

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**November 1, 2016**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Frank Mingo, Tony Lama, Ceasar Mestre, Vice Mayor Tim Daubert and Mayor Michael Pizzi. Councilmembers Nelson Rodriguez and Manny Cid were absent.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Michael Pizzi led the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Maria Kramer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Mayor and Town Council proclaimed November 2016 as Alzheimer's Awareness Month. They presented the proclamation to the Alzheimer's Association of Miami Dade.

Mayor and Town Council proclaimed November 26, 2016 as Small Business Saturday in the Town of Miami Lakes to support local business.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Wayne Rinehart came before the Town Council to speak against item 12D. He felt the item was a conflict of interest because of the current litigation between the Mayor and the Town.

Paula Mark Hagen came before the Town Council to speak against new business item 12D. She asked the Council to deny the item due to the litigation currently taking place.

Marcia Chaviano came before the Town Council to speak about crime in Holly Road. Several neighbors had their tires stolen. She stated she received a courtesy call from Major Perez and would like to ensure more police help is given in her neighborhood. The Mayor

asked staff to send an email to council advising that they met with her and what concrete steps are taken to alleviate the issue.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak about several items. She believes the Town Council should collectively choose the winners of the awards for the State of the Town Address, not just the Mayor. She also said the neighborhood specific legislation, item 12D, goes against what the people voted for when the Town became incorporated. Moreover, she said that the

Maria Kramer came before the Town Council to speak against the debate and in favor of 12D. She stated many of the questions the residents posed were not utilized during the debate. She felt the time of the debate also did not serve the best interest of the residents' schedules. Additionally, she stated she was concerned about the Mayor's litigation against the Town and the legal fees. She would like an attorney who is more knowledgeable about municipal law. She states she is opposed to having tax payer dollars going towards the Medley litigation.

Alex Ariano came before the Town Council to speak against a code enforcement issue. He thanked the police officers for their good work in the Town. However, he also stated he is upset that code and police were involved at their Trump rally asking them to remove their signs placed on the ground.

Esperanza Reynolds came before the Town Council to speak against a code enforcement issue at the Trump rally she attended. She believed it was a shameful experience.

Jose Uz came before the Town Council to speak about a code enforcement issue at the Trump rally he attended in Miami Lakes. He stated the rally was peaceful and the signs that he placed on the Town soil were temporary. He believes anyone has the right of freedom of speech to support the candidate of their choice.

Alex F. Rodriguez came before the Town Council to speak against a code enforcement issue at the Trump rally he attended. He talked about his positive experience with the police officers and the Mayor. However, he stated his freedom of speech was violated and it was shameful.

Lynn Matos came before the Town Council to speak in reference to the annual Halloween event. She thanked Town staff, volunteers, and police for their assistance.

Dr. Bennett came before the Town Council to speak about the sign code ordinances.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak about the Mayor's federal trial and litigations. She mentioned the public has a lack of trust with the Town's elected officials and asked the Town's officials to correct this issue.

Marilyn Ruano came before the Town Council to oppose item 12B. She stated it is misleading and did not agree that the fiscal impact would be small.

Mariano Rodriguez came before the Town Council to speak about item 11A. He was one of the firms proposed for independent auditing services. He wanted to make sure that his local preference was considered in that RFP.

Roberto Alonso came before the Town Council to speak about the item on the attorney. He also stated the abatement is ending soon and spoke about the election season. He believes the council should defer the item on selecting a new Town Attorney.

Lynn Matos came before the Town Council to thank Major Perez and the rest of the police department for their work during the Halloween event.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak about sign regulations. She stated code enforcement has done a good job at enforcing the sign code during this election season.

## **7. ORDER OF BUSINESS (DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):**

Councilmember Cid asked the Town Clerk to defer Items 12A and 13A to the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez asked the Town Clerk to defer his items to the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Mestre pulled Item 11A. Mayor Pizzi made a motion that the agenda be adopted as amended. Councilmember Lama seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## **8. APPOINTMENTS:**

Ms. Elizabeth Coto was appointed to the Economic Development Committee, Daniela Alonso was appointed to Cultural Affairs Committee and Sharon Manassas to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No committee reports.

## **10. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to approve the October Minutes. Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

- October 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

## 11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SHORTLIST ESTABLISHED BY THE AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE AND APPROVING THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD RFP 2016-46 INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES TO NUMBER ONE RANKED FIRM ALBERNI CABALLERO & FIERMAN, LLP; 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.(Rey)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the resolution. Councilmember Mingo recused himself from this item. Mayor Pizzi moved item 11A and Councilmember Mestre seconded the motion for discussion.

Councilmember Mestre made a motion to defer this item and allow the respondents who qualified to the RFP, and who are interested in the local preference, to have 15 additional days to submit the required paperwork and for staff to analyzed if they met the local preference criteria and then bring back the results to the Town Council in the next Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lama and the motion passed 3-1, with Mayor Pizzi voting in opposition. Councilmember Cid and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent. Councilmember Mingo recused himself.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE CHIEF JUDGE TO APPOINT JUDGE DIANA VIZCAINO TO THE TOWN CANVASSING BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 102.141(1)(e), FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the resolution. Councilmember Lama recused himself from this item. Mayor Pizzi moved item 11B and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Daubert. The motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Lama recused himself and Councilmembers Cid and Rodriguez were absent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE CHIEF JUDGE TO APPOINT PERLA TABARES HANTMAN TO THE TOWN CANVASSING BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 102.141(1)(d), FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the resolution. Councilmember Lama recused himself from this item. Mayor Pizzi moved item 11C and the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Daubert. The motion passed 4-0. Councilmember Lama recused himself and Councilmembers Cid and Rodriguez were absent.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY AND THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES TO PERMIT THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES TO CONSTRUCT A GATEWAY FEATURE FOUNTAIN AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING ON MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY'S RIGHT OF WAY; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Rey)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the resolution. Councilmember Lama moved item 11D and it was seconded by Mayor Pizzi. The motion passed 5-0. Councilmembers Cid and Rodriguez were absent.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, MODIFYING THE BUDGET APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 15-186, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 16-190 AND 16-193 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; MODIFYING BUDGETED LINE ITEMS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Rey)

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the resolution.

Mayor Pizzi moved item 11E and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Daubert. The motion passed 5-0, Councilmembers Cid and Rodriguez were absent.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Cheese-A-Palooza Hosted in Miami Lakes (Cid)  
Item 12A was deferred by Councilmember Cid.

- B. Protection of Working Families (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion asking staff to prepare legislation to allow people to park overnight on the swale, in front of their homes, when it's an immediate family member who is going to park on the swale and when there is no Code violation and no hardship.

Councilmember Lama made a friendly amendment to the motion and added that they are an immediate family member, no code violation and for a limited timeframe. Mayor Pizzi accepted Councilmember Lama's amendment and he seconded it. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion did not pass, 2-3, with Councilmember Mingo, Councilmember Mestre and Vice Mayor Daubert voting in opposition. Councilmember Cid and Rodriguez were absent.

Mayor Pizzi made a motion asking the Town Manager to come back with legislation to allow a mechanism for immediate family members to park overnight on the swale, in front of their homes, when it's an immediate family member who is going to park on the swale and when there is no Code violation and no hardship. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lama. The motion did not pass, 1-4, with Councilmember Lama, Mestre, Mingo and Vice Mayor Daubert voted in opposition. Councilmember Cid and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

C. Historical Preservation Committee (Rodriguez)

Item 12C was deferred by Councilmember Rodriguez.

D. RFQ For Town Legal Services (Pizzi)

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to put out the RFP for Town Legal Services consistent with the RFQ. The motion died due to lack of second.

E. Appeal of Zoning/ Special Master Decisions (Pizzi)

Councilmember Mestre made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mingo. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 3-2, with Councilmember Lama and Mayor Pizzi voting in opposition. Councilmember Cid and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

**13. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

A. Venomous Snakes in Miami Lakes (Cid)

Item 13A was deferred by Councilmember Cid.

B. Partnership For Prevention of Chronic Diseases (Pizzi)

Item 13B was deferred by Mayor Pizzi.

C. 154th Street Bridge Park (Pizzi)

Item 13C was deferred by Mayor Pizzi.

**14. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

a. Settlement of Foreclosure Matter

Town Attorney stated that there is nothing to report on this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Approved on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

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Michael Pizzi, Mayor

Attest:

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Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk