

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

MINUTES

Budget Hearing

September 12, 2013

5:30 PM

Government Center

6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mestre called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejada, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Nelson Hernandez, Nelson Rodriguez, Tony Lama, Tim Daubert, Vice Mayor Manny Cid, and Mayor Ceasar Mestre.

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Mestre called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Cid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. 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, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Town Attorney, Steve Geller, read the title of the ordinances for first reading, items 6A and 6B.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, stated the following: The proposed fiscal year 2013- 2014 millage rate is 2. 3518. The rate is the same as the fiscal year 2012-2013 rate. The taxable value is two billion five hundred ten million three hundred eighty one thousand six hundred sixty seven. The proposed millage rate will generate 5. 733694 in ad valorem revenue,

budgeted at 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3518 is 4.72% above the roll back rate of 2.2458. Due to an increase of \$325,000 in the Police Budget, the millage rate is higher than the rollback rate.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for both ordinances.

Mirtha Mendez spoke in favor of the proposed budget and allocating funds to the Education Advisory Board for the Imagination Library.

Josie Feria expressed her concerns regarding beautification issues.

As no one else wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to amend Section 3 of the Budget Ordinance, thereby requiring Committees to seek Council approval when funds from a particular line item will be used for another purpose.

Lynn Matos expressed the need for flexibility when the committees need to transfer funds to different line items.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to appropriate \$1,500 from the savings of the Healthcare Plan to the Economic Development Committee for the ICSC Convention. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lama and the motion passed 5-1. Councilman Rodriguez voted in opposition.

Carmen Elias, Marta Diaz, Magaly Rubio spoke in favor of the apportioned \$10,000 for the Chamber of Commerce showcase.

The Council elaborated on expanding the MENT/COLA program by allocating \$29,250 from the savings of the Healthcare and Wellness Plan. Further discussion will resume in the second budget hearing.

Councilman Daubert directed staff to bring back figures in terms of the amount the Town pays Miami-Dade County for canal maintenance, specifically cleaning and mowing. Further discussion will resume in the second budget hearing.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to accept the committee budget as amended, thereby allocating a difference of \$1,150 from carryover funds. The motion received a second by Councilman Daubert. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0.

Steve Geller, Town Attorney, read the amendment to the budget item into record: Therefore, committees may not transfer any unencumbered allocation of funds in excess of \$700 from inside of those committee budget line items. Any transfers of less than \$700 shall be reported to the Town Manager within seven business days. Any request for transfers in excess of \$700 must be approved by the Town Council.

The motion to amend the ordinance was made by Vice Mayor Cid. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mestre called for a brief intermission at 7:20 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll and Mayor Mestre called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to create a new budget line item for the Community and Leisure Services Department, thereby allocating \$2,000 for the Kindle /Pilot Program and \$4,000 for the printing express recreator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Daubert. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Daubert directed staff to compile the number of litigation hours worked and the number of litigation cases from October 2012-2013.

Councilman Rodriguez spoke in favor of allocating funds for a Dog Park.

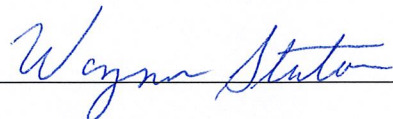
Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, item 6A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Councilman Daubert made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, item 6B as amended. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed unanimously.

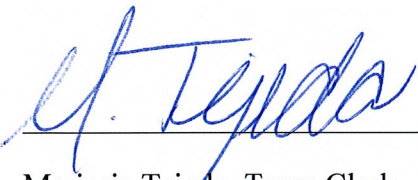
15. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Wayne Slaton, Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejada, Town Clerk