read the proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2011-2012 of 2.3518, which is the roll back rate, into the record.

Public Comments:

Mirtha Mendez gave kudos to staff for preparing a lean budget, and spoke about funding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Kids ID Program.

Nelson Rodriguez, Chairman of the Education Advisory Board and PTA President of Miami Lakes K-8 Center, spoke about funding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Kids ID Program, Key to the Town Scholarship, Internship Program, and would like more youth programs at Royal Oaks Park.

Jose Marquez spoke against funding the Education Advisory Board.

Yesse Ruano asked the Council to reconsider funding the Education Advisory Board.

Cynthia Byer spoke about the deplorable conditions of the parks in Windmill Gate, the overgrowth of weeds on the shoreline of Lake Ruth, turf replacement, and criminal activity in the Windmill Gate area.

Wendy Milanes spoke against funding FCAT tutoring, and about mosquito control.

Claudia Luces spoke in favor of funding the Education Advisory Board.

Marilyn Ruano spoke in favor of funding the Education Advisory Board.

Tony Lama thanked the staff for presenting a conservative budget and spoke about the committees raising private funds to fund programs and events.

Howard Watson requested funds for the Special Needs Committee and Elderly Affairs Committee.

Sean Schwinghammer spoke in favor of funding the Education Advisory Board, requested \$2,500 for the Special Needs Committee, and requested that the remaining funds of the Beautification Advisory Committee be carried over into the next fiscal year.

David Bennett spoke in favor of funding the Education Advisory Board and reducing the millage to 2.11375.

Adelkis Ruano spoke in favor of funding the Education Advisory Board.

Angelo Cuadra Garcia spoke about the deploring condition of park #86 and presented the Council with a board displaying weeds and sod found in the park.

Daisy Estrada thanked the Mayor and Council for implementing the Address Verification Program and spoke in favor of funding the Education Advisory Board.

Luis Collazo, Chairman of the Elderly Affairs Committee, spoke in favor of the Manager's budget recommendation and the importance of raising private funds for his committee.

Alex Rey, Town Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed budget.

Mayor Michael Pizzi gave a presentation on the committee budgets.

4. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
(Rey)**

Mayor Michael Pizzi made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading. The motion received a second from Councilmember Mary Collins. The Town Clerk called the roll and motion passed 7-0 with all Councilmembers voting in favor.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading with the following amendments: Committees are allowed to carry-over their unused balances from fiscal year 2010-11; The first \$2,500 in savings in next year's budget goes to fund a special needs assessment; Neighborhood Matching Grants will be funded via Capital funds not Operating funds. \$3 million will be dedicated to: Community Center East Youth Center Construction- 4,000 sq. ft. facility, parking, basketball court (\$1,000,000); Community Center West- internal renovations to enhance usability for classes/meetings, parking, outside storage (\$500,000); Miami Lakes Park- concession area, clubhouse space, parking (\$1,000,000); Public Works- storage yard (\$500,000); and Royal Oaks Park and Community Center. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Perdomo. The Town Clerk called the roll and motion passed 7-0 with all Councilmembers voting in favor.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

September 15, 2011 Council Workshop, 5:00 pm, 15150 NW 79 Court
September 26, 2011 Second Budget Hearing, 6:00 pm, 16500 NW 87 Avenue

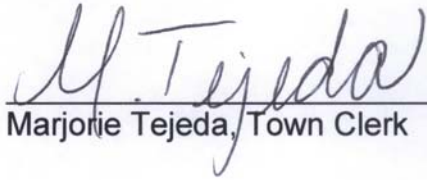
6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved this 11 day of October, 2011.



Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk