

**MINUTES**  
**Workshop on**  
**MLOP**  
**February 25, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

The following Elected Officials were present: Mayor Joshua Dieguez, Vice Mayor Bryan Morera, Councilmembers Juan Carlos Fernandez, Angelo Cuadra Garcia, Ray Gacia, Steven Herzberg and Alex Sanchez.

The following Town Staff members were present: Town Manager Edward Pidermann, Town Clerk Gina M. Inganzo, Deputy Town Clerk Alexis P. Martinez, Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun and Parks & Athletic Manager Andres Pineiro.

**2. Public Comments:**

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

Vice Mayor Bryan Morera opened public comments and Town Clerk Gina M. Inganzo read the public comments instructions.

Mrs. Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments and addressed the preliminary budget included in the PowerPoint presentation and she asked for confirmation if all the improvements are documented in the MLOP PowerPoint documents. Town Manager Edward Pidermann advised those topics that will be addressed later in the workshop.

Mayor Dieguez moved to re-open Public Comments at 1:34:13

Mrs. Luces addressed her complaints about broken sidewalks and stated her concerns about where the funding source is to take care of the things the TOML needs to fix and take care of. She addressed about a broken sidewalk since 2020 and that it has not been fixed. She stated that we need to prioritize and that if we build, we need to maintain.

Former Councilwoman Marylin Ruano came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments and shared her concerns with the cost of pulling of a loan for the MLOP project and broken sidewalks, trees and priorities in the community. She stated that this will end up being more than a 6-million-dollar project. She stated that pulling a loan for this is very disturbing for her.

Mr. Eddie Blanco came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments in support of beautifying the town and the Optimist Park, doing it in the most cost-efficient way possible and building the park the way it needs to be done.

Mr. Jim Hamilton came before the Town Council to participate in Public Comments and stated his appreciation for any improvements that the Parks Department deems appropriate financially and time wise.

### **3. Item Discussed:**

#### **MLOP Workshop / PowerPoint Presentation**

Town Manager Edward Pidermann introduced the process of a workshop for the newly elected officials.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun gave the MLOP PowerPoint presentation touching on topics of the history and design of Optimist Park, Proposed Site Plan, Implementation Strategy, Overall Improvement Plans (Field, Exercise, Wellness Sports Court, Parking and Tennis), Year 1 Recommendation and Strategy, Element Based Approach for Years 2+ and Preliminary Budget.

Town Manager Edward Pidermann and Parks & Recreation Director Jeremy Bajdaun answered questions proposed by the Town Council and provided further feedback on key next steps.

Mayor Dieguez gave his closing remarks and notes to the Town Staff.

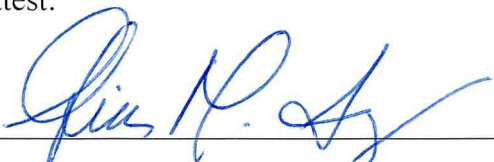
### **4. Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day March 2025.

  
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Joshua Dieguez, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk