

**MINUTES**  
**Public Private Partnerships Workshop**  
**February 10, 2022**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present at the workshop were: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano. Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, Vice Mayor Rodriguez, and Mayor Manny Cid were absent.

Also present at the workshop were: Town Manager Edward Pidermann; Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez; Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun; Procurement Manager Nathalie Garcia; Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo; and Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella.

**2. Moment of Silence:**

Councilmember Collazo asked for a moment of silence for those individuals that have lost their lives.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Marilyn Ruano.

**4. Public Comments:**

Mr. Mauritz Acosta joined by students from Miami Lakes Middle School came to this workshop and expressed how glad they are to join the meeting. Mauritz shared his enthusiasm for the Town to develop an ordinance regarding Public Private Partnerships.

Mr. Silvio Pupo explained different innovative financing options for the implementation of projects that can repay private sectors for solving public sector issues.

## **5. Items for Discussion:**

Deputy Town Manager, Tony Lopez gave a presentation about Public Private Partnerships. He provided an overview in terms of context on P3s and explained its purpose. Public Private Partnerships involve an agreement between a governmental entity and a private sector to serve a public need for the public good. He then explained the benefits and risks, provided examples for both economic and social infrastructure, as well as the evaluation process of P3s.

Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella provided a legal overview regarding what State law permits and what other neighboring cities are doing with P3s. He also provided Ordinance examples, one being from Miami Dade County and explained their process to approach P3s.

Councilmember Collazo posed questions about the possible risk of projects being off its projected dollar amount. He also discussed keeping the fee at a certain percentage in order to not make it cost prohibited.

Councilmember Ruano would like to see the fee a substantial amount so that those with serious proposals can share their ideas with the Council. She also posed questions regarding the steps to pursue a P3 if it serves a purpose that the Council is interested in.

Procurement Manager, Nathalie Garcia provided insight on the research she conducted in regard to Municipal Ordinances for other cities. She mentioned the application fee is an estimated cost to the cities to evaluate the proposals. Sometimes evaluations cannot be done in house, therefore a consultant needs to be hired and this is where the fee comes into place.

Parks and Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun went over some of the current proposals the Town has received. The current proposed P3s range from hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars.

Councilmember Ruano excused herself from the meeting and thanked everyone for an amazing and informative presentation about P3s.

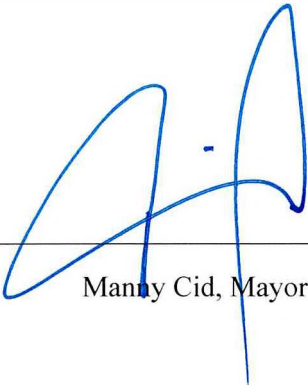
Students from Miami Lakes Middle School thanked those that presented for all the material they provided because it taught them a lot on the topic. They then posed a few questions on P3s to expand their knowledge in which Mr. Lopez responded accordingly. Mauritz Acosta also posed questions about the process to develop the ordinance.

Seeing as the students want to participate in creating the ordinance, Councilmember Collazo suggested having a Sunshine meeting on this topic to discuss it further before first reading.

**5. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk