

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
May 11, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Cid welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting.

Father Julio DeJesus gave an invocation.

Mayor Cid and Councilmember Dieguez read the proclamation and in collaboration with the rest of the Town Council, presented the proclamation to RTVEMMAUS and the EMMAUS International Foundation for Pro-Life Month. Mayor Cid then recognized the following people: Mr. Homero Cruz, Mr. Ernie de la Cruz, Emmaus International Foundation Members and RTVEMMAUS, Mr. Marcos Gutierrez, Father Julio DeJesus, Ms. Marta Avila, Heartbeat of Miami, Ms. Marta Gonzalez and Knights of Columbus Chapter 4772 Father Lawrence Flynn Miami Lakes.

Mr. Homero Cruz and Ms. Marta Avila spoke about the option of adoption instead of abortion and emphasized the importance of creating awareness about pro-life month.

Mayor Cid in collaboration with the rest of the Town Council gave a proclamation to Pastor Stuart Bodin from Miami Lakes Methodist Church. Mayor Cid also gave the Stuart family the Key to the Town. The Mayor praised the excellent work done by Pastor Stuart and his family in our community and he thanked him for his service attitude; for taking the Pumpkin Patch to another level; for establishing and growing the Christmas ministry, weekly men's breakfasts, weekly Bible studies, ministries at the Palm Spring North area; for providing food during the pandemic among other great services. Mayor Cid also praised Ms. Gloria Bodin and her participation and work with the bible studies and with neighboring communities and he also mentioned and thanked the active work of all their children and their participation in so many service ministries. May 11th, 2021 was proclaimed the Bodin Family Day in Miami Lakes.

Mayor Cid asked Ms. Karla Acosta and the Chen Senior Medical group to approach the podium and recognized their work and efforts in providing vaccines that were given to more than 150 Miami Lakers. Mayor Cid thanked them for serving our community and especially serving our seniors and then he in collaboration with the Town Council, proceeded to give them a certificate of appreciation. Vice Mayor Collazo also thanked and acknowledged that Chen Senior Medical group for always assisting and partnering with the Town of Miami Lakes and the senior community.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:44 pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano joined the meeting at 7:22 pm and Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez joined the meeting at 9:53 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Stuart Bodin from the Miami Lakes Methodist Church led the prayer.

Ariel Fernandez led a moment of mediation from Better You Minute via zoom.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of the Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tony Fernandez.

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

Mayor Cid asked for Item 15C to be combined with Item 12Ai. Councilmember Rodriguez motioned to approve the New Order of Business. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and all were in favor. Councilmember Ruano and Councilmember Alvarez were absent.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Mr. Jorge L. Conforme came to the Council Chambers and participated in-person Public Comments. He spoke in support of Item 10A and he commended Town staff for drafting an ordinance that allows to have flexibility and to respond to the needs of the residents and at the same time, provide safety measures; he also stated that micromobility has shown that it will reduce traffic congestion and be reliable.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came to the Council Chambers and participated in-person Public Comments. She stated that she hopes the Town Council follows up on the recommendation given by Ms. Claudia Luces regarding the effects of the blasting on the bridges and also about the paving of the crosswalk. Ms. Cintron stated that she thinks it is an excellent idea to divide the regular council meeting into two separate meetings; she stated that there is no need to have a sign language translator in every meeting and that it should be only when the need is requested. She also stated that when she first heard about the open mic sessions prior to the regular council

meetings, she welcomed the idea but that that now she thinks that due to the fact that the elected officials have busy schedules and might not all be available to participate, she thinks it would be better to perhaps have a once a month, scheduled short meeting – only one hour- for the residents to communicate with the elected officials in an informal way- no motions to be made- only an opportunity for the people’s suggestions to be heard.

Mr. Daniel Gonzalez came to the Council Chambers and participated in-person Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council for allowing him to serve this community, for he was being appointed to the Veterans Committee.

Ms. Esperanza Hope Reynolds participated in Public Comments via telephone. She stated that due to the excellent communication skills of the Town Manager Ed Pidermann, residents like her have been able to work and eliminate issues with Town staff, specifically with the Building Department; she thanked Building Department Official Mike Mesa for his outstanding job; she stated that working with Town Planner Susana Alonso has been great and beyond their expectations; she mentioned that Florida Statutes are constantly revised and that many resent the challenge of a continuously changing code, ordinances and resolutions – that at the HOA level, they work with static governing documents that were written in the 1980’s and have served our communities well but that communications have to be improved; she thanked Vice Mayor Collazo and Councilmember Ruano for listening to their concerns and improving communications, she thanked Jeremy Bajdaun for providing assistance regarding the hurricane season; she also stated that she would like to invite Town Manager Pidermann to address their HOA in July and Town Clerk Gina Inguanzo in the month of September. She thanked everyone and wished them all a wonderful month.

Mr. Alvin Murray participated in Public Comments via telephone. He stated that he is the director and president of the Miami Lakes United Soccer Club and he thanked everyone for being allowed to be part of the town.

Ms. Mavi Mastrovito participated in Public Comments via telephone. She stated that she is very happy and appreciative of this meeting taking place and excited for the farmers market taking place every Saturday.

Mr. Will Sours participated in Public Comments via telephone. He stated that he is the general manager for a micromobility provider with offices in Doral, Florida. He stated that he is in support of the Dockless mobility ordinance being presented to the Town Council and in support of the proposed new transit options being provided to the residents of Miami Lakes; he mentioned that Emory University conducted a study that shared findings that e-scooters can increase restaurant revenue, and that they connect residents and visitors with restaurants and other transit services, while reducing traffic congestion; he also mentioned that his company is operating in the city of Orlando and well as in other cities across the country and in Europe. If selected to operate in Miami Lakes, he would be ready to partner with organizations to conduct safety outreach events to educate residents on how to use our service and ready to pass helmets; he thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to be part of the Town of Miami Lakes.

Mr. Angelo Garcia participated in-person Public Comments. He stated that when the Town Council speaks from the Dais addressing the public, everything is crystal clear but when the

residents speak, it sounds muffled. He mentioned that when people address the Town Council, the quality of the sound is bad.

Mr. Ray Garcia participated in Public Comments via telephone. He commented on Item 12A and questioned about the cost of the dugouts -if it includes the backstop area or if it is an additional cost; he also mentioned that he has always been a big proponent of mobility in this town and of including bike lines in this town and that he has participated with his children in many of the bike events hosted by the town; that regarding docked bikes and undock scooters – sometimes it can be a problem. He opined that docked stations makes it a lot cleaner and a lot simpler for the town; that he is in support of the item but that they have to have docked stations.

Mr. Boris Forster participated in Public Comments via telephone. He commented about the accessibility of the town's officials and Town staff and that he is very impressed and pleasantly surprised with Miami Lakes officials and staff; that his HOA has had questions and that staff has been providing them with answers in a professionally manner. He mentioned that his HOA had questions and issues regarding the perimeter wall and that Town staff exceeded their expectations; he mentioned that Mr. Danny Angel and Mr. Jeremy Bajdaun assisted them in a very prompt and responsible manner; he thanked Mr. Mike Mesa and Ms. Susana Alfonso for their work and for meeting with them and answering questions; he also thanked the Town Manager and Vice Mayor Collazo and Councilmember Ruano for listening to their concerns and for being helpful.

Ms. Claudia Luces participated in-person Public Comments. She stated that she came before the Town Council to speak on Item 13E. Ms. Luces stated that public meetings should stay structured and remain in the same way they have always been; that it is important for residents to attend these meetings and that it's very important for councilmembers to attend these meetings as well as Town staff; she opined that Town staff should be in attendance of these meetings to answer questions that may arise; she mentioned that it would be a disservice to the public if you change the structure.

Written Public Comments-

The Town Clerk mentioned that one written public comment was received and that it was from Ms. Esperanza Hope Reynolds. Town Clerk Inguanzo also stated that Ms. Reynolds' email was sent to the Town Council and that she printed and placed them on the Dais, for their convenience.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Daniel Gil Gonzalez to the Veterans Committee by Vice Mayor Collazo
Ms. Ely Gonzalez to the Cultural Affairs Committee by Councilmember Rodriguez
Mr. Peter Thomas to the Blasting Advisory Board by Mayor Cid
Ms. Jaqueline Lebeda to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Councilmember Alvarez
Mr. Jose Llano to the Economic Development Committee by Councilmember Rodriguez
Mr. Eric Brandon to the Economic Development Committee by Mayor Cid
Mr. Geminis Garcia to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Alvarez
Mr. Ricardo Gonzalez to the Building Ad Hoc Committee by Town Manager Ed Pidermann
Mr. Nick Mastrovito to the Cultural Affairs Committee by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the appointments and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0; Councilmember Ruano and Councilmember Alvarez were absent.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Blasting Advisory Board

Chairman Miguel Martinez reported that during the last month, there has been a lot of action taking place to create awareness towards the blasting effects in our community and he expressed his appreciation towards the community in general; he spoke about a report which serves as scientific proof of what our structures are suffering due to the blasting. He also mentioned that the report is about ground vibrations -blasting versus earthquakes.

Chairman Martinez reported that the BAB is requesting the following actions from the Town Council:

- 1) for a letter that he drafted in collaboration with Dr. Bennet -the former BAB Chair-to be placed on the Town's Website, in order for affected property owners to be able to digitally sign the letter. Then, this letter can be sent out to the President of the United States, in support of the letter that Mayor Cid sent the President. Also, he would like for the letter to be signed by Senator Graham. For the TOML to modify their application to include a "form filler of sorts" to allow individuals to sign and submit electronically. The intent of these records would be to create statistical data of a problem affecting us all.
- 2) Chairman Martinez thanked Ms. Hope Reynolds for coming up with the great idea of creating a Bike Blast Ride to take place throughout the Town and for this to be led by State Representative Fabricio and State Representative Rizo; that this Bike Ride would create awareness of the blasting effects and of the BAB.
- 3) The BAB would like to create a Blasting Day to inform the community about the destruction of our properties; perhaps for this to take place in another community and to extend this to other committees.
- 4) Chairman Martinez also mentioned that State Representative Fabricio stated the intent of an unbiased study performed through a local university- FIU; thus, the BAB would like to issue a resolution that encourages the study but in full support of it. The local university to be FIU.

Mayor Cid made a motion to accept the Committee Report, to place the letter in the Town Website, to accept the Bike Rides and to accept the resolution that the committee is requesting. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

B. Special Needs Advisory Board

Chairwoman Vivian Levy presented the report on behalf of the SNAB and mentioned events that the committee held and on the future projects to be held.

Chairwoman Levy stated that the SNAB wants the Matthew Palacios Park to be showcased in the Town's website, because of its importance to the community, for it being a boundless park. She stated that the park needs to be fixed and requested that \$10,000 be re-allocated from life-skills to be allocated to the Matthew Palacios Playground.

Vice Mayor Collazo then motioned to move \$10,000 to go to the park. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Town Manager Pidermann that this should be discussed during the discussion of Item 12A.

