

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
January 20, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Marilyn Ruano and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez and Mayor Manny Cid were absent. Present as well were: The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi and Lorenzo Cobiella from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC; Attorneys Onier Llopiz, Joan Carlos Wizel and Mark Emanuel from Lydecker Diaz, Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, Deputy Town Clerk, Ashley Shepple and the Certified Court Reporter.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Josh Dieguez led the pledge of allegiance.

4. INVOCATION:

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella led the invocation.

5. Public Comments:

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds participated in Public Comments via zoom. She stated that her Public Comments at the January 11th, Regular Council Meeting, focused on the Oath of Office for government to defend and protect the United States Constitution; she also stated that public comments of elderly residents that have medical issues protected by ADA were cut off mid-sentence; she spoke about the inalienable rights to select counsel, the right to appropriate funds from the special taxing district without a ballot and that the ballots have no legal

significance; that property owners must vote on whether they want LPR cameras; what is the approximate cost of the legal cases; why a property owners getting upset, what is making people have mental health issues and she begged that in the constitution, we find the solution to defend our individual rights.

6. Public Meeting Session:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez read into the record the following statement:

Town of Miami Lakes v. TSC Investments, Inc., Eminent Domain Action., 2021 006842 CA 01

“that Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes provides an exemption from the public meetings law in order to allow the Town Council to conduct a closed session to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in a pending lawsuit. This is what the Town Council will be doing today. This session will be recorded by a court reporter. The transcript will be filed with the Town Clerk and it will remain sealed until the conclusion of the litigation. When the litigation has concluded, the transcript becomes public record and can be requested by anyone. This attorney-client session is estimated to last one hour. The names of those individuals attending today’s attorney-client session are:

1. Town Councilmembers Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez;
2. Town Manager Edward Pidermann
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq., Esq and Lorenzo Cobiella Esq., from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC., Joan Carlos Wizel and Mark Emanuel from Lydecker Diaz,
4. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals named above, were the only individuals allowed to stay at the Council Chambers to conduct and participate at the private attorney-client session. Once the attorney-client session is done, the Town Council will once again meet at the open public meeting, to adjourn.

At approximately at 9:20 AM, the Town Council closed the open session and convened in the Council Chambers to start the private session.

Once the private session was done, they re-opened the public meeting at approximately 10:07 AM. This portion of the meeting was livestreamed again.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

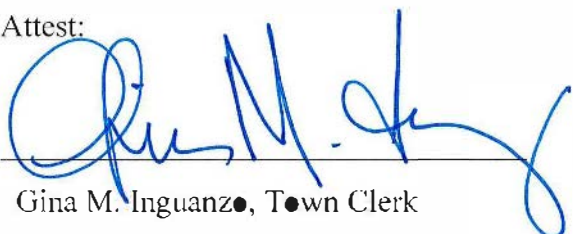
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Approved this 8th day of February 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk