

MINUTES
Special Call Meeting
August 14, 2017
5:30 P.M.
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Cid called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Tim Daubert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez led the invocation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerry Churchill came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of opening the bridges on 154th and 170th.

Pamela Carrera came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of the bridges.

Joey Formoso came before the Town Council to speak on pushing the implementation of on-ramps off 170th and 154th making it accessible onto I-75.

Lazaro Herrera came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of the bridges and traffic issues; he also suggested an independent study.

Alberto Aguiar came before the Town Council to speak on traffic issues, specifically on 154th and against the opening of the bridges.

Lynn Matos came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of the bridges.

Esther Colon came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of the bridges.

Maria Kramer came before the Town Council to speak on effectively fighting the opening of the bridges to include an independent study or take on legal action.

Carlos Alvarez came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of 154th bridge and traffic issues.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of the 170th and 154th bridges. She also expressed her concern on the results provided by the traffic study.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak on her concern of traffic issues and its impact on the resident's quality of life.

Joshua Dieguez came before the Town Council to speak on the negative impacts the opening of the bridges may cause. He also spoke on possible alternative the Town can include to alleviate this issue.

Susana Herrera came before the Town Council to speak on her concern of the Town's quality of life and how it may be impacted due to the opening of the bridges.

Norman Morejon came before the Town Council to speak in favor of opening the bridges on 154th and 170th that can also contribute to the quality of life in Hialeah.

Abel Fernandez came before the Town Council to speak in opposition of the opening of the bridges.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Report on Impact of Opening & Connecting the NW 170th Street and 154th Bridges over I-75.

The Town Manager, Alex Rey, explained item 6A and answered questions posed by the Town Council. He recommended to the Town Council that the Town of Miami Lakes should conduct its own traffic study.

Mayor Cid made a motion to allow the Town Manager to begin the procurement process for an independent traffic study of the Town of Miami Lakes. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, addressed the legality on item 6A and answered questions posed by the Town Council. He respectfully requested that the Town Council allow him to take all necessary action to prevent the Miami Dade County Board of County Commissioners from placing items on the agenda concerning the opening of NW 154th Street over interstate I-75, and further take any action necessary to prevent the opening of a connecting bridge at NW 154th street and interstate I-75, including but not limited to initiation of the conflict resolution procedures as set forth in Chapter 164 of the Florida Statutes and section 186.509 and of filing of legal action against all private or public entities, and to seek any and all remedies available under the law.

Councilmember Mestre moved to allow the Town Attorney to take all necessary actions to prevent Miami Dade County Board of County Commissioners from placing items on the agenda concerning the opening of NW 154th street and what the Town Attorney read into the record. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Councilmember Mingo motioned to reopen public comments. Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Abel Fernandez came before the Town Council to speak on the inclusion of 170th to the resolution.

Alberto Aguiar came before the Town Council to respectfully ask about the downside risk of fighting against the opening of 170th.

Mayor Cid closed public comments.

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to amend the resolution by adding language which authorizes the Town Attorney to take all necessary action on preventing the opening of the 170th bridge. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. During discussion, The Town Attorney answered questions posed by the Town Council regarding the downside risk of adding 170th to the resolution. The Town Manager then suggested waiting for the results of the independent study and have the resolution of NW 154th Street approved separately. Councilmember Collazo then withdrew his motion amending the resolution on 154th.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the resolution into the record.

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll on the original motion that was moved by Councilmember Mestre and seconded by Vice Mayor Rodriguez which was to pass the resolution read by the Town Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Collazo then made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, to draft a similar resolution on the importance of also keeping the 170th bridge closed. Councilmember Daubert seconded the motion and all were in favor.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of September 2017.

Manny Cid
Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo
Town Clerk