Mayor Cid made a motion to accept the committee's report. It was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

A. Approval of Minutes

- April 13, 2021 RCM
- April 19, 2021 Special Call Meeting
- April 21, 2021 Attorney-Client Executive Session

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP 2021-19, TOWN FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO ZAMBELLI FIRWORKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; 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.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND IF GRANTED ACCEPT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE NW 151 STREET NW 153 STREET OVERLAY PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO APPLY FOR AND IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND IF GRANTED ACCEPT THE JORGE M. PEREZ FAMILY AT THE MIAMI FOUNDATION 2021 PEREZ CreARTE GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MIAMI LAKES UTILITY BOXES ARTS ACCESS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO APPLY FOR AND IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LICENSE AND USE AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI LAKES UNITED SOCCER CLUB, INC FOR A MULTI-YEAR PERIOD FOR USE OF MIAMI LAKES OPTIMIST PARK AND ROYAL OAKS PARK; AUTHORIZING the TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR ITB 2021-24, STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM CLEANING SERVICES TO CLEAN GROUNDS, INC., ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC., AND SHENANDOAH GENERAL CONSTRUCTION IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; 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.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND IF GRANTED ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO APPLY FOR

AND IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The item was approved on Consent Calendar.

10. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 35, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES", ARTICLE III, "COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY", AT DIVISION 7, "DOCKLESS MOBILITY"; RELOCATING DIVISION 7 "DOCKLESS MOBILITY"; CREATING CHAPTER 20, "TRANSPORTATION"; CREATING ARTICLE I, "MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS"; RECREATING AND AMMENDING DIVISION 5, "DOCKLESS MOBILITY"; PERMITTING AND REGULATING THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF DOCKLESS DEVICES ON THE TOWN'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY; INTRODUCING FLEXIBILTY FOR IMPLEMENTATION; 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.

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

Councilmember Dieguez moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Vice Mayor Collazo thanked Town staff Mike Zayas, Transportation Manager from TOML, for explaining to him his thought process and answering all the questions he had regarding this item, for making safety a priority and ameliorating some of Vice Mayor's concerns.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021, TO PROVIDE FUNDS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER AVAILABLE MONEYS, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR PROVIDED FOR IN A SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION; PROVIDING THAT THE BONDS WILL BE SECURED AND PAYABLE FROM THE NET REVENUES OF THE TOWN'S STORMWATER UTILITY SYSTEM, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PROCEED TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

TO SELL AND ISSUE THE BONDS AND TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE BONDS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR A SHORT TERM INTERFUND LOAN FROM UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; 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.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that this is a temporary transfer of cash from the general fund to the capital fund, to have the cash available, to have cash to deposit with the registry of the court in the eminent domain case process.

Councilmember Fernandez moved to adopt the ordinance in first reading and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

11. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCE, CREATING ARTICLE XII TITLED "NAMING RIGHTS AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY" PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Gastesi read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item. He explained that this ordinance is trying to set some basic criteria for those who wish to sponsor a Town event or perhaps even support the naming of a Town facility; he stated that this is trying to be proactive by developing a

policy that respects the values of the town but also complies with the first amendment. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance in second reading passed 6-0. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

12. RESOLUTIONS:

A. OPTIMIST PARK ENHACEMENT OPTIONS (Angel)

1) A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND AMENITIES FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTRACT RFP NO 18/19-2 WITH REP SERVICES, 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.

This item was combined with Item 15C.

Mr. Danny Angel, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the item. He reported that a virtual meeting with Miami-Dade County Public Schools is scheduled to take place Wednesday, May 19th; that at said meeting they will go over the anticipated revised conceptual design, in order to get some steps in the right direction on the joint use agreement and consequently move forward with this project. Mr. Angel stated that regarding the dugout option, Town staff evaluated a cooperative opportunity with Clay County and he presented to the Town Council an option that is within the Town budget; that this option meets the scope of what the Town Council requested.

Mr. Angel answered questions posed by the Town Council and stated that a person who wishes to remain anonymous donated his time and services and corrected the problems from Field #5. Mr. Angel was asked to emit his professional opinion and he stated that he would recommend to hold-off on pursuing the dugout option, at least until the meeting with the Miami Dade County Public School Board takes place.

Vice Mayor Collazo made a motion to move the item and it was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. After discussion, Vice Mayor Collazo withdrew his motion because the Town Council agreed that this item should be put on hold for now, at least until the meeting with the School Board takes place and until the Town Council knows what they are going to do with the project as a whole, to perhaps come back with options on projects that will not be affected by the re-design.

On this matter, Town Manager Pidermann went on to explain that a Town workshop will be scheduled to take place in the next 2 or 3 months – by then the agreement between the

TOML and the School Board will be completed, and that at that Town workshop, Town staff will then talk about the design, different options and funding options.

Vice Mayor Collazo then made a motion to allocate monies towards purchasing portable dugouts, for Pinto A and Pinto B fields; he explained that these portable dugouts could be repurposed in the future and can be taken to alternative parks and this would provide an immediate benefit to the park. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid.

Councilmember Ruano then made an amendment to Vice Mayor Collazo's motion to include \$10,000 for the repairs of the Boundless Mathew Palacios Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

Mr. Angel explained that the price tag to repair the Mathew Palacios Park is approximately \$32,000 and he understands that this project could be done via the sinking funds option. Mr. Angel mentioned that he would like to present this to the Town Council in the June meeting. After Mr. Angel's explanation, Councilmember Ruano withdrew her amendment.

Vice Mayor Collazo's motion to purchase portable dugouts was approved unanimously. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Vice Mayor Collazo then proceeded to make another motion,- to repay the anonymous person who donated the funds to repair Field #5, to re-imburse the unknown angels for any and all expenses that they incurred in relation to repairs. The Town Manager suggested that Mr. Angel do some research and find out who was the unknown angel and come back with recommendations to discourage future unknown angels from doing this in the future and to discuss this in the June regular council meeting.

OPTIMIST PARK ENHACEMENT OPTIONS (Angel)

2) A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR COURT RESURFACING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONTRACT RFB2019-3106 WITH SPORT SURFACES LLC. 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.

Mr. Angel presented the item regarding the tennis courts.

Vice Mayor Collazo made the motion to approve the item and it was seconded by Mayor Cid. Mayor Cid asked for the Town staff to look into getting a tennis provider. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that the Duque family was very grateful to Town staff and especially to Mr. Danny Angel- for his great, above and beyond work- regarding the Jackey Park. Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to reopen the New Order of Business and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Collazo. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES F/K/A THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilmember Dieguez then proceeded to motion to discuss Item 12B simultaneously with Item 13A. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained the proposed changes to the Special Rules of Order. He recommended to rename the first portion of the Agenda, as “Proclamations, Recognitions and Awards”, instead of “Special Presentations”. Then he recommended to take “Special Presentations” and re-define them as presentations of guests speakers, outside agencies, representatives from audit teams, etc., and place it between Committee Reports and Consent Calendar. Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to move it and it received a second from Vice Mayor Collazo. The motion passed 5-1, with Mayor Cid voting in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Councilmember Dieguez then presented his item, Item 13A and explained that he would like to foster a discussion on how they can be more efficient with their meetings. He explained that in the spirit of trying to be more efficient with the handling of the time and also give the public a greater opportunity to hear the information and get them more involved, he discussed the possibility of at least holding two different meetings – one for the more substantive items and the second meeting for the community type items. Councilmember Dieguez mentioned that if his colleagues did not have an appetite two bifurcate the meetings, he would gladly withdraw his item. Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve his item and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano for discussion.

After discussion, Councilmember Dieguez withdrew his item and stated that he would be coming back with a different proposal in the near future.

13. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Council Meeting Efficiency (Dieguez)

This item was discussed simultaneously with Item 12b.

B. Paver Crosswalk (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item. He stated that we owe it to those residents to have those nice pavers installed and although the price tag is \$65,000, he stated that perhaps in the capital fund there is money to be found.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to direct staff that during the next budget cycle, to keep this project in mind -to look into the capital project fund. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent

C. Committee Vacancy (Rodriguez)

Councilmember Rodriguez presented his item and he motion for vacancies of Town committees to be brought before the Town Council in order to ensure that the seats are filled; that the ordinance should provide for notice to a councilmember who holds a vacancy, opportunity to appoint and a mechanism to bring the vacancy before the councilmember should the council member holding the vacancy be unwilling or unable to make the appointment again; this is just giving direction to the Town Attorney to flush out the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez.

After discussion Councilmember Rodriguez amended his motion to table this item until next meeting, to give the Town Attorneys time to flush out the issue a little better. After some additional discussion, Councilmember Dieguez called for the vote to take place. Vice Mayor Collazo then stated that he wanted to proceed with voting on the main motion and that he moved for calling the question. Mayor Cid then asked the Town Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Councilmember Ruano then asked for clarification on the motion.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that that the Town Attorneys had stated earlier that he could make a motion to table the item but he emphasized that the motion to table was going to fail, so, Councilmember Rodriguez asked the Town Attorneys if he could pull -withdraw- the item at this moment.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella responded that the motion is on the floor and that the motion now belongs to the body, so he explained to Councilmember Rodriguez that he could not withdraw his motion at that time; Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella explained that instead, Councilmember Rodriguez could take a vote on tabling the item to the next meeting. Vice Mayor Collazo then asked the Town Attorneys if the question on the main motion could be called. Town Attorney Gastesi then responded that you cannot vote on the main motion, unless Councilmember Rodriguez withdraws the motion to table. At this moment, Mayor Cid seconded the motion to table the item.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the motion to tabling the item and the motion failed 2-4; with Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Fernandez, Councilmember Ruano and Vice Mayor Collazo voting in opposition. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

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D. Privacy Protection (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item and asked the Town Attorneys if there is something additional that could be done locally, to strengthen privacy protections. The motion was seconded by Mayor Cid. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

E. Public Comments (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that regarding the sign language interpreter portion of his item, he will work with the Chair of the Special Needs Advisory Board. Then he clarified and emphasized that this new business item is not about changing public comments, that his goal is to enhance the portion of Public Comments by having an open mic session, an opportunity to go back and forth, before the regular council meetings. Mayor Cid made a motion to allow for an open mic session to take place between 5pm to 6pm, in Council Chambers, before every regular council meeting and for this to be livestreamed. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the item for discussion.

Vice Mayor Collazo liked this item but commented that from 5pm to 6pm is a bad time for him due to his work schedule. Vice Mayor Collazo asked the Mayor to perhaps set aside another day in the calendar or another time during the day, so that all elected officials could also participate on this open mic session.

Vice Mayor Collazo also commented on the time keeping during Public Comments and he spoke about the request from the EAC regarding special accommodations for additional time. Vice Mayor Collazo stated that he spoke to Town Clerk Inguanzo about this issue and that the Town Clerk explained that persons needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should call Town Hall and request the accommodation of time, prior to the meeting, in accordance with ADA. Mayor Cid was in favor of making changes. Councilmember Rodriguez mentioned that he is fine with this item because it will be broadcasted in social media.

Councilmember Dieguez opined that perhaps Saturdays would be a better option for this to take place and for the Assistant to the Council to be present during these meetings to work in collaboration with the Mayor's Assistant and both of them meet the demands of the residents and their concerns.

Councilmember Ruano liked the idea of having an open forum with the residents and be able to interact with the residents. She suggested that perhaps having an open forum – a Town hall setting with residents, every quarter -not every month would be a great idea. She also stated that she won't be able to see from the Dais, the Facebook comments that Mayor Cid proposed to be displayed in the flat screen; regarding the sign language interpreter, she inquired about the costs allocated to this service.

Mayor Cid stated that there are organizations that might want to do the sign language service free of charge and that he would like to work on this with the SNAB. Regarding the streaming of the Facebook on the tv monitor, Mayor Cid stated that when someone sends an email to the Town Clerk, she goes above and beyond in trying to make sure that all elected officials are aware of the email received and that she states the name of the person who sent the email into the record. Mayor Cid understands that Facebook comments should have the same public records requirements and that these comments should be seen by everyone and treated the same way as electronic emails. Mayor Cid asked the Town Clerk to look into this.

After discussion, Mayor Cid gave direction to the Town Manager to set up a time (day and time) that is good for everyone, so that they can participate in the open mic sessions and for the Town Manager to come back to the Town Council with this information.

F. Updates on Town Sign Ordinance (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item and asked the Town Attorneys to go ahead and review our existing Sign Code, to ensure that it meets existing law, and for them to come back with updates at a future date. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

G. Wall on 87th Avenue (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented the item and stated that many residents west of 87th Avenue have brought this item to his attention. He explained that the walls for the most part, are in despair and that this is not our brand.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to move forward on making this happen; he stated that there is no HOA so he directed the Town Manager to have the Code Department communicate with those residents and explain and showcase them with the 3 different options: either they do it themselves, get involved and create a special taxing districts or have a volunteer paint a “Welcome to Miami Lakes” mural -free of charge. Vice Mayor Collazo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Councilmember Rodriguez added that while the Town Manager is looking into this matter, for him to look at the walls on 143rd street, between NW 87th and NW 89th – the ones at the PLC of Bob Graham Educational Center. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

14. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

A. Census Report (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez explained that the apportionment figures have been released and that most likely by September 2021, the Town will be getting the specific population count of Miami Lakes. He reported that Florida gained one additional congressional seat that the State of New York lost one congressional seat by 89 people – he shared this information to prove the point that “every person counts”. He stated the good news that after doing some research and comparing with other municipalities, the Town of Miami Lakes is on the top 10 municipalities in terms of self-response count.

15. MANAGER'S REPORTS

A. Governor’s Emergency Orders 21-101 & 21-102 (Pidermann)

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and asked the Town Council for direction on how to move forward regarding the following areas: public meetings, businesses, facilities rentals and town facility visitor access. The Town Council discussed these topics and made four separate motions.

Regarding Public meetings – such as Regular Council Meetings, Planning and Zoning, Special Master Hearings and committee meetings, Mayor Cid made a motion to go back to normal, to wear a mask if you want (optional), but no restrictions regarding capacity. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Regarding businesses, Mayor Cid made a motion to extend the current status quo until the attorneys have an opportunity to present those ordinances to us. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

During discussion, the Town Council asked for ordinance to be presented in first reading in the June meeting to address the regulations created by the Restaurant Recovery Program., which allowed restaurants to temporarily add or expand existing outdoor seating areas, in order to reach 100% of their pre-Covid allowed capacity. The Town Attorney Gastesi explained that if you want to enact procedures, you have to enact them via ordinances; that you can't allow for businesses to violate zoning issues and parking restrictions.

Regarding the rental of facilities, Mayor Cid made a motion to re-open facility rental at full capacity on May 12th, facial coverings not mandated. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

Regarding visitor access to Town facilities, Vice Mayor Collazo moved that during routine business visits with Town staff, facial coverings will be required. The motion was seconded with Councilmember Dieguez. All were in favor. Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

B. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Acosta)

Mr. Carlos Acosta, Public Works Director, stated that capital projects are moving forward and he provided a brief summary on each project.

He provided an update on the following projects: Safe Routes to School -Miami Lakeway South/North project is going through the final inspection; that the Safe Routes to School-Bob Graham Educational Center project is in the design phase and that the design contract is expected to be brought to the Town Council soon; West Lakes Drainage Improvement Project is going well- 50% has been completed; 59th Avenue Extension Project design phase is 90% completed and that in June the project will go out for bid; NW 83rd Place Drainage Improvement Project is 60% completed and they are working with the lake owner for a proposed outfall location -they are looking into different options; Streetlights Improvement Project is going very well-the project is in the design phase and should have preliminary plans submittal in May; the Backup Generator at Roberto Alonso Community Center is awaiting the FDEO grant manger notification for the development of the agreement; regarding the Fairway Drive Mid-Block Crossing project, crosswalk warrant analysis was submitted to the County and we are waiting for the County's approval; regarding Montrose Road Mid-Block Crossing, the design order was approved and forwarded to the consultant to begin the design phase.

Mr. Acosta also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

C. Monthly report on Miami Lakes Optimist Park (Angel)

Mr. Danny Angel, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on Miami Lakes Optimist Park during the discussion of Item 12A.

D. In-House Sidewalk Repair Crew Cost Analysis (Acosta)

Mr. Carlos Acosta, Public Works Director, explained that at the April Regular Council Meeting, the Town Council directed Town staff to conduct an analysis of the costs to having an in-house crew. Thus, at this meeting, Mr. Acosta explained that having an in-house crew could potentially increase the Town's current sidewalk repair output. Mr. Acosta provided a cost analysis, and the estimated in-house crew yearly total cost is \$364,992.00. Mr. Acosta answered questions posed by the Town Council.

E. Recreation Program Services Update- Summer Camp Plan (Angel)

Mr. Danny Angel, Parks and Recreation Services, explained that at the April Regular Council Meeting, the Town Council approved the award of Recreation Program services contracts to Camp Wannado Afterschool Program to service at the Optimist Clubhouse, the YMCA to service at the Roberto Alonso Community Center and Snapology to service at the Youth Center. The Town Council directed the Town Manager to come back with a detailed curriculum from each provider. Thus, Mr. Angel provided detailed information about each camp providers and about services to be provided starting June 2021.

F. Town Manager's Monthly Police Report (Major Ruiz)

Town Commander Ruiz presented the monthly Police Report. He stated that in terms of crime, the town stayed stable from March to April - with a slight increase in the category of robberies, due to a domestic argument. Town Commander also stated that the LPRs are functioning well.

G. Budget Presentation Timeline (Hernandez)

Melissa Hernandez, Budget Officer, presented the proposed budget preparation timeline.

Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to get the first draft of the budget that is presented to the Town Council to project the 6% franchise fee, as an option; he also requested a menu of options to see the whole things presented to the Town Council in the first Sunshine Meeting. Mayor Cid seconded the motion. Councilmember Alvarez asked for the first draft also to include the 3%, 4% and 6% in the menu of options. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion for the Sunshine Meeting on Budget to take place on July 15th, instead of July 8th and Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Councilmember Rodriguez then asked for a Special Call Meeting to take place on July 20th, to set the millage, instead of setting the millage on the July 13th Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

H. American Rescue Plan (Pidermann)

Mayor Cid made a motion to waive the Special Rules of Order and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and all were in favor.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that the United States Treasury Department issued guidance and clarification, on May 10th, 2021, allowing uses for local government proceeds from the Federal American Rescue Plan. The Town of Miami Lake is earmarked to receive \$13,181,100. Town Manger Pidermann asked the Town Council to direct all proceeds received to be used for Stormwater capital improvement projects. Councilmember Dieguez moved to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion passed and all were in favor.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Town Attorney Gastesi reported that in the Bridge litigation, they did everything they could to resolve it. He stated that he is disappointed that the case is not settled. He stated that they are in the middle of the appeal and that they hired the Weiss Serota firm for this appeal.

Regarding the Valiente case, the insurance carrier filed a motion for summary judgement. In regards to the Pizzi case, he stated that the case is not moving very quickly.

Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella reported that they were able to reach a settlement agreement with Town of Miami Lakes and ATL Diversified, which was the contractor who worked on the second phase of the Canal Stabilization project. Vice Mayor Collazo made the motion to ratify the agreement and it was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion passed and all were in favor.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm.

Approved this 8th day of May 2020



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk