

**MINUTES**  
**Sunshine Meeting**  
**July 15, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting began at 6:48 pm.

The following councilmembers were present: Carlos Alvarez, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Luis Collazo and Mayor Manny Cid.

The following Town Staff members were: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Assistant Town Manager Tony Lopez, Chief Financial Officer Ismael Diaz, Budget Officer Melissa Hernandez, Building Director Danny Angel, Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun, Public Works Engineer Omar Santos, Assistant to the Town Manager Rosa Marrero, Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, and Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo.

**2. Public Comments:**

Mr. Michael Coote, Chairman of the Veterans Committee, came before the Town Council, to participate in-person public comments. He expressed that this year the Veterans Committee is asking for more money -for \$15,000-, and he explained that the increase is based largely on the Tribute Banners. Chairman Coote thanked Mr. Fred Senra for his commitment and generosity to provide for the Tribute Banners but he explained that the Veteran Committee understands that this commitment should be from the Town of Miami Lakes. Thus, Chairman Coote stated that the Veterans Committee is asking the Town Council to increase the committee's budget, so that the committee is able to buy the Tribute Banners funded by the Town of Miami Lakes.

**3. Items Discussed:**

**To Discuss the General Fund Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Town Manager Edward Pidermann explained that the purpose of this Sunshine Meeting is to put forth a proposed balanced budget so that on the July 20<sup>th</sup> Special Call Meeting, the Town Council will be setting the Budget Hearing dates (September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>) and setting the Millage rate. Town Manager Pidermann emphasized that the proposed balanced budget is leaving the millage rate flat. He also reminded the Town Council that on August 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be another Sunshine Meeting on Budget.

Town Manager Pidermann provided a detailed explanation on the following documents: FY21-22 Proposed General Fund Budget Summary Sheet and he specifically went over the significant

revenue increases, revenue decreases, significant expenditures increases, significant expenditure decreases. He also provided information on the Roll-Back Rate and on the Property Tax Roll Value. He also answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Town Manager Pidermann shared that that the tax roll for the Town of Miami Lakes, as certified by the Property Appraiser office on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, reflects a gross taxable value of \$3,767,371,566 -which includes an increase of \$28,578,299 in new construction, additions, deletions, and rehabilitative improvements. As compared to the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, taxable value for the previous year of \$3,636,995,722, this amount reflects an increase in gross taxable value of \$130,415,844 or 3.6%.

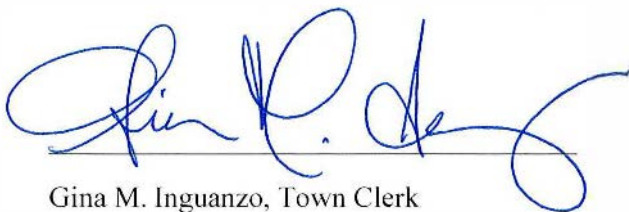
**Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk