

MINUTES
First Budget Hearing
September 6, 2016
5:01 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pizzi called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pizzi called for a moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Officer Juan Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marta Diaz came before the Town to speak about the budget and the Town's involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

Esther Colon spoke about the roll-back rate.

Mirtha Mendez spoke about the storm water utilities and about the millage rate.

Lynn Matos spoke in favor of the Youth Activities Task Force's budget requests.

Jan Schneider came before the Town to speak about providing seniors with assistance during times of special needs.

Esperanza Reynolds stated that the Town did not adequately advise residents

regarding the zero based workshops, that employee salaries were not being discussed, the salary structure of the Town the millage rate.

6. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, 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)

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

The Town Manager, Alex Rey, read the following statement: The proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2016-2017 is 2.3518. This rate is the same rate as the current year. The gross taxable value for operating purposes is two billion, eight hundred nine million, six hundred two thousand, two hundred and thirty seven dollars (\$2,809,602,232). The proposed millage rate will generate six million, two hundred seventy eight thousand dollars \$6,278,000 in ad-valorem revenue at a 95% collection rate. The proposed millage rate of 2.3518 is 5.97% above the roll-back rate of 2.2194. The difference between the proposed millage rate and the roll-back rate is primarily due to increases in the police contract, election costs that we will have next year and grounds and right-of-ways and maintenance costs.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance was adopted on first reading unanimously.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; 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)

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

Mayor Pizzi made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading with the understanding that the Town Manager will provide full information on all the requests that were discussed and brought up by the Town Council and he stated that all the recommendations will be reviewed in more depth at the Second Budget Hearing. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance was adopted on first reading unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Approved this on the 4th day of October 2016.

Michael A. Pizzi, Jr, Mayor

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk