

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
October 29, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS:

Mayor Cid and the Town Council recognized and presented the following individuals with a Certificate of Appreciation: Gladys Espino and Mario Espino and Lupe Bruneman, for their community service.

Mayor Cid recognized the following interns to the Mayor's Office: Maurits Acosta, Sheldon Gunness, Maria Bracho, Lya Quintana, Sophia Mora, Melany Alvarez, Alyssa Diaz, Annie Dominguez, Natalie Maldonado.

Mayor Cid and the Town Council recognized and presented a proclamation to: Ms. Zenaida Fiallo, Mr. Diego Suarez, Mr. Modesto A. Maidique, Mr. John Tingle, Caution CrossFit and to Ms. Monica Ruiz-Londono, Ms. Verena Luna and Jessica Thomas.

Mayor Cid asked Mr. Drew Vidaurrezaga and Ms. Cindy Vidaurrezaga, the owners of Vida Custom Designs in Miami Lakes to come up for them to present a check to the Mayor's Gala. Mayor Cid asked the Special Needs Advisory Board Members to come up to the podium and then Mayor Cid presented the Mayor's Gala Fundraising Check. Mr. John Rogger announced the sponsors and thank them to join the group and then they unveiled the poster check.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, called the roll at 7:11 pm. Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Morera, Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid were present. Councilmember Dieguez joined the meeting at 7:30 pm and Vice Mayor Fernandez joined the meeting at 7:48 pm.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Pastor Tino Ezpinoza from Miami Lakes United Methodist Church led the prayer.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Girl Scouts of America Troop 902

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

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

Town Clerk Inguanzo added Item 14F, a New Business Item that was submitted after the agenda was published, Councilmember Garcia. Councilmember Collazo motioned to waive the section of the Special Rules, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera. All were in favor.

Then, Councilmember Morera asked for Item 12A to be discussed after Public Comments. Mayor Cid pulled item 10B, 10I and Vice Mayor Fernandez pulled Item 10D. Mayor Cid also asked for Item 14E to be discussed after Item 12A.

Councilmember Morera moved the new Order of Business, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. All were in favor.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Youtube 2:54:17)

(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.

Mr. Angelo Cuadra Garcia came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community.

Ms. Bonnie Cintron came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their time and dedication to the community. She expressed her concerns regarding the removal of Dayan Jimenez from the Youth Activities Task Force. She stated that anyone should be able to address the Council during Public Comments at any meeting. She urged the Town Council to speak with the YATF and other committees as the committees should conduct themselves in ways that do not infringe on anyone's constitutional rights.

Ms. Esperanza Reynolds came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. She then explained that a text message was distributed earlier today by Royal Oaks Homeowner's Association with a heading, “Notice to Residents.” She further explained that the notification advised that during tonight's Regular Council Meeting, there would be a second reading to abolish the Neighborhood Service District Advisory Boards. She explained that the

message urged all residents to attend the meeting and make their voices heard by the Town Council. She stated that the information in the text is incorrect as the vote to dissolve the NSD Advisory Boards was held quite some time ago. She explained that tonight what is before the Council is an ordinance in second reading that corrects how the Special Taxing Districts operate. She further explained that when she reviewed the agenda, the original memo was not reviewed to reflect this change. She explained that there is now direct communication with Council members through workshops, where property owners can directly discuss issues of particular interest at the Special Taxing District. She stated that when property owners want something from the Town Council, they will file a petition that will require the majority of signatures of the Town of Miami Lakes to act on it. She stated that NSD residents no longer want a few individuals to determine what is required at the Guard Gates. She stated that she sent a written Public Comment through the Office of the Clerk. She stated that she is in full support of item 12A. She explained that the NSD residents should not pay for the repair of the guard gate arms if there are already LPR's in place.

Ms. Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She thanked Councilwoman Ruano and Councilmember Collazo for their years of service to the Town. She explained that through the past few years they have always looked after the Miami Lakes schools and students. She thanked Councilwoman Ruano for her effort and sincere interest intending to the concerns of all Miami Lakes Residents. She thanked Councilmember Collazo not just for his service on the Council, but as a volunteer as well. She explained that Councilmember Collazo played an important part in bringing the Special Needs Advisory Board back to the Town.

Mr. Rudy Lloredo came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He explained that dissolving the NSD Advisory Boards is not fair to the residents who showed up to the meetings. He urged the Town Council to not dissolve the NSD Lakes Advisory Board.

Mr. George Arena came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He explained, that originally not all NSD Advisory Boards were supposed to be abolished. He stated that this ordinance is not enhancing democracy. He stated that in Royal Oaks East, the NSD Advisory Board meetings were beneficial.

Mr. Luis Rodriguez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He explained that robberies have improved since the implementation of the NSD Advisory Boards. He further explained that the purpose of the NSD Advisory Board's is to advise the Town Council on decisions regarding the NSD's.

Mr. Alex Ariano came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He stated that there has been a lot of misinformation regarding the NSD's. He explained that the Special Taxing Districts will remain intact. He further explained that only the NSD Advisory Board's will be dissolved. He stated that the NSD Advisory Boards did not listen to the concerns of the residents.

Mr. Homero Cruz came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He stated that the NSD Workshop that occurred on August 26th, 2024, was not a proper workshop. He further explained that the purpose of the NSD Advisory Board's is to advise the Council on decisions regarding the NSD's. He urged the Town Council to vote against dissolving the NSD Advisory Board's.

Councilmember elect Steven Herzberg came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community.

Ms. Patrice Morales came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She stated that she is not in agreement with dissolving the NSD Advisory Boards. She explained that the Lake Hilda NSD Advisory Board played an integral role in improving the condition of the lake. She further explained that the functional NSD Advisory Board's should not be compromised because of one dysfunctional NSD Advisory Board. She thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community

Mr. Jose Soberon came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He explained that the Lake Hilda NSD Advisory Board played an integral role in improving the condition of the lake. He urged the Town Council to reconsider and vote against dissolving the NSD Advisory Board's.

Mr. Dayan Jimenez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He explained that he resigned from the Youth Activities Task Force out of respect for the Town, as the committee directly violated the Town Charter. He further explained that the US Senate defines the purpose of a committee as monitoring ongoing governmental operations, identify issues suitable for legislative review, gather and evaluate information and recommend courses of actions to the Senate. He explained that the Town Committees handle the allocation of funds for events as well. He urged the Town Council to reconsider what is being done in these committees and remind them of their oath to the Town of Miami Lakes.

Ms. Maribel Balbin came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that the individuals she served at the NSD Advisory Board listened to the residents and had honorable intentions. She stated that she would like to be provided with the process by which these committees were evaluated.

Mr. Boris Foster came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He stated that there has been a lot of misinformation regarding the Special Taxing Districts and the NSD Advisory Board's. He explained that the Special Taxing Districts were formed by property owners taxing themselves for specific services wanted by these property owners. He further explained that Special Taxing Districts are not a way to impose additional taxes on property owners without restrictions.

Ms. Haylie Prieto came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that the Youth Activities Task Force did not violate the Town Charter in the removal of Dayan Jimenez. She thanked the sponsors for all their committee events. She also thanked the YATF committee liaison, Ernesto Soto, for his hard work and dedication to the committee.

Mr. Andy Lloredo came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council for all their hard work in keeping the Town beautiful.

Mr. Mario Cuviez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He urged the Town Council to not rush the decision of dissolving the NSD Advisory Boards.

Mr. David Lewis came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He also thanked the other Town Council members and the Town Attorney, Town Manager and Town Clerk for their service to the community.

Ms. Gisela Soberon came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She explained that the Lake Hilda NSD Advisory Board played an integral role in improving the condition of Lake Hilda. She urged the Town Council to reconsider and vote against dissolving the NSD Advisory Board's.

Ms. Yesenia Orellana came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. She explained that because of Councilwoman Ruano, she has had the pleasure to serve on the Special Needs Advisory Board.

Mr. Rudy Blanco came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community. He urged those present at the meeting to get involved and attend committee meetings.

Ms. Vivian came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. She thanked the Town Council members who are at the end of their term for their service to the community.

Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo stated for that record that she received a written Public Comment from Ms. Ezperanza Hope Reynolds.

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

7. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Education Advisory Board

Chairperson Ana Soto presented the committee report. She presented a request to the Council to use Council Chambers as the venue for the spelling bee on January 24th. Councilmember Collazo created a motion to allow the Educational Advisory Board to use Council Chambers as the venue for this event. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera. The motion passed unanimously.

9. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, recognized the three elected officials, Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid, by presenting them with a binder of all their New Business Items and with a video to each councilmember, to commemorate their time and service to the town. October 29th is the last Regular Council Meeting that they participate as elected officials and the Town Clerk Inguanzo recognized them with a few words on her behalf and on behalf of Town Staff and their constituents. Town Clerk Inguanzo stated that it was an honor to work with the three of them thru the years, and she thanked them for their commitment, their service, for their love to the town and for the many long nights that they worked for the town, sacrificing their time with their families.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Morera motioned to approve the Consent Calendar, and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez. All were in favor.

A. Approval of Minutes

- August 26, 202 Regular Council Meeting
- September 26, 2024 Special Call Meeting
- September 26, 2024 Second Budget Hearing.

These minutes were approved on Consent Calendar.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE LEASE OF COPIER SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO UTILIZE THE STATE OF FLORIDA NASPO VALUEPOINT COPIERS & MANAGED PRINT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LEASING COPIERS WITH TOSHIBA AMERICAN BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR TOWN HALL, 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.

Mayor Cid pulled the item and stated that he wants to vote no on this item because TOML is a contract city, and these are small contracts that are very easy to procure, and that Town Staff should not be using a piggyback.

Town Manager Pidermann answered questions posed by Town Council. Mr. German Cure, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Morera moved to approve the item, and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. The item passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2024-27, TO FLORIDA LIGHTING TEAM, LLC, DBA MIAMI CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 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

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2024-07R, TO IWATCH SYSTEMS, LLC 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.

Vice Mayor pulled the item and stated that this has to do with vehicular gate arms repairs and maintenance. He is hopeful that this vendor does a better job the previous vendors. Town Manager Pidermann provided information regarding this item, answered questions posed by the Town Council and stated that the contract is for 3 years and 2 (1) year renewal options.

Vice Mayor Fernandez moved the item and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2024-21, TO RG UNDERGROUND, INC (“RG”) IN AN IN AN AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS AND

80/100 (\$1,475,536.80) AND AUTHORIZE A PROJECT CONTINGENCY OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS AND 68/00 (\$147,553.68) APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT (10%); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 405-563805-ARP06; 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 A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC, FOR GENESIS OAKS GARDEN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND 56/100 (\$245,614.56) NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; MODIFYING THE TOWN BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 24-330; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR ROUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- G. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2024-02R, TO PEDRAIL SYSTEM, LLC (“PEDRAIL”) IN AN AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND 58/00 (\$1,728,293.58) AND AUTHORIZE A PROJECT CONTINGENCY OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND 34/00 (\$178,829.34) APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT (10%); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 405-563805-ARP07; 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.

- H. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH EXP U.S. SERVICES, INC, FOR ROYAL OAKS (D, 2ND ADD, & 5TH ADD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND 60/100 (\$153,218.60) NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; MODIFYING THE TOWN BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 24-330; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR ROUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

- I. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NW 59TH AVENUE EXTENSION, RFQ 2019-27 TO STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$720,591.32; 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.

Mayor Cid pulled this item and asked questions to Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella regarding Kimley Horn and if they took the lead on the project. Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella and Town Manager Pidermann answered questions posed by Mayor Cid. Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. The motion passed 4-2; Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition and Councilmember Ruano was absent.

- J. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, COUNCIL PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE AMERICAN MUSUEUM OF THE CUBAN DIASPORA'S DEMAND THAT FORMER CUBAN PILOT GONZALEZ-PRADO BE INVESTIGATED FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE 1996 UNLAWFUL SHOOTING OF SEVERAL BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE AIRPLANES; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

11. ORDINANCE- FIRST READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-1607, TITLED, COMMERCIAL AND

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE, PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; 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.

Mr. Danny Angel, the Building Department Director, presented the item and stated that this item is to try to get a solution to help residents that have commercial vehicles with a cover and that these vehicles need to be well kept; that they need to be in good conditions. He explained that the goal is to find a framework that and to also look at the existing ordinance. That the 2008 ordinance definition, which define what a commercial vehicle is, has been plugged into this ordinance and the requirement that if you are going to put a cover over your commercial vehicle, that it must be well maintained. Town Manager Pidermann also stated that golf carts are exempt, so they are now permissible in the driveway.

Vice Mayor Fernandez motioned to approve, and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Morera was absent.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 16, SECTION 16-1, TITLED, UNNECESSARY AND EXCESSIVE NOISES, OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE, PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; 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.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that this would allow one hour extra of quiet time from landscaping equipment and so forth, from Monday thru Friday, extending from 7 am to 8 am. Councilmember Collazo asked the Town Manager to check with the TOML vendors, to see if the shifting of the proposed time would create a hardship for them and then this would incur in an additional cost to the TOML budget.

Vice Mayor Fernande motioned to approve, and the motion was seconded and Councilmember Garcia. The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion failed 3-3; Councilmember Morera was absent.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, TITLED "SHORT TERM RENTALS"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES 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. Councilmember Garcia motioned to move the item, and it was seconded by Councilmember Collazo. Councilmember Garcia stated that this item is to hold short term rentals accountable and to put residents first and hold bad actors accountable.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Ruano was absent.

12. ORDINANCE IN SECOND READING:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; CREATING CHAPTER 38, TITLED "SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS"; CREATING SECTION 38-1, TITLED "SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS"; CREATING SECTION 38-2, TITLED "AMENDMENTS"; CREATING SECTION 38-3, TITLED "IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, read the title of the ordinance in first reading into the record.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

Councilmember Morera motioned to adopt the Ordinance in second reading and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo.

Councilmember Morera presented the item, and he emphasized that this item is not about discussing advisory boards, he mentioned that what is being discussed is about a procedural matter with relation to how the NSD's themselves, not the advisory boards, how can they be amended. He emphasized that Special Taxing Districts are created for a very specific written purpose clearly stated in their ordinances and if you want to go beyond that purpose, you need to the resident and get a vote. He emphasized that what is being discussed in this item is how to go about that process and it has nothing to do with the advisory boards. He also stated that if a resident has a problem with something in your Special District, the resident should come directly to the Town Council. He added that this ordinance tracks the language of the County Ordinance, and it did take notes from other municipalities that have passed a municipal level version of the county special tax and district ordinance.

The Town Council discussed the item and Mr. John Paul Yanes, Special Projects Manager, addressed the Town Council and answered questions posed.

Public Comments were re-opened, and the following individuals came to the Town Council and provided their public comments:

Ms. Hope Reynolds, Ms. Maribel Balbin, Mr. Llerena, Mr. Lloredo and Mr. Homero Cruz. Two individuals also provided public comments, but their names were not stated.

Then, Vice Mayor Fernandez asked the Parliamentarians, if he could motion to defer this item until the next meeting, until the next regular council meeting. Town Attorney Gastesi responded in the affirmative. Vice Mayor Fernandez then motioned to defer the item until the next regular council meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. After discussion amongst the Town Council on the amendment, the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 3-4; Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Dieguez, Councilmember Morera and Councilmember Ruano voted in opposition.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion, to adopt the ordinance in second reading, the motion passed 4-3; Councilmember Garcia, Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; CREATING AMENDING CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8-7 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED "RECOVERY OF UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES; UNPAID PENALTY TO CONSTITUTE A LIEN; INTEREST TO BE PAID ON LIENS; FORECLOSURE; PROHIBITION OF THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, LICENSES, CERTIFICATES OF USE AND OCCUPANCY OR ZONING APPROVALS TO VIOLATORS WITH UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES OR LIENS; CIVIL PENALTY REDUCTION; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney, Rual Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance in first reading into the record. Mayor Cid opened the public hearing there being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Ruano moved to adopt the ordinance in second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that the table included in the agenda, distinguishes between owner occupied properties, non-owner properties and bank owned properties and it has the current reduction schedule and the proposed schedule. He stated it makes it more stringent for the lien reduction process.

Director Danny Angel and Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella answered questions posed by the Town Council.

After discussion amongst the Town Council, the Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance in second reading passed 7-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; APPROVING THE DEVISING OF CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES IN CONSIDERATION FOR LAND OWNED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item stated that this item is regarding the land swap between TOML and Miami Dade Water Sewer -they currently have a pump station on Lake Patricia Drive. He explained that Miami Dade County wants to put in a new pump station and relocate it and place it more to the west of the park.

The Town Clerk called the roll, and the motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

13. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING CHIEF JUDGE NUSHIN SAYFIE OF THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR MIAMI DADE COUNTY AND PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE § 102.141, TO APPOINT STANDBY COUNTY JUDGES TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES' CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES RUNOFF SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 26, 2024; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vice Mayor Fernandez asked the parliamentarian, if its proper for him and Councilmember Dieguez to participate in the discussion of this item, considering they are candidates running for office. Town Attorney Gastesi stated there is no issue and Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella stated that the Canvassing Board does not affect them.

Before the discussion of this item, Councilmember Collazo asked for a moment of personal privileged and mentioned that he would like to re-open Public Comments, to allow a man to provide his thoughts into the record. He made amotion to this matter, and Vice Mayor Fernandez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Eric Marrero came before the Town Council to provide his public comments. He thanked Councilmember Collazo, Councilmember Ruano and Mayor Cid for their service and he also thanked the Chief of Police, for his great work.

Deputy Town Attorney explained that this item is required by Florida Law, that in the regular election the Canvassing Board is held by Maimi Dade County. He explained that in case a run-off is needed, the TOML needs a Canvassing Board and that the law prescribes that it needs to be a County Court Judge, appointed by the Chief Judge.

Councilmember Garcia motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENT IN FURTHERANCE OF ADVANCING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO REMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO TOWN LOBBYIST, THE SOUTHERN GROUP AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item, and he explained that he had a briefing with Senator Avila's office and that at that meeting, it became evident that the ere was an opportunity to add another appropriation request, under the Appropriation Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice and this would be to complete the build out of the license plate network for #350,000. He stated that this would not complete with the drainage and or roadway request.

Councilmember Dieguez moved the item, and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez. The motion passed 6-0; Councilmember Collazo was absent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF LOCAL POLICE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY OF TOWN OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and explained that in the October 15th Regular Council Meeting, he was asked to reach out to the Miami Dade Police Department and ask them to include language in the agreement, that allows for a re-opener, so that in the future, conversations can be had about changing the formula for the overhead fee of costs.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that when he and Town Staff looked back at the existing agreement, said language exists in the current agreement, that states that either party may request to reopen the agreement during said period. So, he emphasized that the reopener language is already contained in the existing agreement. Town Manager Pidermann then stated that the item is before the Town Council for their consideration.

Councilmember Morera motioned to approve the item, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 23-318 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 24-324; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Manager Pidermann presented the item and stated that this is the year end budget revision, the close out of last fiscal year, closing all the line items. He explained that by statute, it is required to be completed by November and because there will be no Regular Council Meeting in November, Town Staff is presenting the item in this agenda.

Councilmember Ruano motioned to approve, and Councilmember Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1; Mayor Cid voted in opposition.

14. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Portable Speed Cameras (Dieguez)

Councilmember Dieguez presented his item and motioned for Town Staff to look into acquiring a traffic counter system for specific town roads where speeding is common. Councilmember

Collazo seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Fernandez clarified that the cameras would monitor speed levels.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to amend the item to utilize the resources Senator Bryan Avila discussed regarding public safety as potential funding for the speed cameras; he motioned that this could be a mechanism for funding the purchasing of these cameras through the legislative budget request process. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion. The amendment to the main motion passed unanimously.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the main motion, regarding asking Town Staff to look into acquiring a traffic counter system for specific town roads where speeding is common, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. RFP TOML Bank Services (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that Town Staff recently procured bank services from Bank United and Popular Bank. He further explained that a couple of years ago, Bank United agreed to do a kid's savings account program with the Town's Economic Development Committee and Education Advisory Board. He explained that recently there was a change at Bank United and they have begun charging fees for the kids savings account program.

He explained that he would like to put aside that procurement of bank services and direct Town Staff to begin negotiations with both Bank United and Popular Bank to restart the program. Mayor Cid motioned to put aside the Banking RFP and award it to Popular Bank and direct Town Staff to negotiate the kids savings account program with Popular Bank. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that they would need to exercise the opt-out provisions in the current agreement with Bank United and then go back out to RFP and put the banking services back out in the same way that they were awarded the first time. He further explained that he will have a conversation with Bank United to see if it is possible to reverse the measures they have taken and honor the bank accounts that they have. The Town Attorney agreed.

Councilmember Morera stated that he is in favor of the Town Manager having a conversation with Bank United to see if it is possible to reverse the measures they have taken. Councilmember Collazo stated that he is in favor of the Town Manager having a conversation with Bank United to see if it is possible to reverse the measures they have taken. He explained that this savings account program should be part of the procurement processes and part of the RFP. He stated that he would like to give Bank United an opportunity to correct the wrong and if they do not correct the wrong make sure it is a component of the procurement process.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to give Bank United the opportunity to reverse the measures taken, and if they do not make sure it is part of the re-procurement process and included in the RFP. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion

Mayor Cid explained that the savings account program was not incorporated into the RFP because it was a separate agreement.

Councilmember Collazo explained that including the savings account into the RFP services is how they can ensure that any Bank will correct the wrong.

Mayor Cid restated the amended motion offered earlier by Councilmember Dieguez and seconded by Councilmember Morera, to give Bank United the opportunity to reverse the

measures taken, and if they do not make, to re-procurement and include it in the RFP. The motion passed unanimously.

C. NW 166th Terrace Palm Trees (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that the Palm Trees on NW 166th Terrace have become a danger to residents. Mayor Cid motioned to direct Town Staff to look into the process of removing these Palm Trees and reforesting the area with other kinds of trees. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Fernandez stated that he would like staff to check the adjoining blocks for the removal of Palm Trees.

Town Manager Pidermann stated that they will do an assessment of the whole neighborhood and will provide the Town Council with a report of their findings and the cost for both the removal of Palm Trees and the reforestation process.

Councilmember Ruano explained that in Royal Palm Estates the palms are very large and dangerous. She further explained that Royal Palm Estates hires a company that wraps the top of the palm trees to avoid them from falling onto the sidewalk. She stated that she would like for staff to look into this option as well.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the motion made by Mayor Cid to direct Town Staff to look into the process of removing these palm trees and reforesting the area with other kinds of trees. The motion passed unanimously.

D. MOU with Dog House Miami (Cid)

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that he met with the owner of Dog House Miami. He further explained that they have offered to board any lost dog and assist in relocating the owner at no cost to the Town. Mayor Cid created a motion to direct Town Staff to begin exploring this and seeing what the best way is to move forward with the Doghouse. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Beautification Project – NW 154th Street and Palmetto Expressway Overpass (Cid)

Mayor Cid motioned to waive Section 6.40 of the Special Rules of Order. Councilmember Morera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cid presented his item and explained that William Porro is a Miami Lakes resident who brought this issue to his attention. Mr. William Porro came before the Town Council and explained that the beautification of the NW 154th Street and Palmetto Expressway Overpass can be done with very little work. He proposed to have the residents donate the rocks and plants once the area is repaired and for the Town to replace the lighting to LED lighting.

Mayor Cid motioned to direct Town Staff to begin integrating this proposal into the design process of the new roadway expansion and to involve the community. Councilmember Dieguez seconded the motion.

Town Manager Pidermann explained that the NW 154th Street and Palmetto Expressway Overpass beautification project has already been designed for the extension of the westbound

turn lane to get onto the southbound Palmetto expressway. He further explained that the columns on the north side will be taken away. He explained that the current design encompasses the elimination of the existing planters and to take the pavers that are going to be removed from the northside and use them to get rid of the planters remaining on the eastbound lanes. He explained that he would like for put Mr. Porro in contact with Public Works Director, Mr. Omar Santos to possibly integrate the proposal after the construction is finished.

The Town Clerk called the roll on the motion made by Mayor Cid, to direct Town Staff to begin integrating this proposal into the design process of the new roadway expansion and to involve the community. The motion passed unanimously.

15. MAYOR AND COUNILMEMBERS REPORTS:

None.

16. MANAGER'S REPORTS:

A. Adoption of 2025 Council Meetings Calendar

Town Manager Pidermann explained that he sat down with Town Clerk Gina M. Inguanzo and they both recommended to move the Regular Council Meeting date to the third Tuesday of every month, because moving the Regular Council Meeting Date would cause fewer schedule conflicts during the budget season and holidays. Councilmember Morera stated that he is in support of the Council Meeting Calendar change.

Councilmember Collazo motioned to adopt the 2025 Council Meetings Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruano. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

B. Police Report (Major Gonzalez)

Major Gonzalez presented the monthly police report and answered questions posed by the Town Council.

C. SNAB Request

Town Manager Pidermann stated that he received a request from the Special Needs Advisory Board to transfer \$750 dollars from the Social and Recreational line item and use it for the purchase of the 10-person table sponsorship for the Hope for Autism Gala in March of 2025. Councilmember Morera moved to approve the Special Needs Advisory Board's request. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Dieguez was absent.

17. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, presented the Attorney's Report and thanked Mayor Cid, Councilmember Collazo and Councilmember Ruano for their service to the Town.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

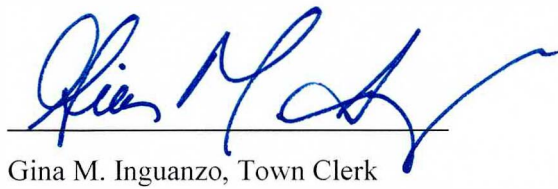
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm.

Approved this 21ST of December 2025.



Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk