

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
February 18, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Special Presentations took place prior to the commencement of the Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Cid recognized Ms. Carolyn Bellon for 1st place state championship in her weight class of 128. Over 40 girls competed this past weekend in that weight division and she was able to bring back the state championship for Mater Lakes. Her coach spoke about Ms. Bellon and about the sport of wrestling.

Mayor Cid called Danny Montecelo to be recognized and thank him for his efforts in organizing a fundraiser and helping with Jakey's Army, a very brave young Miami Laker boy who is battling with Cancer and is fighting for his life. On behalf of our community, the Mayor and Town Council, thanked Mr. Montecelo for his great efforts and for leading the fundraiser and for creating awareness. A check for \$2,000 was given to the family members of Jakey Duke.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano joined the meeting at 6:49 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Rigoberto Nogueiras led the invocation.

Ariel Fernandez was present via video and presented his meditation video from "Better You Minute".

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Scout Troop 566 of Our Lady of the Lakes did the Presentation of Colors. The Scouts Leader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):

Mayor Cid moved up Item 13C and 13F to be heard after Public Comments. The Town Manager pulled item 15C. Councilmember Dieguez moved to approve the Order of Business and the Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

When the discussion of Item 13F ended, Mayor Cid made a motion to re-open the Order of Business. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. All were in favor. Mayor Cid asked for Items 10A and 13C to be move up and heard after the Committee Reports. All were in favor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed in the Council Chambers of the Town of Miami Lakes.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council and expressed her sentiments of anger because of the carryover funds; she said that the Town Council should have found the money and not put the burden on the residents.

Bonnie Cintron came before the Town Council to speak about the Line of Credit Ordinance in 1st Reading; she expressed her concerns about the language of the ordinance; she doesn't want the line of credit to be used for a project, unless it's a natural disaster.

Christopher Norwood came before the Town Council and expressed how happy he is to live in the Town of Miami Lakes; he also state that this year, he was chosen as the key speaker for the "Rhythm of the Night" -A Celebration of Black History event to be hosted in the TOML on February 22nd; he also spoke about the artwork being displayed in the Government Center.

Claudia Luces came to the Town Council to express her concerns about the bridges and the uncertainty that lies with the fate of the bridges and the negative impact that will affect the Town of Miami Lakes; she mentioned the news coverage and reminded the Town Council that the TOML does not have a strong mayor form of government; she stated that during so much uncertainty, the TOML should not add projects to the town that will increase the costs to the town and only maintain the basic services; she also reminded the Town Council that the TOML is not going to receive any assistance from the County; that if the bridges are opened, we will need the additional officers to mitigate, not only public safety but for our roads.

Written Public Comments:

Ms. Esperanza Hope Reynolds sent a public comment via email. The Town Clerk made copies of said email and placed on the Dais and made extra copies for those residents that wish to read it.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez asked for a point of personal privilege. Mayor Cid acknowledge the privilege. Vice Mayor Rodriguez spoke about the late Firefighter Shawn O'Dare and how he lost his life more than 30 years ago by trying to some individuals who fell in a canal in Miami

Lakes. Vice Mayor Rodriguez recognized the heroic job that firefighters and police officers do on a daily basis. He also spoke about the importance of being a firefighter and mentioned that a family member had joined the firefighter family.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Eric Gras to the Youth Activities Task Force by Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez.

Denise Madan to the Cultural Affairs Committee by Councilmember Luis Collazo.

Elsa Bergolla to the Neighborhood Services Committee for the Royal Oaks East & West by Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez.

Inocencio Gonzalez to the Neighborhood Services Committee for the Royal Oaks East & West by Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez.

Xiomara Castillo to the Miami Lakes Section One for The Anchorage by the Town Council.

Miguel Martinez to the Blasting Advisory Board by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to approve the appointments and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. All were in favor.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic Development Committee

Chairman Eddie Blanco, came before the Town Council and informed them that the EDC would like to host a Mayoral debate for the candidates running for Mayor of Miami Dade County. They want to host the debate, for the committee to be in charge and for the debate to take place in Town Hall. The Chair asked the Town Council to consider the committee's request to host the debate. Debate to take place in late April.

Mayor Cid made a motion to move the request and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember J. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All were in favor. Councilmember Ruano was absent.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 17, 2019 Workshop on Update on ADA Compliance
- January 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- February 11, 2020 Workshop on Canopy Protection & Town Wide Street Light

Approved on Consent.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, SOLUTIONS AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA CONTRACT 4400006645 WITH UNICOM GOVERNMENT, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE 17-203 (THE TOWN'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Approved on Consent.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO LEASE OFFICE COPIERS TO TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS THROUGH AN EXISTING AGREEMENT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NATIONAL IPA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Approved on Consent.

10. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A LOAN IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,000, IN THE FORM OF A NON-REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIQUIDITY FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE TO EVIDENCE AND SECURE THE LOAN; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR PROVIDED FOR IN A SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION AND A LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A COVENANT TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE NON-AD VALOREM REVENUES, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION; RATIFYING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PROCEED TO DEVELOP NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO AWARD AND ISSUE THE NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE AND TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND NON-REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Public Comments:

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak about her concerns regarding item 10A, specifically the Town of Miami Lakes getting a credit line loan for \$15 million dollars, that it is too much money for the Town of Miami Lakes; she spoke about the Town having a Reserve and that Councilmember Dieguez is trying to increase the Reserve and she stated that is a good thing; she stated that's its only 10% what the Town needs; that \$15 million dollars would be a weight on the residents of the town; she questioned what a "man-made" disaster is; she questioned what is a man-made disaster; that this smells as the Optimist Park; she stated that the bridges and the roadways are in bad condition;

Leslie Lanbeine came before the Town Council to speak about Item 10A, specifically, about reading the Agenda and having no clue about what the items are about; she stated that the backup materials do not describe what the projects are. She also mentioned the same concern applies to the resolution for the FDOT and the Guard Gate Repair item on the Consent Calendar; she stated that she doesn't understand what the \$15 million dollars would be devoted to and she urged the Town Council that for transparency purposes, the Agenda should have information to describe what the purpose of this amount of money is going to be. She asked the Town Council to prepare an Agenda with back up material and a memo from the Town Manager, describing what the Resolution/Ordinance is about.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak about Item 10A, and stated that the \$15 million dollar credit line in concerning; that the residents have been carrying the weight of the Town hall for a very long time, that we are only making interests payments so a lot of money is still owed; she stated that if the Town Council moves forward with the Ordinance, that language in the Ordinance that restricts the use of this money to natural disasters only and to declared state of emergencies should be added; to add language that protects the residents to make sure the funds are not used to fund other projects.

The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, presented the Ordinance and stated that the line of credit is only to maintain operations as a result of a disaster, biological, natural or man-made. That this would be an insurance policy only as a response to having a disaster. That it would be cashflow to supplant the money that the Town would have to put upfront regarding disaster related expenses.

Albert del Castillo, Town's Bond Counsel, spoke on behalf of the Ordinance and stated that protective language will be added into the Line of Credit Agreement, because that is the governing document. He explained that the Line of Credit Agreement will be authorized pursuant to the supplemental note resolution that was referenced by the Town Manager and that will be accompanying the Ordinance in second reading. He advised to put protective language in the agreement but not allow the bank institution to dictate to the Town when and how will you borrow, because that would be counterproductive. Mr. Del Castillo stated in the line of credit agreement, provisions will be included to dictate that the line of credit will only be draw in order to pay costs associated with disasters.

During the discussion, Vice Mayor Rodriguez requested that on the heading of the Agenda Index, for it to say that all agenda items can be viewed thru this website. Mayor Cid stated that his concern is that the interest needs to be reimbursable by FEMA.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to approve and Councilmember J. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES,FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-251; AMENDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Collazo requested a point of personal privilege and stated that item 10B has a COLA cost of living adjustment for staff; he stated that he asked an opinion from the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust and their opinion is that voting on the COLA is under his purview, but in order to preserve the appearance of impropriety, Councilmember Collazo recused himself specifically from the COLA item.

Councilmember Collazo then proceeded to make a motion to bifurcate item 10b, to take out the COLA portion and make two different votes on it, so he would not vote on the COLA portion but would vote on the Budget amendment. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to approve the COLA item as recommended by the Town Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez.

Councilmember Alvarez made a motion to amend the main motion, by stating that COLA should be given only to employees that have been working with the Town for more than 1 year. Mayor Cid seconded the amendment to the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-3, with Councilmember Ruano, J. Rodriguez, and Vice Mayor Rodriguez voting in opposition and Councilmember Alvarez, Dieguez and Mayor Cid voting in support. Councilmember Collazo was absent because had recused himself.

Councilmember Ruano motioned to give Mayor Cid more time to speak and finish his discussion point during his rebuttal time and the motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez. All were in favor.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion and the COLA item passed 5-1, with Councilmember Dieguez voting in opposition. Councilmember Collazo was absent because he had recused himself.

Once the Cola Item was passed, Councilmember Collazo was asked to join the discussion of Item 10B, on the Budget Amendment.

Councilmember J. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as proposed by the Town Manager. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed, 4-3, with Councilmembers Collazo, Dieguez, Ruano and Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

The Town Council asked the Town Clerk to schedule a Sunshine Meeting to discuss the Budget Amendment Ordinance.

11. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ALLOWABLE USES IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS; REORGANIZING, REFORMATTING, CONSOLIDATING, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 13, “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”, AT ARTICLE IV. “ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS”, AT DIVISION 20. “BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT MASTER LIST” PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, INTENT AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Susana Alonso, Town Principal Planner, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to approve the ordinance in second reading. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0, with Councilmember J. Rodriguez being absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-102 TITLED “GENERAL FUND RESERVES”; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to approve this ordinance in second reading and Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; with Councilmember J. Rodriguez being absent.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

The Town Attorney read the title of the Resolution.

The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, presented the item.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed, 7-0.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA SENATOR DIAZ' SENATE BILL 1618 AND REPRESENTATIVE AVILA'S, HOUSE BILL 1047 FOR THE CREATION OF A ROCK BLAST MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (N. Rodriguez)

Vice Mayor Rodriguez moved to approve the resolution in support of Senate Bill 1618 and House Bill 1047. It was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 7-0.

13. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Deputy Town Attorney Travel Expenses – Dade Days in Tallahassee (Ruano)

Councilmember J. Rodriguez made a motion to reimburse the Deputy Town Attorney for his hotel accommodation and car rental, for a total of \$545. He stated that the Deputy Town Attorney was instrumental in several of our meetings, for example, addressing the FRS issue with several legislators. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and all were in favor.

- B. **NO THRU TRUCKS Signage within Town Limits (Cid)**

Councilmember Ruano made a motion pursuing the opportunity to install “No Thru Trucks” signs within the town; to have town staff look into having conversations with the County to install no through trucks signage. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Vice Mayor Rodriguez was absent.

- C. **Miami Lakes Middle Legal studies Project (Cid)**

Mayor Cid made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to work with Miami Lakes Middle School Legal Studies Program, to look at the legalities in our end and start drafting an ordinance in first reading. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and J. Rodriguez and all were in favor.

- D. **Sponsorship and Naming Rights Ordinance (Dieguez)**

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez stated that he added this item at the request of the Town Attorney. Councilmember Dieguez made a motion directing the Town Attorney to develop sponsorship rules and regulations at the same time that he develops rules and regulations for the naming rights ordinance that was passed in 2019; he moved to adopt what was written on the memo presenting this item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano and all present were in favor. Vice Mayor Rodriguez was absent.

- E. **Update on the Miami Lakes Optimist Park Design and MOU with Miami Dade County Public Schools (Ruano)**

Councilmember Ruano stated that she receives many calls on a monthly basis, asking about the status on the Miami Lakes Optimist Park, so she requested an update from Town Staff.

The Town Manager explained the Town has been dealing back and forth with District Staff and District Legal regarding the language of the agreement, the terms of the agreement and not the specifics; he explained that the School Board wanted to have the proposed design as an addendum to the agreement just as a conceptual agreement; that the proposed design presented to the School Board was the same one that Town Staff presented to the residents during the workshop.

The Town Manager explained that it was made clear that the design presented was just a proposal, that the Town Council had not decided anything yet, but that the conceptual idea of what it was going to look like was what he had shown the School Board. The architect of the School Board gave input to the proposed design and the Town is modifying the design. The design will come back to the Town Council for their consideration.

The Deputy Town Attorney explained that the current JUA with the School Board will expire so the Town has the need to modify it in order for the town to continue using the fields. The Town Attorney reminded the Town Council that Optimist Park is mostly owned by the School Board. So, the Town Attorney explained that the JUA lays out the terms. He explained that the JUA lays the groundwork as to the responsibility of the field and how long can the Town maintain somewhat control of that field. The Town Attorney stated that the improvements of the design can be changed and will not affect the control and the responsibilities as laid out in the JUA.

Public Comments:

Jim Hamilton came before the Town Council and stated that the plan that was submitted at the workshop was liked by him for logical reasons; that the larger fields should be at the east side because it is a safer option for the public and less expensive because there would be no need for the netting.

Manny de Varona thanked Councilmember Ruano for including this Item in the Agenda; he stated that he wants Optimist Park to be done and move forward for the kids; he stated the larger fields should be placed at the east side to avoid the netting and he said that he is willing available to meet with the architects.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak about the Optimist Park and the "options meeting" that took place in Town Hall; she stated that the biggest concern was the cost and the renditions that were presented at that meeting; she stated that Town Staff was directed to come back with different elements that everyone thought were important; she questioned why was something presented if the Town Council has still not agreed to what they are willing to pay for; she wants the kids to get everything they deserve but a happy medium needs to be reached; a lot of things are happening but we need to live withing our means.

After discussion, Councilmember Ruano made a motion to expediate this process, she stated that she was re-directing Town Staff to bring back options at different price points, as soon as possible. Councilmember Alvarez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Alvarez then made an amendment to the main motion, directing the Town Manager to provide a monthly status report on the status of the Joint Usage Agreement between Miami Dade County Schools and the MLOP. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The amended main motion as amended passed unanimously.

F. Hurricane Resiliency (Cid)

Mayor Cid stated that a couple of years ago, the Town amended the Code to allow the Eco roof to be allowed in the Miami Lakes. The Ordinance amending the Code only covers single family homes. Mayor Cid stated that he wants to amend the Land Development Code for Townhomes to be able to use roof materials that are resilient and sustainable, just like the single-family homes use.

Bob Whittington, President of the Lake Martha Association, stated that the Code was amended 4 years ago for single family homes but not for Townhomes. He spoke in favor of item 13F and in favor of eco roof material, which he stated is a plastic tile. He also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Mike Mesa, the Town of Miami Lakes Building official, stated that the Eco roof is a product that has been approved from the County; he stated that for contiguous roofs, it might not be a good application, unless they are both doing the roof at the same time; he also answered questions posed by Town Council.

Susana Alonso, Senior Town Planner, clarified that the Town of Miami Lakes is not looking into one particular product, but instead the Town would be looking at a range of products and not one manufacturer, but a range of manufacturers.

Mario Davila, contractor and resident of Miami Lakes, showed the Town Council the tile, spoke about the quality of the product and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez, and Councilmembers Marilyn Ruano and Luis Collazo expressed concerns about the aesthetics if the Townhomes roofs are continuous and about the tile style. After discussion, the Town Manager said he had sufficient direction from the Town Council and that he would bring back a recommendation for amending the code, for amending the ordinance. The motion passed and all were in favor.

G. Traffic Study Transmission (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to waive Section 7.2 of the Special Rules of Order. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano and all were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to direct the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of the study performed by Miami Lakes and Miami Dade County concerning the potential bridge openings to each Hialeah Council Member and for the Town Manager to prepare a summary of the study that breaks down the study's findings in non-technical language and to explain how it was put together. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Rodriguez and all were in favor.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez requested for the Traffic Study to also be transmitted to the councilmembers assistants and all were in favor.

H. Dissemination of Content Attorney Executive Session Conversations to News/Media Outlets (Ruano)

Councilmember Ruano asked the Town Attorneys to explain and to clarify the importance of the Attorney-Client Executive Sessions; how and when can Town Staff make official statements to news/media outlets; what steps can be taken to improve communications; Councilmember Ruano expressed her desire to have an open conversation with her colleagues.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, explained that during Attorney-Client Executive Sessions, the attorneys discuss strategy, litigation expenses and settlement expenses. He stated that what is discussed in an executive session, should stay in the executive session, for it to be confidential while case is open. During these sessions, a court reporter is present, and once the litigation is over, the entire transcript is available for the public to review.

The Town Attorney stated that all settlement agreements must be approved by the Town Council. He stated he sent an email to Miami Dade County offering certain settlement option regarding NW 170th Bridge and that the email became a public record. The Town Attorney explained that the email can be disseminated. However, he emphasized that what went into preparing the email, the strategy and what was discussed at the Executive Session, remains private and not to be discussed.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to extend the meeting to 11:30 pm and Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Councilmember Luis Collazo asked the Town Attorney to work with the Town's Communications Department to make sure the Town's narrative is being heard and that it comes from the Town's PIO.

I. Speed Hump Installation (Cid)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive the rules of Section 7.2. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Vice Mayor Rodriguez was absent.

Mayor Cid made a motion to direct staff to formalize a Speed Hump Installation process, to codify it and bring it back to the Town Council via a resolution and be transparent about this. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

Councilmember Collazo discussed that the issue is to not only install the speed hump, but to add target enforcement in certain areas; he asked for the policy to include not just the installation of the speed hump, but also to include target enforcement by the police. All the present were in favor.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Tallahassee Trip-Dade Days (Cid)

Mayor Cid explained the Dade Days 2020 trip to Tallahassee was historic because is the trip that most money in Town's history in the legislative budget, he also stated that the rock mining legislation is moving. Mayor Cid said it was a very fruitful trip and that the Town's priorities were well represented. He thanked the legislators for

their great work on behalf of the Town and also thanked the people they met from the Division of Emergency Management and the FEMA reimbursements.

15. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Town Manager Monthly Police Report

Town Major, Javier Ruiz, provided the monthly crime report to the Town Council. He stated that crimes remained even with just a couple more of auto thefts and a decrease in residential burglaries. As of mid-February, the Police Department has conducted over 400 traffic stops and issued over 200 citations. He also responded to questions posed by the Town Council.

Mayor Cid made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and all were in favor.

B. New Business Items Overview/Recap

The Town Manager explained that Town Staff needed clarification as to whether the email blast was going to come from Councilmember Alvarez or on behalf of the entire Town Council.

After some discussion, Councilmember J. Rodriguez moved for the summary email to come from the Town Council as a whole. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed, 3-3, with Councilmember Alvarez, Ruano and Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, stated that he had called for two Executive Sessions in the previous weeks and that only the Pizzi Case Executive Session was taking place. He stated that there is no need for the Executive Session on NW 170 to take place. The Town Attorney stated that some Councilmembers are asking him to give a statement to the PIO as to what was discussed about the case today. He also stated that he would keep the Town Council informed regarding the Jenkins case by email.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Approved this 9th day of March 2020



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk