

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
March 30, 2022
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cid called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid. Councilmember Marilyn Ruano was present and participated via zoom.

Councilmember Josh Dieguez joined the private session at 9:23 am and Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez was absent.

Present as well were: The Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorneys, Raul Gastesi, Raul Lopez and Lorenzo Cobiella from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC, Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo and the Certified Court Reporter.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Alexandra Herrera led the pledge of allegiance.

4. INVOCATION:

Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo led the invocation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No in-person public comments and no remote public comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

6.1. Section 4.2(b)i of the Town Charter

Mayor Cid made a motion in favor of waiving Section 7.3 of the Special Rules of Order. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid presented his item.

Mayor Cid made a motion adopting the resolution attached to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The motion passed 3-2; Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

7. OPEN SESSION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Cid read the following section into the record: I would like to announce that we are about to conduct an attorney client session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in the following case:

Litigation on NW 170 Street

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 two hours. The names of those individuals attending today's attorney-client session are:

1. Myself,
2. Town Councilmembers Carlos O. Alvarez, Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Marilyn Ruano and Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rodriguez;
3. Town Manager Edward Pidermann;
4. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq., Raul Lopez, Esq., and Lorenzo Cobiella, Esq., from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC.,
5. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals I have just named will go inside the Community Conference Room of the Government Center to conduct the private attorney-client session. Once the attorney-client session is done, the public may return to the Council Chambers and the Council will adjourn. At approximately at 9:13 am, the Town Council closed the open session and convened in the Community Conference Room to start the private session.

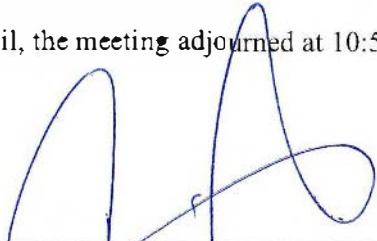
Once the private session was done, they re-opened the public meeting at approximately 10:50 am. This portion of the meeting was livestreamed again.

At this moment, Councilmember Dieguez moved to hold a Special Call Meeting on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of adopting a Memorandum of Understanding to settle the Bridges litigation dispute. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez. The motion passed 4-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

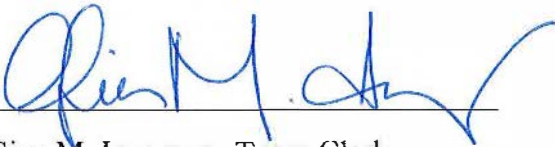
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Approved this 12th day of April 2022.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk