

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 14, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Government Center**  
**6601 Main Street**  
**Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Special Presentations started at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Manny Cid called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The Town Clerk, Gina Inguanzo, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Carlos Alvarez, Luis Collazo, Joshua Dieguez, Jeffrey Rodriguez and Mayor Manny Cid Councilmember Marilyn Ruano and Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:47 pm.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Danny Angel led the invocation.

Ariel Fernandez, via live remote public comments, shared some inspirational words to the attending public.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilmember Luis Collazo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Cid asked Neil Robinson and the Cultural Affairs Committee Members, along with Chris Norwood, to present the Proclamation naming June 4, 2019 as the “African-American Music Appreciation Month” in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Mayor Cid asked Michael Huffaker and the Economic Development Committee to present Charisma Glassman with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor Cid asked Dan Oliver to recognize the Elderly Affairs Committee 2018 Senior Games Overwall winner, to Bob Jones.

Mayor Cid asked Councilmember Luis Collazo to recognize the Miami Lakes Garden Club.

Mayor Cid asked the Town Commander, Major Javier Ruiz to recognize the following two officer:

Sergeant Christine Salmon-Rolle for 30 Years of service, retired February 2019.

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

Mayor Cid motioned to move up items 14E, to discuss after Public Comments. Councilmember Alvarez deferred item 14F and 14I to the July 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Collazo requested to move up item 13B right after item 14E. The Town Clerk recommended the addition of a Committee Report from the Veterans Committee and from the Education Advisory Board. Councilmember Collazo deleted item 14K. The Town Attorney stated that the applicant requested to defer item 13C to the July 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Collazo motioned to approve the new order of business, with all the additions, deletions and deferrals. Vice Mayor Rodriguez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor Cid then presented Mr. Javier Betancourt, the Executive Director of the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust, the CITT from Miami Dade, with a PowerPoint presentation on the TPT and an overview of the CITT.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tony Mendez came before the Town Council to speak on improvements for Canine Cove.

Dr. Dave Bennett came before the Town Council to speak in regard to blasting improvements.

Esperanza Reynolds came before the Town Council to speak on public health concerns.

Mirtha Mendez came before the Town Council to speak on the Town budget.

George Martinez came before the Town Council to speak on vehicle parking.

Pilar Dalmau came before the Town Council to speak on Town Improvements.

Claudia Luces came before the Town Council to speak on item 14C.

Mario Morales came before the Town Council to speak on Canine Cove.

Bonnie Cintron came before the Town Council to speak in favor of item 14G.

**8. APPOINTMENTS:**

Helen Roldan was appointed to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, nominated by Councilmember Collazo.

Daylin Garcia was appointed to the Education Advisory Board, nominated Councilmember Dieguez.

Erich Valerni was appointed to the Youth Activities Task Force, nominated by Councilmember Dieguez.

Jason Van Katwyck was appointed to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, nominated by Mayor Manny Cid.

Darwin Villavicencio was appointed to the Public Safety Committee, nominated by Councilmember Ruano.

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to approve the Committee Appointments. Councilmember Collazo the motion, and all were in favor.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Dorothy Wix, Chair of the Elderly Affairs Committee, presented the Committee's report to the Town Council.

Janet Marti, Vice Chair of the Education Advisory Board, requested the reallocation of \$12,000, from the SAT/ACT Prep Class to a new category – Educational Support Fund. Ms. Marti explained the request the following way: that \$2,000 are to match the two current scholarships already provided by the Graham Companies and \$10,000 to be moved into another category called the educational grants, in order to have the teachers of the schools, within the Town of Miami Lakes, to actually apply for them for anything that's impactful for the students. Mayor Cid made a motion to move the EAB's request and it was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez.

After some discussion, Councilmember Ruano made a motion to not include any private institutions in the funding from the EAB and Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Town Clerk called the roll regarding Councilmember Ruano's motion and the motion passed 4-3, with Councilmember Alvarez, Councilmember Dieguez and Mayor Cid voting in opposition.

The Deputy Town Clerk called the roll on Mayor Cid's main motion and it passed 5-2, with Councilmember Alvarez and Councilmember Dieguez voting in opposition.

Nayib Hassan, Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, explained that Ms. Hernandez met with Commander Dennis Baker, from the Florida Veterans Foundation and he agreed to host the Florida Veterans Foundation meeting in the Town of Miami Lakes. That is that 65 experts will be joining up in the Town of Miami Lakes. Chair Hassan requested the Town Council the opportunity to host the Florida Veterans Foundation in Miami Lakes and approve moving forward with the Florida Veterans Foundation and authorizing the Veterans Committee to seek the experts and necessary means in order to host this meeting

in the town. Mayor Cid motioned to approve the Veterans Committee request. Councilmember Collazo and Ruano both seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

#### **10. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to approve the items under the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

##### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- May 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes
- May 16, 2019 Sunshine Interview Meeting minutes
- May 20, 2019 Special Call Meeting Minutes
- May 23, 2019 Sunshine Meeting Minutes
- May23, 2019 Town Council Business Plan- Budget Workshop FY 2019-20 minutes.

Approved on Consent.

#### **11. ORDINANCE-FIRST READING:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", AT ARTICLE VI, "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS", PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, INTENT AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR PARKING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Ruano)

Mayor Cid read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Councilmember Rodriguez motioned to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion and the motion passed, 4-1, with Councilmembers Alvarez and Ruano being absent.

## **12. ORDINANCES- SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-230, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2019-237; AMENDING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pidermann)

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to approve the ordinance in second reading. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 7-0.

## **13. RESOLUTIONS:**

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 18-1567; RE-ESTABLISHING THE BLASTING ADVISORY BOARD; REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR SUNSET; PROVIDING FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP; CREATING PURPOSE OF BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDING WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Town Council)

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

Councilmember Dieguez motioned to re-establish the committee. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RODY BLANCO AND JENNY DEL PINO, FOR CODE COMPLIANCE CASE NOS. 19991-032503, 2000-107725, 2001-002249, B2005-2564 AND B2012-0504, AND PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

The Town Manager, Edward Pidermann introduced the item.

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, explained the conditions of the settlement and explained that if the settlement agreement is not respected, the Town of Miami Lakes will reimpose the liens, fines and seek any and every remedy available under the law.

Mayor Cid opened the public hearing.

Mary Benaige came before the Town Council and spoke about her concerns about the settlement agreement and about her need to be reassured that the agreement does not fall thru.

Mickey Marrero, the Attorney of the property owner, explained that his client is willing and able to comply with the settlement agreement. The property owner will move back home with his family and put everything behind them.

Mayor Cid closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez motioned to approve the resolution, as amended. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING A REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13-303 OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A MODIFICATION TO A CONDITIONAL USE ISSUED VIA RESOLUTION 15-1319 FOR AN INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE; SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14000 NW 82 AVENUE, SUITES 23 AND 24, MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, FOLIO NUMBER 32-2022-052-0240, IN THE IU-C ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This item was deferred to July 16<sup>th</sup>, Regular Council Meeting.

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Performance Evaluation Standards (Dieguez)**

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Administration to schedule a council workshop within 60 days of the passage of this proposal, to establish formal

performance evaluation criteria, regarding the Town Manager and Town Attorney. Councilmember Collazo seconded the motion.

Shortly thereafter, Councilmember Dieguez amended his motion to add that this evaluation criteria should also include the Town Clerk. This amendment to the motion was seconded by Mayor Cid. All were in favor of the motion as amended.

**B. Lake Quality Improvement Partnerships (Collazo)**

Councilmember Collazo made a motion to direct Town staff to coordinate with the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, to partner up with the HOA's with respect to adopting some of the suggestions that came up during the meeting, to continue improving the lake quality standards town wide. Councilmember Ruano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**C. Parks and Green Space for All (N. Rodriguez)**

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion requesting Town Staff to bring back 3 to 5 park development options, in conjunction with the options that Councilmember Collazo motioned last month, to include the following: the Optimist Park, K-9 Cove Parking, Bridge Park, Bob Graham Education Fields and the lights at the Barbara Goleman High School Park, pending agreements with the proper agencies, to all of these parks; updating and finishing the developing of these parks; prioritizing the parks in order of project need and of cost; bring back financing options as well as bringing back clear details of cost per park; bonds, loans or a hybrid of all including pay as you go and capping the total of these parks at 11.5 million and stating what will be the cost per year/per home to the residents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alvarez.

**Public Comments:**

Jim Hamilton came before the Town Council to speak on behalf of the Optimist Club and thanked the Town Council for their innovative ideas for all park improvements.

Claudia Lucas came before the Town Council to speak about the safety issue on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, when people parallel park on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the side of Miami Lakes West Park and she spoke about park improvement options in general and prioritizing these options.

Carlos Fernandez came before the Town Council to speak about the urgency of the improvements to be done to the Park.

Councilmember Dieguez made an amendment to the motion, for it to remove the 11.5 million, in order to give staff more flexibility to be able to present those options and in the second part of the amendment, Councilmember Dieguez requested that of all those options, whatever the ultimately plan is, be something that gets the majority of the

Town Council's support. After some discussion, Councilmember Dieguez withdrew the second part of his amendment. The first part of Councilmember Dieguez's amendment to the motion, which was to remove the 11.5 million, was seconded by Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez and all were in favor.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Rodriguez' original motion, as amended by Councilmember Dieguez' motion, passed, 5 to 2, with Councilmember Dieguez and Councilmember Ruano voting in opposition.

**D. Termination of Town Provided SRO Services to Local K-8 Centers (Ruano)**

Councilmember Ruano asked the Town Manager to provide clarification on the SRO services that the Town had with MDC School. The Town Manager stated that the School Board informed him that the reimbursement rate, had the Town of Miami lakes needed Miami-Dade officers to cover the two schools, the reimbursement from the school board would have been much higher that it during the fiscal year. The Town Manager stated that the reimbursement rate for each school was about \$35,000, and he informed that next year it would have been in the \$70,000.

The Town Manager also stated that an email from the School Board was received, regarding the Law Enforcement Officers, stating that the School Board does not anticipate needing assistance for the 2019-2020 new academic year. The email also stated that if staffing issues are needed, they will reach out to the Town Administration.

The Town Manager concluded that the Town of Miami Lakes will not have to fund the three K-8 school centers for the upcoming academic year, and no renewal with the Lady of the Lakes, as well. Councilmember Ruano then stated that no further action would be required on her item.

Shortly thereafter, Councilmember Ruano requested an update on the SRO's and the School Board for the July Council Meeting.

**E. Moment of Silence (Cid)**

Mayor Cid made a motion to officially make this a priority for the 2020 Legislative Session. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded this motion. All were in favor.

**F. K-9 Cove Parking Lot Parking (Alvarez)**

This item was deferred to July 16<sup>th</sup>, Regular Council Meeting.



#### **G. Miami Lakes Truth in Lending (Dieguez)**

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to propose that the Town of Miami Lakes, 90 days before any scheduled election wherein the town seeks voter approval for a bond, a pamphlet will be mailed to each household containing the following information:

First, that it states the total current amount of all types of debts owed by the town, Second, that it would display separately and in a conspicuous manner, the interest and principal to be paid on the proposed bond. Third, that it lists each of the projects for which the bond is sought and the amount of the bond allocated to each project; that it provide a consolidated table payments for the town's total debt service, if the proposed bond is approved; that it state whether the town's credit rating has changed within the last 5 years and to describe the change if any and finally, state the town's credit rating at the time of publishing. This pamphlet would be titled "Miami Lakes Truth in Public Lending Act" and would be in both English and Spanish. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.

After some discussion, Councilmember Dieguez amended his motion to include "So long as any provision does not conflict with State Law". The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and all present were in favor; Councilmember Alvarez was absent.

#### **H. Miami-Dade County Legislative Advocacy/Lobbying (Collazo)**

Councilmember Collazo requested for the Town Manager to work with the County Commissioner to work on issues that affect and impact our town. The Town Manager reassured the Town Council No motion was made.

#### **I. Repaving of NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Alvarez)**

This item was deferred to the July 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

#### **J. Pedestrian Safety (Dieguez)**

The Town Manager explained the reason why a stretch of concrete was removed. The Town Manager explained that the concrete was removed because it was damaged and because of the lack of crosswalk to the park. The Town Manager stated that the Public Works Department will be looking into implementing the crosswalks that were spoken about and addressed in the May Council Meeting. Concrete will be reinstalled in the Loch Lomand stretch, so that people will have a safe crosswalk on the street and concrete access to the park. No motion was made.

**K. Opposition to Cell Tower (Collazo)**

This was pulled during the Order of Business

**L. Project Funding Priority (Dieguez)**

Councilmember Collazo waived the rules for this item and Mayor Cid seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Councilmember Dieguez made a motion to direct the Town Manager, that as money becomes available, that it be dedicated first and foremost to the top two projects on the park priority sheet. This Motion was seconded by Councilmember Collazo.

**15. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT:**

**A. Miami-Dade County Commission Meeting – May 21<sup>ST</sup> (Cid)**

Mayor Manny Cid reported on conversation with Commissioner Bovo concerning upcoming progress with Opa-Locka Airport.

**16. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**A. Town Manager Monthly Police Activity Report**

Town Major, Javier Ruiz, provided the monthly crime report to the Town Council for the month of May. Reported on partnership with the Town for upcoming "Frozen Yogurt with a Cop" event and he also gave an update on LPR's.

The Town Manager, Mr. Pidermann, provided a report on securing Town Hall and the steps taken so far.

Mayor Cid made a motion to extend the Regular Council Meeting until 12:45 am. All were in favor.

**B. Traffic Calming on 79<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Public Works Director, Carlos Acosta, gave initial feedback from Town residents regarding the proposed speed humps.

**C. 2020 Census**

Communications and Community Affairs Director, Clarisell De Cardenas, provided an update on the Town's efforts to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau and the Miami-Dade Census Task Force to ensure that every Miami Lakes resident is counted for.

## **17. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

### **A. Attorney's Report**

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, reported on the current ongoing litigations provided in the agenda. Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, provided an update on the progress with 59<sup>th</sup> Raul Gastesi.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 a.m.

Approved on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

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Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:

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Gina Inguanzo, Town Clerk