MINUTES
Sunshine Meeting
August 16, 2024
10:00 AM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 10:53 a.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Luis E. Collazo and Bryan Morera. Councilmember Dieguez joined via phone and Councilmember Ruano arrived at 11:14 a.m. Councilmember-Elect JC Fernandez and Councilmember-Elect Steven Herzberg were also present.

The following Town Staff members were present: Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, Special Projects Manager, John Yanes, and Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez.

The following were also present: Ms. Ezperanza "Hope" Reynolds, Mr. Alexander Ariano, and Mr. Boris Foster.

2. Items Discussed:

Councilmember Collazo opened the meeting and explained how it was brought up. Before logging off the call at approximately 11:00 a.m., Councilmember Dieguez explained that he'd like to see an ordinance crafted that's more attentive to what people want. Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella provided Coral Gables' Amendment Process for Existing Special Taxing Districts within the City of Coral Gables as an example, and he went over some key points in the document. Councilmember Collazo added that he'd like input from all the people, and it shouldn't be the council's call. Councilmember Morera also stated that the Neighborhood Services Districts issue requires attention, and the council should make the system more attentive to the desire of the residents.

All parties present discussed the Coral Gables example, the purpose of the Town's Neighborhood Services District Committees, and ways to get resident input. After discussion, Councilmember Morera explained that he is proposing a Workshop on Neighborhood Services Districts however, this meeting was to understand the legalities.

3. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of September 2024.

Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk