

MINUTES
First Budget Hearing
September 5, 2017
5:01 P.M.
Council Chambers
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cid called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Luis Collazo, Tim Daubert, Ceasar Mestre, Frank Mingo, Marilyn Ruano, Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Vice Mayor Rodriguez called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Cid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lorenzo Cobiella, Assistant Town Attorney, read the title of the Ordinance on Millage into the record. He then proceeded to read the title of the ordinance on Budget into the record.

Alex Rey, Town Manager, read the proposed millage rate into the record which stated as follows: The proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 is 2.3353 which is the same rate as the current year. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is \$3,017,332,354. The proposed millage rate will generate \$6,694,100 in ad valorem, budgeted at the 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3353 is 8.07% above the roll back rate of 2.1610. The difference is of proposed and roll back rate is primarily due to increases in the police expenses and increase in the service level of tree trimming.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

Alex Ariano came before the Town Council to speak about the Budget Workshop, the recording of said workshop and the power of the Town Manager,

Esperanza Hope Reynolds came before the Town Council to speak about the public records request that she requested, about the residents of Lake Sandra and the Special Taxing District, about the conditions of the drains, about bonuses being paid to Town staff, about the travel and training line item and about the League of Cities.

Esther Colon came before the Town Council to speak about the Budget and she asked the Town Council to consider giving back to the senior residents the surplus amount. Ms. Colon also clarified that on page 41 of the Proposed Budget, she saw a discrepancy between the Budget of Fiscal Year 2016-17, which reads \$6.2 million and in the year and projection budget, it says \$5.7 million. Ms. Colon also spoke about the Storm Water Fees, Storm Water Vacuum trucks and she suggested to the Town of Miami Lakes, that the water pumps of the town should be cleaned in anticipation of the Hurricane.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Lorenzo Cobiella, Assistant Town Attorney, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to keep the millage rate the same and to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll and all were in favor.

Alex Rey, Town Manager, stated for the record that the millage to be adopted by the Town Council is 8.07% above the roll back rate of 2.1610.

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ADOPTED CAPITAL BUDGET AS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT OF THE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Lorenzo Cobiella, Assistant Town Attorney, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to increase the travel expenses account of the Town Council to \$2,000 per Councilmember by adding \$500 to each councilmembers amount, subject to the Town Manager identifying 3,000 in another line item. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion. During discussion, Councilmember Collazo offered his travel funds (\$2,000) to the Town Council. Councilmember Collazo specified that the funds be used for opportunities of educational components that add value to the residents of the Town. Mayor Cid seconded the motion and the motion passed, 6-1, with Councilmember Mingo voting in opposition.

Councilmember Daubert then made a motion to approve the ordinance of the Budget in first reading, item 6B. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk, called the roll and all were in favor

Lorenzo Cobiella, Assistant Town Attorney, then again read the title of the ordinance as amended into the record.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the workshop adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Approved on this 3rd day of October 2017.

Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk

