

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**September 10, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:**

State Representative Tom Fabricio presented a check of one million one hundred seventy thousand dollars to the Town of Miami Lakes for drainage improvement projects. He explained that Senator Avila and himself worked hard in Tallahassee to bring these tax dollars back to Miami Lakes. He further explained that the money will be utilized for two projects: the Loch Lomond drainage project and Westlake Gardens water restoration project. Fabricio thanked the Town Council for their hard work year-round.

Mayor Cid presented a proclamation to the Producing Market Leader of Bank United, Steve Brimo. He explained that in April of 2004, Mr. Brimo opened the first Bank United branch in Miami Lakes. He further explained that Mr. Brimo has demonstrated his commitment to the local community by providing support for various local community initiatives and local event sponsorships. He explained that Mr. Brimo is a member of the Town's Economic Development committee and developed a new bank product called the Kindergarten to College savings account. Mayor Cid proclaimed Tuesday September 10th, 2024, as Steve Brimo Day in the Town of Miami Lakes. Mr. Brimo thanked the Mayor and the Town Council for this recognition.

Mayor Cid presented a proclamation to JJ Matthews declaring September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Matthews explained the importance of this cause as he lost his best friend to Childhood Cancer in 2023. Cid explained that September has been designated National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, to honor those children whose lives have been lost and those irrevocably impacted by this illness. Mayor Cid proclaimed the month of September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Mayor Cid presented a proclamation to the Executive Director of the Miami Diaper Bank, Gabriela Rojas. Cid explained that National Surveys report that one in two families struggle with diaper need. He stated that Miami Lakes recognizes the importance of diapers in ensuring health and providing economic stability for families. Mayor Cid proclaimed Thursday September 12th, 2024, as National diaper need awareness week in the Town of Miami Lakes. Rojas thanked the Mayor and the Town Council for this recognition.

Public Safety Committee Member Carlos Andres recognized members of the Miami Lakes Police Departments General Investigation Unit for their continuous efforts and hard work. Lieutenant Eddy Ulloa explained that those officers have been able to provide 1900 citations in 2024. He further explained that the detectives have been able to close many high-profile cases. Lieutenant Ulloa thanked the General Investigation Unit for their hard work.

Public Safety Committee Member Darwin Villavicencio on behalf of Firefighter Angelica Drones, received recognition for her extraordinary service and dedication to her profession in 2024.

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 6:35 pm. Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Morera, Councilmember Ruano, Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Cid were present.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Ms. Sophia Mora, from Miami Lakes Educational Center, led the prayer.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Morera.

Mr. Ariel Fernandez from “Better You Minute,” led a moment of mediation via YouTube.

**5. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilmember Morera pulled Item 14A, to be discussed after the Consent Calendar. Town Manager Pidermann pulled Item 13E and stated that the Applicant asked for this item to be deferred to a future date. Councilmember Collazo asked for New Business Items 14A, 14B, 14C, 14G, 14H and 14I to be discussed first, then followed by the remaining New Business Items 14D, 14E, 14F, 14J, 14K, 14L and 14M because these items were all filed late and require the waiver; he stated that there are many items in the agenda and because of time constraints, he does not the councilmembers who file their items in a timely manner, to be cut of being heard. He also moved to recommend that if they do not get through the Order of Business by midnight, for the NBI that stay remaining, to be moved over to after the budget hearing. Mayor agreed to his request, and all were in favor of this request.

Mayor Cid then explained that his New Business Items were submitted on time, but they remained stuck in his inbox, and he became aware the next morning, when he spoke to the Deputy Town Clerk. Councilmember Ruano pulled Item 10A, the August 26<sup>th</sup> Workshop NSD Minutes. Mayor Cid asked for the New Business Items that require a waiver to be waived and he also pulled 10D.

Councilmember Morera moved the New Order of Business, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed 7-0.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (49:47)

*(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name will be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)*

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, read the instructions of proper decorum that are to be respected and followed during public meetings.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She urged the Town Council to vote no on Amendment #3 regarding the legalization of marijuana. She stated that she is in support of item 14A. She explained that she would like clarification regarding the proposal and the live local agenda.

Ms. Maida Lanco came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She expressed her concerns regarding the traffic around Bob Graham Educational Center. She explained that this traffic blocks the Royal Oaks East exit. She then urged the Town Council to find a solution to this issue.

Ms. Eileen Gutierrez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She expressed her concerns regarding the traffic around Bob Graham Educational Center. She stated that the school should be held responsible for finding a solution to this issue.

Mr. Dayan Jimenez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that he is not in agreement with renaming the Town's Christmas event the "Holiday Event." He stated that tradition is important and should not be disregarded. He urged the Town Council to change the name of the event.

Mr. Akari Johnson came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained his proposal to create community family initiatives in the Town of Miami Lakes. He further explained that this initiative would provide children with the opportunity to learn from individuals with specific talents and skillsets.

Mr. William Barimo came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He stated that he is a member of the Royal Oaks NSD Advisory Board. He explained the importance of the NSD Advisory Board to provide the Town Council with feedback from the residents. He urged the Town Council to vote to maintain the Royal Oaks NSD Advisory Board.

Mr. Giancarlo Rodriguez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that the name of the Mayor's Gala should remain as the Mayor's Gala and not be changed to the Special Needs Advisory Board Gala. He urged the Town Council to keep the Gala's name as the Mayor's Gala.

Mr. Robert Sosa came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He stated that he is a member of Section One East NSD Advisory Board. He stated that the reasons for the abolishment of the NSD Advisory Boards are not right. He explained that the main responsibility

of the NSD Advisory Board is the oversight of the Guard Gate. He urged the Town Council to table item 14A until after the November Election.

Mr. Homero Cruz came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that the NSD Advisory Boards are an avenue between the residents and the Town Council. He further explained that the NSD Advisory Boards provide the Town Council with suggestions and feedback relative to the NSD's for the Council to make the final decision. He urged the Town Council to table item 14A until January of 2025.

Ms. Lissete Perez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She stated that she is opposed to the approved plan for the 220-unit apartment complex by the Graham Companies. She explained that Miami Lakes does not have wide roads to accommodate large communities or proper traffic feasibility analysis. She further explained that this approval will be disastrous from a security and safety standpoint. She urged the Town Council to vote against this development.

Ms. Helen Costa came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that the NSD Advisory Boards provide the Town Council with suggestions and feedback relative to the NSD's for the Council to make the final decision. She explained that in the NSD Advisory Board meetings each participant has the opportunity to speak and for their opinion to be heard. She urged the Town Council to vote no on abolishing the NSD Advisory Boards.

Mr. Abel Fernandez participated in Remote Public Comments. He explained that in 2023 Town Staff only received a 2.5% COLA increase, which did not keep up with their cost of living and he stated that employees deserve an increase. He stated that the Mayor and Town Council received a 7.8% COLA increase. He further explained that Town Staff should receive an increase in COLA and that the Public Works, Building Department, Town Clerk and all the employees under the leadership of the Town Manager Pidermann, are beyond professional. Regarding Item 14A, he stated that the NSD Advisory Board Meetings should have zoom access. Regarding the LPR's cameras, he stated that they do their jobs but that they should be paid from the General Fund. He stated that he is opposed to Item 13D and the changing of the set back and he is opposed to Item 13E, even if this item was deferred, because it will increase traffic. He also read into the record, Section 13-304 of the Site Plan approval.

Mr. John Rogger participated in Remote Public Comments. He explained the importance of the Mayor's Gala as it benefits the Special Needs Advisory Board. He explained that the name of the Mayor's Gala should remain as the Mayor's Gala and not be changed to the Special Needs Advisory Board Gala. He urged the Town Council to keep the Gala's name as the Mayor's Gala.

Ms. Vivian Levy participated in Remote Public Comments. She explained that the name of the Mayor's Gala should remain as the Mayor's Gala and not be changed to the Special Needs Advisory Board Gala. She urged the Town Council to keep the Gala's name as the Mayor's Gala for it brings benefits and certain prestige that we don't not want to lose it.

Mr. Juan Carlos Fernandez, councilmember-elect, participated in Remote Public Comments. He stated that anything outside the scope of the NSD's should go out to a vote. He stated that he is in favor of the agenda item that will be similar to the Coral Gables item, but that he is not in favor

of abolishing the NSD committees and that there is no reason they get rid of them. He explained that the NSD Advisory Boards are an avenue between the residents and the Town Council, and although they are not perfect, the best thing we have. He further explained that the NSD Advisory Boards provide the Town Council with suggestions and feedback relative to the NSD's for the Council to make the final decision. He stated that two new councilmembers will be joining the Town Council after November, and that these two councilmembers live in the NSD's and that they will be able to make an informed decision on what's best for us. He urged the Town Council to table the item or to vote no on removing those NSD Advisory Boards Committees.

The Town Clerk then stated that she received Written Public Comments; 5 written emails objecting to the 220-unit residential project were shared with the Town Council. The Town Clerk also stated that Written Public Comments regarding Item 14A, were also received from Ms. Helen Costa, Mr. Reynaldo Acosta, Ms. Maria Acosta. The Town Clerk further informed that her office had just received written public comments from Ms. Maribel Balbin and from Ms. Karina Jensen, while the Regular Council Meeting was taking place.

There being no further public comments, public comments were closed.

During the Appointments section of the Agenda, The Town Clerk informed the Town Council that Ms. Susana Herrera was waiting to participate in Public Comments, and she was asking to be allowed to provide her public comments. Mayor Cid agreed for IT to allow her to join the meeting via zoom. Councilmember Collazo motioned to re-open Public Comments and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Susana Herrera participated in Remote Public Comments. She stated that she is in support of item 14A. She explained that she is opposed to the approved plan for the 220-unit apartment complex by the Graham Companies. She further explained that this development should only be utilized for its original purpose as a retirement home, not an apartment complex. She urged the Town Council to vote against this development.

At the beginning of Item 11A, Mayor Cid stated that Mr. Rudy Lloredo wanted to provide Public Comments and that he had not been able to provide them earlier. Councilmember Collazo motioned to re-open public comments and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Morera, simultaneously. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudy Lloredo came before the Town Council to provide Public Comments. He stated that he could not believe that four individuals had voted to remove completely all the Special Taxing Districts without any prior information – that this was the first meeting to officially speak about the Special Taxing District on the lake side. Mr. Lloredo stated with that Lake Hilda and Lake Patricia, had no issues, since the Special Taxing District went into place and that the lakes are in great conditions and that the NSD's committees worked with no issues.

The Town Council provided feedback to Mr. Lloredo, and to why the NSD Committees were eliminated but not the Special Taxing Districts. The Town Council explained to Mr. Lloredo that the Special Taxing Districts, are still in existence; that the Special Taxing Districts were not removed and that 4 opportunities -4 workshops- have been created for everyone to come and give the Town Council feedback; an opportunity to weigh in; it was stated that they have enhanced the opportunities for people to give feedback directly to the Town Council.

## **7. APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Cid announced the following appointments:

Monique Martinez to the Veterans Committee by Councilmember Bryan Morera.

Frank Pellegrino to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee by Councilmember Josh Dieguez.

Liani Antelo to the Education Advisory Board by Mayor Manny Cid.

Dorothy “Dottie” Wix to the Elderly Affairs Committee by Vice Mayor Tony Fernandez.

Suzanne Crossland to the Cultural Affairs Committee by Councilmember Luis E. Collazo.

Mayor Cid then explained that Mr. Akari Johnson’s appointment requires a waiver. He stated that Mr. Johnson moved from the Bahamas recently, that his experience in terms of what he has done in the Bahamas Parliament is eye opening and he would like to give back to the YATF. Mayor Cid stated that Mr. Johnson has also worked on the mental health initiatives in the entire island of the Bahamas. He mentioned that his breadth of knowledge would benefit the YATF.

Mayor Cid then made a motion to appoint Mr. Johnson and to waive section 11 and Section 12 of the Committee Rules. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez and the motion passed 7-0.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **A. Public Safety**

Public Safety Committee Member Carlos Andres presented the committee report and went over the initiatives and events the committee is working on. He explained that the committee will be hosting a 9/11 event in Town Hall. He stated that earlier in the meeting Police and Firefighters were recognized for their dedication and service. He explained that the committee is currently working on a “Don’t Walk and Text” initiative.

### **B. Mental Health Task Force**

Chairperson Lindsay Wallick presented the committee report and went over the initiatives and events the committee is working on. She explained that the committee is currently planning a Fall Festival. She further explained that the fall festival would include a pumpkin patch and the opportunity to speak to Mental Health Providers. She stated she hopes the Girl Scouts initiative “Pawsitive Impact” will be a part of the event as well. She explained that this initiative would connect Veterans with service dogs as research shows that animal assisted therapy is effective in relieving anxiety and depression.

Councilmember Collazo created a motion to support the Mental Health Event by the Mental Health Task Force. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

## 10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Fernandez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera. The motion passed 7-0.

### A. Approval of Minutes

- August 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
- August 22, 2024 Sunshine Meeting on Artificial Turf
- August 27, 2024 Workshop on Working Budget All Funds
- September 3, 2024 Workshop on 2025 Legislative Priorities

These minutes were approved on Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING AS AN INVESTMENT ADVISOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICES AND LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS ON THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEBPAGE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PIDERMANN)

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR COURT RESURFACING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONTRACT RFB2023-3466 WITH SPORT SURFACES LLC. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 2 SECTION 2-157 OF THE TOWN CODE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS;

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT;  
PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was pulled by Mayor Cid. Councilmember Dieguez motion to move the item and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. No discussion was held. The motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF ITB 2024 – 20, A CONTRACT FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES TO SFM SERVICES, INC. AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE WITH USA STREET SWEEPING, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- F. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN THE HOURS OF FREEBEE ON-DEMAND SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

## **11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:**

- A. ZONE 2024-0162 QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS-

HEARING NUMBER: ZONE2024-0162  
APPLICANT: PETER PHILIPPOU PANAYI & SOUFLANE NAJI  
FOLIO: 32-2023-001-0473 & 32-2023-001-0474  
LOCATION: NW 74th AVE and NW 144th St  
PRESENT ZONING DISTRICT: RU-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE A 0.9+/- ACRE PROPERTY DIVIDED INTO TWO TRACTS WITH FOLIO NUMBERS 32-2023-001-0473 AND 32-2023-001-0474 LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NW 74 AVENUE AND



PROPOSED NW 144 STREET, FROM THE GU, GENERAL USE DISTRICT, TO THE RU-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi read the quasi-judicial public hearing instructions. He stated that the quasi-judicial instructions applied for Item 11A and Item 13D. He then read the title of the ordinance in first reading

Mayor Cid opened the Public Hearing.

The Town Clerk swore in all the individuals that wanted to provide testimony, including the Applicants, Mr. Peter Philippou Panayi and Mr. Soufiane Naji (that participated via zoom) and Mr. Javier J. Laffont, who attended the public hearing.

The elected officials all disclosed their Ex-Parte Communications. They all stated that they had no communications with the applicants.

The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso, presented the item as per Staff's recommendation. She explained that Town Staff is recommending the conditions to be approved to bring about the improvements of the streets that are required for this area to be developed. She stated that they are recommending for the two properties to be rezoned from scratch. She stated that she and the Deputy Town Attorney have met with the applicants of both properties and that the applicants have agreed to enter a bond agreement with the Town of Miami Lakes, for a bond or some other similar solution that can that be brought up to accomplish the improvements that the area needs.

The Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella, stated that Town Staff has looked at what the cost and the impact would have been for the entire area to build out the roads and the lights, not including all the drainage. He mentioned approximately this to be \$774,000. He stated that during the Second Reading of the ordinance, Town Staff is going to look at what the cost would be, for these applicants to be able to build their portion of the road. He spoke about them getting a bond or letter of credit that would allow the Town to build the improvements once the entire area is built out, they would be released from that bond, or they would have to pay their portion. He also explained that this is part of a larger plan to be able to correct what is now an area zoned miscellaneous; it doesn't have character, infrastructure; it's just an area that was never platted. He also explained that this is starting in the right direction. He also stated that both applicants and the owner of the other property are being very cooperative and willing to work with the Town of Miami Lakes.

The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso and the Deputy Town Attorney answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Mr. Javier J. Laffont spoke on his behalf regarding Item 11A.

Applicant Mr. Peter Philippou spoke on his behalf regarding Item 11A. He thanked everyone for working with them on this case and for moving the case forward.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Cid closed the Public Hearing.

After discussion, Councilmember Collazo made a motion to change the zoning in the area but also to have an honest conversation with Town Staff, that it should be noted that there is some heartburn regarding the big cost of this project. Councilmember Collazo spoke about public meetings and publicly noticed meetings, that we are talking about six figures, per residence -without including drainage and that to tax one homeowner almost \$100,000 for their portion of that area: that it's a high hill to climb between First and Second Reading.

The Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella stated that he wanted to understand the motion correctly, so he made the following statements for the Town Council to understand. He stated that re-zoning has consequences; that we can't treat an RU-1 in Lake Patricia any differently that we are going to treat it in another area; that is why we need to have this type of bond, to make sure of how you are going to bring it up to the standards of all RU zones in the Town of Miami Lakes; that zoning has a lot of characteristics to it.

The Deputy Town Attorney continued to answered questions posed by the Town Council. He explained that the ordinance in place, from 2007, required Mr. Laffont to do many things that he never did, such as: build the road, replat, put the lights and put the sewer. That was a huge mountain for Mr. Laffont to do only on his property (which now includes Mr. Panayi's property too). Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella explained that in order for Mr. Laffont to get the building permit that he wanted, he came to the Town Council, and the Town Council of the time required him to rezone. But to rezone, he needed to meet all the conditions that he did not meet. The Deputy Town Attorney stated that Mr. Laffont is not in compliance with the ordinance that the Town Council of the time passed to rezone the properties.

After further discussion, Councilmember Collazo restated his motion to be to rezone the property -the property of the applicants and of the current property owner. Shortly thereafter, Councilmember Collazo asked the property owner, Mr. Laffont to approach the podium and asked him some questions. Mr. Laffont addressed the Town Council and answered questions posed by the Town Council. The Principal Planner, Susana Alonso, and the Deputy Town Attorney responded to questions posed by the Town Council and provided further explanations of the case.

The Deputy Town Attorney, stated that Town Staff is trying to figure out a burden that he can meet and that is why we are thinking of alternate financing, because what he agreed to in 2007, is to pay for the paving, the lighting and the drainage – and he did not agree to any of that. Deputy Town Cobiella stated that Mr. Laffont agreed to pay something that now, Town Staff is trying to help him by getting him a better deal.

Councilmember then seconded the motion made by Councilmember Collazo. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed, the Ordinance in First Reading, Item 11A, passed 5-2; Councilmember Garcia and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to re-open the New Order of Business, to move forward Item 13D, for it to be heard next. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-102, TITLE GENERAL FUND RESERVES, PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION TO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance in first reading into the record.

The Town Manager presented the item. He explained that there was consensus for considering moving the unallocated fund balance requirement from a two-month 16.67% requirement to a 15% requirement. He also stated that if this item passes tonight, he will request for the Town Council to call for a Special Call Meeting on the night of the Second Budget Hearing, to have the Second Reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Dieguez moved the ordinance in first reading, Item 11B, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera. The Town Clerk called the roll the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

## **12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:**

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, CREATING SECTION 4-43, TITLED "EXEMPTIONS"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing for public comments and there being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi read the title of the ordinance in second reading.

Vice Mayor Fernandez presented the item. He stated that this ordinance is about the exemption program of permit fees for accessibility related improvements. Vice Mayor Fernandez motioned to move the item and Councilmember Morera seconded the motion.

The Town Clerk called the roll and Item 12A, ordinance in second reading, passed 6-0; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

## **13. RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING THE SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES F/K/A THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Dieguez deferred this item to the October 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, COUNCIL PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT 5 ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT FOR HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION VALUE ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Dieguez presented the item. He explained that this item is to express support for Amendment 5, which will be in the ballot this November 5<sup>th</sup>, which provides for a cost-of-living increase in the homestead exemption -providing a built-in hedge against inflation when it comes to property taxes. Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to move the item, and it was seconded by Councilmember Morera. The motion passed 7-0.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AMEND THE “ADOPT-A-ROAD” PROGRAM TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE “ADOPT-A-ROAD” AND A COMPANION “ADOPT-A-PARK” PROGRAM IN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Garcia presented the item. He explained that this program is to use the exact same parameters as the Adopt-a-Road Program, to allow for organizations such as the Boys Scouts and the Girls Scouts, to help out and maintain parks and at the same time, for them to be able to earn their badges, for them to move along the process for them to get their badges. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

- D. PHSP2024-0263  
QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS-

HEARING NUMBER: PHSP2024-0263

APPLICANT: Miami Lakes Auto Mall

FOLIO: 32-2013-052-0010

PROJECT LOCATION: N/A

ZONING: IU-C

FUTURE LAND USE: Industrial

Site Plan and variances approval to build a vehicle storage garage to serve the Miami Lakes Auto Mall properties that is 77 feet where 70 feet are required and 25 feet setback where 42 feet are required.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 13-305(f)(1) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PERTAINING TO A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-304(h) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL; A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-305 FOR TWO VARIANCES; AND A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-303 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE; ALL BEING SUBMITTED

FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT WEST OF NW 59 AVE BETWEEN NW 163 ST AND NW 159 ST, AS PROVIDED AT EXHIBIT "A", MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, FOLIO NO. 32-2013-052-0010, AS DESCRIBED AT EXHIBIT "B"; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Cid recused himself from this item and stated that he is a customer of the Auto Mall and he stated this statement into the record and then left the Dais.

Councilmember Collazo addressed the Town Attorney and stated into the record that he too is a customer of the Auto Mall and that he too has bought a car from the Auto Mall. He then asked if that precludes him, as a matter of governance, from voting on this item.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi answered no, that he is not precluded, and he stated for the record that he is also a customer from the Auto Mall. The Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella answered that he does not think that precludes Councilmember Collazo from voting. Councilmember Ruano asked if Mayor Cid could vote on this item? Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella answered that Mayor Cid could vote but he explained that it is Mayor Cid's personal choice. Councilmember Dieguez asked, doesn't the law require you to vote, absent an actual conflict? The Deputy Town Attorney responded that absent of a conflict, you should vote. However, Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella stated that Mayor Cid believes he has a conflict. Town Attorney Gastesi emphasized that the public official is the one who determines the conflict.

Town Attorney Raul Gastesi read the title of the resolution into the record.

Vice Mayor Fernandez opened the Public Hearing.

The Town Clerk sworn in all the individuals that were to provide testimony.

The elected officials disclosed their Ex-Parte Communications. They all stated that they had no communications with the applicants.

The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso, presented the item as per Staff's recommendation. She explained that the applicant is requesting a site plan approval, a variance and a conditional use for the same building. She explained that a few years ago, the applicant had a site plan approval for storage of their vehicles and the business is going well and they currently need more storage. The proposal of this new building is on a site on Lake Ruth; they are requesting a 7-foot variance for the height because they are trying to create a bigger drainage area, to be more efficient to make the building a little taller so they can make the parking spaces a little narrower and for the building to not be so spread out. She also explained that they need a conditional use to operate the garage. Town Staff is recommending the conditions of the three items to be approved.

The Applicant, Mr. Fred Senra, part owner of Auto Mall, spoke on behalf of Item 13D. The Applicant answered questions posed by the Town Council.

The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso and the Deputy Town Attorney Lorenzo Cobiella, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

There being no else wishing to speak, Vice Mayor Fernandez closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Morera made a motion to approve the Site Plan, the variance and the conditional use, as recommended by Town Staff. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and the resolution, Item 11Bm, passed 6-0; Mayor Cid was absent (recused).

E. HEARING NUMBER: PHSP2024-0309

APPLICANT: The Graham Companies

FOLIO: 32-2022-068-0010

PROJECT LOCATION: 4610, 14620, 14640 and 14650 Oak Lane, Miami Lakes, FL, 33016

ZONING: RM-36

FUTURE LAND USE: Residential Multifamily Medium Density

Site Plan approval to build a 220-unit apartment complex.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-304(h) OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A SITE PLAN APPROVAL AS PROVIDED AT EXHIBIT "A"; FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF COMMERCE WAY AND N.W. 146TH STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AT EXHIBIT "B", BEARING FOLIO NOS. 32-2022-008-0013, 32-2022-001-0220, AND 32-2022-001-0230; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

During the New Order of Business, Town Manager Pidermann pulled Item 13E and stated that the Applicant asked for this item to be deferred to a future date.

**14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Neighborhood Service Districts (Morera)**

Councilmember Morera presented and explained his item. He emphasized that he does not want to dissolve the NSD's. He stated that he has the intention of dissolving the NSD's Advisory Boards. He stated that all he is proposing is to reduce the bureaucracy of our government. He stated that the NSD Advisory Boards, were created with a proper purpose and with every good intention and that the members who serve on them, serve admirably and honorably, to the best of their intention, and he is grateful for the time they volunteered in the committees. He stated that the Town Council is the ultimately governing body and that the Town Council is the one who is held accountable. He stated that he will be making several motions regarding this item, and he stated that he is only suggesting the middleman to be cut out.

Councilmember Morera then motioned to dissolve the NSD's Advisory Board for Miami Lakes Section 1, for Royal Oaks Section 1 and for Royal Oaks East. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. The Town Council Members all discussed this motion, the value of the NSD's and whether the NSD's Advisory Boards should or should not be dissolved.

During discussion, Councilmember Ruano stated that she wanted to amend the original motion made by Councilmember Morera. She then made a motion to dissolve all the NDS Advisory Boards in the Town of Miami Lakes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 4-3; Councilmember Garcia, Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Morera then made a motion for the Town Council to begin holding quarterly NSD Workshops open to all the NSD's of the Town of Miami Lakes, to discuss on going issues, issues with the gates, issues with the lakes, and at these workshops all the NSD's can come and share their grievances. Vice Mayor Fernandez seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Morera then stated that he worked on an updated version of the ordinance that was attached to the agenda, more specifically he explained that he made changes to Sec. 38-2 and 38-3. He stated that the changes made to the ordinance are regarding the exclusive procedures for amending the ordinances establishing the Town's Special Taxing Districts. He then spoke about the letter of intent to start the amendment of the ordinance. Councilmember Morera then motioned to move the proposed ordinance, - the version that was distributed on the dais. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion.

During discussion amongst the Town Council, Councilmember Morera stated that given the fact that his proposed ordinance was attached as part of a new business item, and that he understands that this ordinance needs to go thru 2 readings in order for the ordinance to be adopted, Councilmember Morera then amended his motion and stated that he would like for his proposed ordinance to return to the Town Council as a first reading, so that it goes thru the process of getting adopted. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 5-2; Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

Councilmember Morera then explained that to remedy the fact that the payment of the LPR's were included in the budgets of Miami Lakes Section 1, Royal Oaks Section 1 and Royal Oaks East, he proposed to his colleagues, that the FY24-25 budget for the three NDF's mentioned above, be amended, and that thereby those NSD's be reimbursed. He explained that he understands that the entire town of Miami Lakes benefits from the LPS's and that the Town's overall budget should have a revenue line item for this. Councilmember Morera then motioned to amend the most recently adopted budget or to be adopted budget for the Town of Miami Lakes Section 1, Royal Oaks Section 1, and Royal Oaks Section East NSD's, to add a revenue line-item from the Town's overall budget -source to be determined- and to reimburse the NSD's for its expenses relation to the LPR's and simultaneously increasing the contingency reserve line items by a reciprocal amount. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano.

After discussion amongst the Town Council, Councilmember Morera moved to call the question. Shortly thereafter, he moved to rescind his motion to call the question.

During discussion, Mayor Cid then made a motion that once the Special Taxing District gets reimbursed, that a check is sent to every resident of Section 1 and of the Royal Oaks NSD's. Town Attorney Gastesi opined that this reimbursement cannot be done – that a select group of residents cannot get a tax rebate. Mayor Cid then stated that it has been done in the past with senior citizens and with the disabled community. Mayor Cid's motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Town Manager Pidermann and the Budget Officer, Melissa Hernandez answered questions posed by Town Staff.

After discussion, the Town Clerk called the roll on the motion made by Mayor Cid, and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Morera and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

Then, the Town Clerk called the roll on the motion made earlier by Councilmember Morera regarding to add a revenue line-item from the Town's overall budget to reimburse the NSD's for its LPR's expenses, and the motion passed 4-3; Councilmember Garcia, Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

#### **B. Town Senior Center (Collazo)**

Councilmember Collazo presented his item. He stated that the Graham Companies are no longer interested in developing a Senior Living Village, which would have included a Senior Center for the Town to use. He stated that would like a dedicated facility for the seniors to use and he then motioned for Town Staff to go through the exercise of locating or providing options to the future council, on where a future senior center would go; he directed Town Staff to bring back possible locations for a future senior center, if the applicant- The Grahams Co.- are no longer moving forward with the Senior Living Village. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera.

The Town Attorney and the Deputy Town Attorney answered questions asked by the Town Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **C. Maimi Dade Water and Sewer Submeters (Ruano)**

Councilmember Ruano presented her item, and she explained that a resident contacted her and informed her that Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department allows property owners to install a submeter on their property to reduce their water bill. Councilmember Ruano would like to make residents aware of this information and she motioned for the Communications Department to share this information on social media and in the Town Website. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.



**D. Landscaping Noise Hours (Fernandez)**

Vice Mayor Fernandez presented his item and stated that Code allows for Tree Trimming, grass cutting and landscaping activities in residential neighborhoods to start at 7:00 am. He stated that he would like to change for these activities to start at 8:00 am, Monday thru Fridays and for weekends to stay at 9:00 am. Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. First Responder Access Ordinance (Cid)**

Mayor Cid presented his item and stated that just on the west side of town, there are 4 unmanned gates, and, in the east, there is one unmanned gate. He stated that it has happened to him, where he had to go out and allow first responders to enter a community. He stated that he wants to be proactive in getting that information out because it could have a detrimental effect on response time. Mayor Cid then motion directing Town Staff to put this together and reach out to all the HOA's with private gates and make sure those codes are updated and to give access to first responders; he directed Town Staff to create an updated list with all the codes and that it's shared with the first responders. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez.

During discussion, Councilmember Morera proposed that perhaps it would be more beneficial for an ordinance to be passed, requiring all the unmannered gated communities need to have a squawked box, allowing access to police officers, and the gates open automatically. Councilmember Morera stated that he thinks this is a more efficient way of dealing with this situation. Mayor Cid agreed with the friendly amendment. Vice Mayor Fernandez stated that those systems (sirens) are very prone to abuse, so he stated that there are other options that are a bit more secure for fire, so he suggested for Town Staff to explore all options.

During discussion, Town Manager Pidermann stated that he would check with Fire Station 64, and that he would speak with the Chief about the mechanisms they have.

The motion made by Mayor Cid passed unanimously.

**F. FPL Electric Charger Program (Garcia)**

Councilmember Garcia presented his item and stated that he spoke with Town Staff regarding the FPL Program that allows electric charger to be installed in our rights-of-way, and FPL takes care of installation costs and all other costs, to the best of his knowledge. Councilmember Garcia then motioned for Town Staff to work with FPL and for Town Staff to look and inquire about this program. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion.

Public Works Director, Mr. Omar Santos, answered questions posed by the Town Council. He stated that this FPL Electric Charger Program is to be installed in the rights-of-way in the commercial area and this is the level 3 charger- which is more powerful, over 150 kw. Director Santos clarified that this is not directed to Town Hall.

Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Garcia both asked for both Electric Charger Programs for Town Hall and Director Santos explained that there is a different program for

charging stations more specific for Town Hall and that he will look into both programs and present them to the Town Council. Councilmember Garcia then amended his motion to add for Director Santos to look into both program and to present to the Town Council. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Amendment to Section 13-1506 of the Town Code (Morera)**

Councilmember Morera deferred his item to the October 8, Regular Council Meeting.

**H. Removal of Old Utility Infrastructure (Collazo)**

Councilmember Collazo presented his item and explained that there are some old, obsolete utility poles that need to be removed due to ADA compliance, safety issues and eyesores caused in our community. He then motioned to direct Town Staff to draft some kind of proposal which could hold the utility companies responsible for leaving or delaying the old infrastructure; he requested a recommendation from Town Staff, to encourage the removal of the obsolete infrastructure by the utility companies. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion, and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

**I. Restructuring Lien Reduction Schedule TOML Code Sec. 8.7(e)(4) (Ruano)**

Councilmember Ruano presented her item and explained that upon conversations held during the Sunshine Meeting of the Artificial Turf, some questions were discussed regarding liens imposed on properties and when they get paid off. Upon review of the lien reduction schedule, she explained that she thinks the structure in place regarding payment of liens is very lenient so she made a motion directing Town Staff to revisit this structure and to bring back a proposal, to restructure the reduction of liens that we give people; perhaps reduce the amount of time or reduce the amount of time we are willing to waive, all in efforts to enhance compliance or to give people more of an incentive to comply. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera.

Councilmember Dieguez mentioned that the City of Miami has a stringent lien ordinance with respects to lien reductions and that he suggests for Town Staff to look into this ordinance.

The motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

**J. Bob Graham Traffic Mitigation (Fernandez)**

Vice Mayor Fernandez presented his item and spoke about the pickup and drop off at the Bob Graham Education Center. He stated that he would like to have all the stakeholders from the school, district and Police Department in one room; he would like to close the loop and have everyone in the same room. He stated that he would like for the public to opine so in a Town Hall Meeting, to gather input from the public, and for this Town Hall meeting to take place prior to these conversations; he stated that he would like to have 2 separate meetings. Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ruano stated that she visited Bob Graham Education Center with recently elected School Board Member Robert Alonso, with school staff from the region, staff from Miami-Dade Public School, Miami Lakes Police Department and they all met with staff from Bob Graham Education Center. She stated that during that meeting some changes and tweaks were made with regards to traffic and she stated that Major Gonzalez has information regarding this meeting and regarding the staggered dismissal and changes that come on board that did improve significantly the traffic in the area. She provided her input and suggested to reach our first to Major Gonzalez.

Police Officer, Mr. Robin Amador, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **K. Business Economic Development (Cid)**

Mayor Cid presented his item and stated that several retailers have reached out to him and stated that due to property tax increases and garbage increases, it is very difficult for them. Mayor Cid mentioned that there are grants that cities can apply for that will help cities advertise like what the TOML did 7 years ago, when we advertised all our businesses. He then motioned for the Grant Staff to look at those economic development grants and have staff report back to the Town Council on those findings; he motioned for Grant Staff to look at economic development grants that help advertise our business community. Councilmember Dieguez seconded for discussion. Mayor Cid clarified that this item is to look for grant options, before we look at the general fund. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **L. Review of Town's Ordinance on Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces (Garcia)**

Councilmember Garcia stated that he would like for Town Staff to look at our Town ordinance, in case the Town Council approves the FPL Electric charges, that a change in Town Hall parking will be needed, so he asked Town Staff to look at the parking ordinance, reflecting that we would have new charges in this area; he asked for these changes to be ready to go and be able to implement as soon as possible. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### **M. Free Little Art Gallery (Cid)**

Mayor Cid presented his item and stated that a resident brought it to his attention and that it would be a way to display the art from the art class in a public fashion. He asked for Town Staff to look into this – something similar to the Free Little Library Program. Councilmember Collazo added to the discussion that he would love for this to model the Free Little Library Program, and let residents sponsor this, perhaps for them to be placed in pocket parks. He also mentioned that this contemplates the installation cost and the replacement cost and the long-term commitment to this. The motion passed unanimously.

**N. MDC Solid Waste Fee Increase (Fernandez)**

Vice Mayor Fernandez presented his item and explained that Miami-Dade County is proposing a \$150 fee increase for solid waste services for residential areas. He explained that the spirit of the item is to draft a resolution and to have it ready by the budget hearing, expressing our opposition to the proposed fee increase and asking the County to reconsider it, and in light of the lack of transparency and gross mismanagement of the Solid Waste District, for Town Staff to start exploring options we have, as per our Town Charter and Interlocal Agreements, and to look at options of leaving the Solid Waste District and perhaps contracting with a private party. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia, and it passed unanimously.

Councilmember Dieguez thanked Commissioner Garcia that voted in opposition of this solid waste service increase.

Town Manager Pidermann informed the Town Council that the resolution could be prepared for the same day as the First Budget Hearing, as requested by Vice Mayor Fernandez and that it would be opposing the fee increase, that if the Town Council agrees, the resolution does not have to be brought back to them, as long as they all agree to it now. The recommendation given by the Town Manager was unanimously approved by the Town Council.

**15. MANAGER'S REPORTS:**

**A. Monthly Infrastructure Report (Santos)**

Public Works Director, Omar Santos, presented the monthly infrastructure report and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

**B. Wall of Heroes Report (Cid)**

Public Works Director, Omar Santos, presented the report and provided a proposal including potential costs for Wall of Heroes.

**C. Police Report (Major Gonzalez)**

Lieutenant Ulloa presented the monthly police report and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

**D. Request for Special Call in conjunction with 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing (Pidermann)**

Town Manager Pidermann presented the report and explained that at the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Budget Workshop, discussion was had regarding the requirement of Unallocated Fund Balance from 2-months (16.67%) to 15%. The Ordinance in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading was considered and

approved in this agenda earlier tonight. He stated that the Ordinance in 2nd Reading needs to be considered before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing, in a separate meeting. Town Manager Pidermann then asked for a Special Call Meeting to be held at 6:00pm before the 2nd Budget Hearing, to discuss the changing of the Unallocated Fund Balance.

Councilmember Dieguez moved to accept the request and recommendations from the Town Manager, to have the Special Call Meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez and the motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

**E. Report back on request from Mayor Cid to have Consultant Report on NW 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Public Works Director, Omar Santos, presented the report and explained that they are working on a proposal for the revision of the building design.

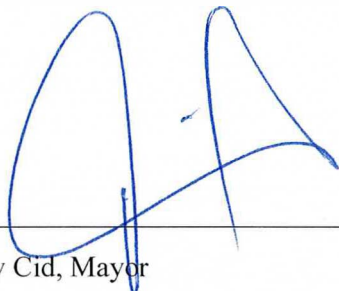
**16. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, presented the Attorney's Report and stated that the lawsuit against Becker & Poliakoff, P.A has been filed. Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, stated that they have been working on the blasting agenda and will provide a formal agenda at the October Regular Council meeting.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm.

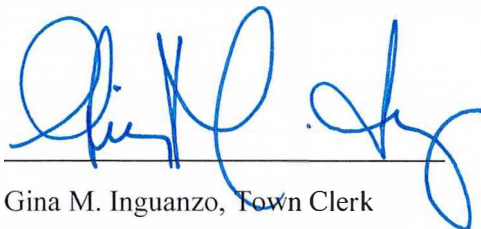
Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.



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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



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Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk