

**MINUTES**  
**Sunshine Meeting**  
**to Discuss Regulations for New Driveways**  
**May 2, 2023**  
**11:30 AM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 11:33 a.m.

Councilmember Ruano was present in-person and Councilmember Josh Dieguez participated via telephone conference.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Deputy Town Manager Tony Lopez, Building Director Daniel Angel, Principal Town Planner Susana Alonso, and Deputy Town Clerk Victoria Martinez.

The following were also present: Alexandra Herrera and Keith Halperin.

**2. Items Discussed:**

The Sunshine Meeting began, and the first topic discussed was regarding Florida Statute 163.045 which references tree pruning, trimming, or removal on residential property. Councilmember Ruano asked for a quick review of what the Town currently has in the code regarding driveways. Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso explained the requirements for driveways as outlines in the Town code and she emphasized that 60% of the yard if allowed to be impervious area.

Through discussion, Town Manager Pidermann suggested bringing forward the issue of Florida Statute 163.045 as part of next year's legislative priorities.

Mr. Halperin suggested limitations to enforce in communities as they relate to greenspace and landscaping. Town Planner Ms. Alonso asked to research how extensive the problem is and to find out what the actual problem is. Councilmember Ruano added that the problem is the loss of greenspace and landscaping and that there is a need for a solution that the Town can manage.

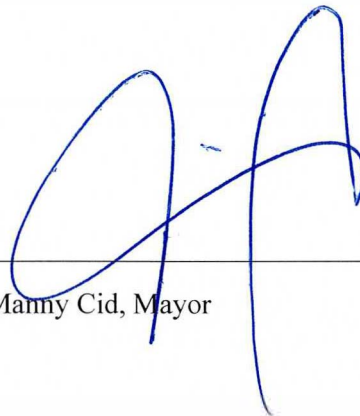
Individuals present spoke about updating the Town code and Beautification Master Plan to address the issue of less greenspace and landscaping.

Town Manager Pidermann recapped the discussion and explained next steps to follow which include Town Staff making sure everyone in the Town adheres to the 60/40 requirement as per the Town code and to start working on something to take to the legislature next year.

**Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

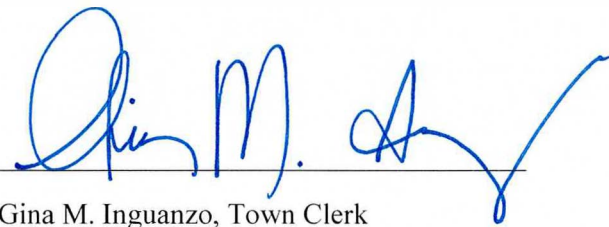
Approved this 9th day of May 2023.



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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk