

MINUTES
Special Call Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF ELECTED TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, officiated the Swearing-In Ceremony of the newly elected officials. The Installation Ceremony started around 6:15 pm.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo called the roll at 7:45pm with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez, Councilmember Angelo Cuadra-Garcia (via zoom), Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Steven Herzberg, Councilmember Bryan Morera and Mayor Josh Dieguez.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez led the prayer.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bryan Morera

5. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

The Town Clerk, Gina M. Inguanzo, presented the item. She collected the ballots from each elected official and read the ballots out loud, thereby casting their votes for the election of Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Bryan Morera received 4 votes and Councilmember Ray Garcia received 2 votes, Thus, Councilmember Morera became the new Vice Mayor.

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

Councilmember Garcia pulled Item 9E from the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morera moved to adopt the New Order of Business, and it was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. All were in favor.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (YouTube 1:57:31)

(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. Miguel Martinez came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments. He congratulated the new Town Council Members. He stated that he was the previous Blasting Advisory Board Chairman, that the damage incurring to our structures continues to decrease our structural integrity. He urged the Town Council to continue to enforce action to for the well-being of our families. He also stated that he is in support of Item 10A.

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

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Morera moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. The motion passed 6-0.

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2024-28, TO HARTEC GROUP, INC. ("HARTEC") IN AN AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION, EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$2,087,490.00), AND AUTHORIZE A PROJECT CONTINGENCY OF APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT (10%) FOR AN AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS 00/100 (\$208,749.00); APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 405-563805-ARP04; 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.

- B. 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 300 ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC, FOR SEVILLA PHASE I DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$185,504.00) 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.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ITB 2025-02, TO PEDRAIL SYSTEM, LLC (“PEDRAIL”) IN AN AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND 86/100 (\$1,474,539.86) AND AUTHORIZE A PROJECT CONTINGENCY OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS AND 99/100 (\$147,453.99) APPROXIMATELY TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY TO BE UTILIZED FOR ALL TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, INSPECTIONS, AND ANY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO THE PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED BUDGETED FUNDS; APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY RESERVE LINE-ITEM INTO 405-563805-ARP10; 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, AUTHORIZING A WORK ORDER, PURSUANT TO CONTRACT 2021-43 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH CALVIN, GIORDANO AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ROYAL OAKS THIRD AND FOURTH ADDITION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND 24/100 (\$209,293.24) 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.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR RFP NO. 2024-24, STATE LOBBYING SERVICES TO SUN CITY STRATEGIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR, AND THE SOUTHERN GROUP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR, 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.**

Councilmember Garcia pulled this item for discussion. He stated that it has been a while since the TOML negotiated the contract and he asked Town Manager Pidermann to reiterate to the residents, the importance of having good lobbyists. Councilmember Garcia also stated that it is important to have good lobbyists in both Florida and in Washington, DC. He asked the Town Manager how much money has come in due to the efforts of these lobbyists.

The Town Manager Pidermann provided feedback on the lobbyists recommended in the Town Staff memo and he answered questions posed by the Town Council.

Councilmember Garcia motioned to approve the item, and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Morera. The motion passed 6-0.

- F. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This item was approved on Consent Calendar.

9. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Blasting Related Lobbying Activities for upcoming Legislative Events & Advocacy Opportunities (Herzberg)**

Councilmember Herzberg discussed blasting-related activities coming up and he stated that two events are coming up before the January Regular Council Meeting. He stated

that the Dade County Delegation meeting is on December 18th at FIU, and he would like to add on their agenda, a Blasting Item for him to present, and on December 19th. He also stated that the Miami Chamber of Commerce is having a meeting soon and they would also like to add a blasting legislation item on their agenda. Councilmember Herzberg respectfully asked the Town Council to delegate to him to represent the Town on blasting related advocacy issues.

Mayor Dieguez stated that would like for Councilmember Herberg to represent and advocate on behalf of the Town on blasting efforts. Councilmember Herzberg also stated that he would provide regular council reports at the Regular Council Meetings, updating the Town Council with all actions taken.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

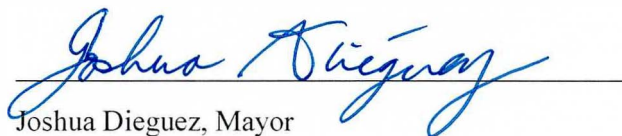
Deputy Town Attorney Cobiella congratulated Mayor Dieguez, all the new elected officials and Vice Mayor Morera. He stated that he has met with most of the elected officials on blasting matters.

Vice Mayor Morera requested form the Town Attorneys, some report on the litigation, including pros and cons of possibilities. He asked for this to be included at the January Regular Council Meeting because he does not want to hold this up anymore.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Approved this 21st of January 2025.


Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:


Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk